

2013C RV Trip to Northern California – Yosemite Thanksgiving  
November 21 through December 12

**Thursday, November 21 – Fly to San Francisco (56 miles; 1 ½ hours)**

Fly to San Francisco  
Sonoma County Shuttle and Petaluma Taxi to campground  
Food Shop  
Camp at Petaluma KOA

**Friday, November 22 – Bergs (15 miles; ½ hours)**

Go for a run from campground  
Herb does maintenance on Subaru and motorhome  
Hang out by pool – really big winds  
Drive RV up to Berg's for Lasagna dinner  
Andrew and Celeste pick Tommy up at airport and they drive up to Bergs late  
Camp in Bergs Driveway

**Saturday, November 23 – Bergs (0 miles; 0 hours)**

Pre-Thanksgiving feast  
Board Games – Wits and Wages  
Camp in Bergs Driveway

**Sunday, November 24 – Bergs (52 miles; 1 ½ hours)**

Drive up to Shell Beach in Jenner  
Hike 5.5 mile Pomo Canyon / Red Hill loop trail  
Have coffee at Café Aquatica on the Russian River  
Meet German tourist on way back  
Camp in Bergs Driveway

**Monday, November 25 – Bergs (52 miles; 1 ½ hours)**

Drove back to Jenner with Kayaks  
Hilda and Paul rent kayaks  
Kayak along the Russian River out to the mouth and then back up river  
Picnic just past the bridge  
Have coffee at Café Aquatica on the Russian River  
Camp in Bergs Driveway

**Tuesday, November 26 – Pacifica (108 miles; 2 ½ hours)**

Take kayaks off roof of car to put on top of RV – break car mirror in the process  
Use RV dump in Petaluma KOA  
Drive to San Francisco RV Resort in Pacifica  
Meet Andrew and Celeste at Planet Granite (climbing gym) to climb  
Go for dinner at a local Asian food restaurant  
Take Andrew with us and pickup Tommy at airport  
Camp at San Francisco Resort in Pacifica (all four of us)

**Wednesday, November 27 – Pacifica to Yosemite Valley (205 miles; 5 hours)**

Andrew and Tommy drive Subaru back up to SF because Andrew forgot rent check  
We start driving separately to Yosemite – meet up in Tracy  
I buy my first case of beer in a CVS  
Arrive at Upper Pines Campground in Yosemite  
Drive over to Ahwahnee Meadow  
Herb and Tommy hang in meadow to photograph  
Andrew runs and I bike to Yosemite Lodge to check out Thanksgiving venue  
Find out about ice skating in Curry Village  
Go to Ahwahnee Hotel to walk around  
Camp at Upper Pines Campground in Yosemite Valley

**Thursday, November 28 – Yosemite (77 miles; 2 ½ hours)**

Drive down to Wawona and hike Mariposa Grove  
Go to the Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village  
Go to Visitor Center and buy Yosemite Sports Climbs and Top Ropes  
Thanksgiving dinner at 4:00 at the Yosemite Lodge  
3 turkey dinners and 1 prime rib (too rare at first)  
Ice Skate in Curry Village  
Camp at Upper Pines Campground in Yosemite Valley

**Friday, November 29 – Yosemite**

Rock climb on Five and Dime Wall just north of the Valley off Route 120  
Ridiculous hike down from road  
Picnic lunch at Sentinel Beach  
Rock climb Swan Slab near Camp 4 in the Valley  
Lolo goes for a run  
Dinner at the Ahwahnee Bar  
Hang out in Ahwahnee and play Hearts – Lolo shoots the moon  
Camp at Upper Pines Campground in Yosemite Valley

**Saturday, November 30 – Yosemite**

Hike to Inspiration Point – take family Christmas shot  
Hang out in El Cap Meadow  
Picnic lunch at Sentinel Beach  
Hike up to base of El Capitan – get separated on way down  
Andrew and Tommy run while Herb and Lolo bike around valley  
Dinner in RV – Andrew makes Penne Vodka  
Hang out in Ahwahnee and read  
Camp at Upper Pines Campground in Yosemite Valley

**Sunday, December 1 – Yosemite back to Pacifica (205 miles; 5 hours)**

Run / Bike around the Valley again  
Brunch in the Ahwahnee Dining Room  
Visitor Center to watch movie about Yosemite  
Drive back to the San Francisco RV Resort in Pacific

Tommy and Lolo drive Andrew back to San Francisco

Get halfway there before Andrew realizes his apartment keys are in the RV  
Camp at San Francisco Resort in Pacifica (all four of us)

**Monday, December 2 – San Simeon State park (239 miles; 5 hours)**

Drive Tommy to airport at 5:00 am in morning so he can fly back to work in Seattle  
Drive south on Route 101 and over towards coast to San Simeon State Park  
Run from Campground down to and along beach  
Camp in San Simeon State Park

**Tuesday, December 3 – Hearst Castle, San Luis Obispo, and Morro Rock State Park (58 miles; 1 ½ hours)**

Hearst Castle Tour of Grand Rooms  
Weather starts to change – cool and windy  
Drive south to Morro Bay State Park  
Try to take pictures of Morro Rock – sand blowing too much  
Drive into San Luis Obispo in evening  
Walk around town  
Mission – Santa Claus and mission bells  
Dinner at Firestone Grill – tri-tip steak sandwich  
Herb buys flip flops in flip flop store  
Camp at Morro Bay State Park

**Wednesday, December 4 – Malibu Beach (185 miles; 3.5 hours)**

Photograph Morro Rock from Park Museum viewpoint  
Stop at Gaviota State Park to check out for future – scenic rating 10  
Park closed for some reason  
Camp at Malibu Beach RV Park – on bluff overlooking beach  
Run canyon trail down to and along beach

**Thursday, December 5 – Getty Villa, Getty Center, and Malibu Beach (48 miles; 1 hour)**

Tour the Getty Villa in the morning  
Tour the Getty Center in the afternoon  
Return to Malibu Beach RV Park and enjoy the sunset from the bluff  
Camp at Malibu Beach RV Park

**Friday, December 6 – Lazy Daze and Campland on the Bay (178 miles; 3.5 hours)**

Drive to Lazy Daze factory in Montclair, CA to check out new models  
Drive to Campland on the Bay Resort in San Diego  
Bike ride around Mission Bay  
Go in campground hot tub – weather very chilly for San Diego  
Camp at Campland on the Bay

**Saturday, December 7 – San Diego (55 miles; 2 hours)**

Torrey Pines State Park – hike steep trail down to beach (meet Ziggy the hang glider)  
La Jolla – walk around town

Petet Lik Photo Gallery  
Museum of Contemporary Art  
Sunset Cliff State Park  
Cabrillo National Monument – pouring rain  
Old Town San Diego – walk around  
Mission Beach Boardwalk  
Camp at Campland on the Bay

**Sunday, December 8 – Port San Luis Harbor Campground at Avila Beach (305 miles; 6.hours)**

Drive 6 hours north to Avila Beach  
Camp at Port San Luis Harbor Campground on the beach

**Monday, December 9 – Pacifica (242 miles; 5 hours)**

Drive to San Francisco RV Resort in Pacifica  
Go into San Francisco to see Andrew and Celeste  
Fix sink, see Christmas tree, etc.  
Have dinner at Gespare  
Camp at San Francisco RV Resort in Pacifica

**Tuesday, December 10 – Petaluma KOA (51 miles; 1 hour)**

Drive up to Petaluma KOA  
Do Subaru and RV maintenance and prep for storage  
Replace Subaru mirror we broke when taking kayaks off  
Go for run  
Camp at Petaluma KOA

**Wednesday, December 11 - Petaluma KOA (0 miles; 0 hours)**

Continue packing up and prepping  
Hang out at campground

**Thursday, December 12– Fly Home (55 miles; 1.25 hours)**

Put RV and car in storage at campground  
Take Petaluma Taxi and Sonoma County Airport Express to San Francisco Airport  
Fly home to Newark Int'l Airport

Total Trip Mileage: 2182 miles  
Average Miles per Day: 99 miles per day