

Yosemite Trip October 14-16, 2014

John Zehnder and I will be leading a two night trip to Yosemite on October 14-16, 2014. This is a good time to go as the weather is still good and there are not as many people there. We drove the trip this weekend and think it is a great drive.

We will leave Orchard at 8:30AM and take Laird Rd. and Folsom Blvd. over to Hwy. 50 and up to Latrobe where we will have a break at Peets Coffee. From there we drive to Hwy. 16 and up to Hwy. 49 which will be our home for awhile. We will stop at a park in Angels Camp so you can stretch your legs. We will continue on Hwy. 49/120 to Groveland where we will eat lunch. From there we will drive to Yosemite and take Oak Flat Road into the park and down to the Yosemite Lodge at the Falls arriving mid afternoon. You will have some time to get acclimated to the hotel and Yosemite Village before we eat dinner at the Mountain Inn at the hotel.

Wednesday we are planning a driving event in the morning up to Badger Pass, Glacier Point and the Mariposa Grove. In the afternoon we are taking a narrated tour of the valley on an open vehicle, weather permitting. They have lots of activities available so you can join us or try bicycling, horseback riding or hiking among the many other things available on your own. Keep in mind the Park does not encourage cars so there is a limited amount of parking available. Buses are readily available. Tonight, we will go to the Ahwahnee Hotel for a dinner in their fantastic dining room.

In the morning we will leave the hotel around 9:00AM and drive to Mariposa for a break. From there we will take Hwy. 49/120 North to Escalon, Oakdale and Manteca where we hit Hwy. 99. We will stop for lunch in the Stockton-Lodi area for those interested. From there we will head home. The trip is nine months off so we will be tweaking it as we go along.

The only thing to cover on price at this time is the rooms which are \$200.00 a night plus 11% tax. They require one night deposit and you must cancel 7 nights prior to arrival to get a full refund. The rooms are not luxurious but more than you would expect in a National Park. They have bathrooms with tub/showers located in small buildings spread out among the trees. We were not able to block rooms in a way that was satisfactory so we are asking you to book individually. This will require you to go to the website, <http://yosemitepark.com>, click on stay and reservation, put in your room information and continue. If you have any questions contact me. If you are interested in going it is important to book early as the park will fill in October and there is no penalty if you change your mind within seven days of arrival.

John will be out of town the month of February so you can reach me at the email and phone number listed in the LHSCG Roster.

Al Gillespie