



Yosemite Falls

Introduction

Yosemite Falls is one of the most iconic and breathtaking waterfalls in Yosemite National Park, located in California's Sierra Nevada mountains. Plunging a total of 2,425 feet from the top of the upper fall to the base of the lower fall, it is the tallest waterfall in North America and ranks among the tallest in the world. The falls are comprised of three sections: Upper Yosemite Fall, the Middle Cascades, and Lower Yosemite Fall, each offering its own dramatic display as water tumbles over granite cliffs. In the spring, snowmelt feeds the

falls, creating a powerful and awe-inspiring spectacle that draws visitors from around the globe. The thunderous sound and misty spray of Yosemite Falls can be experienced from various vantage points throughout the park, making it a must-see natural wonder for anyone visiting Yosemite National Park.

Potential Photography subjects

- Moving water
- Budding trees
- Rocks
- Yosemite Falls
- Half Dome

Potential Photography Skills to practice

- Long exposure of the water
- Close-ups

Trip Logistics

Field Trip Date	Saturday, May 9th
Costs	<p>Parking-None</p> <p>Admission-Standard pass is \$35 per car, if you don't already have an annual or senior pass. There is also a \$100 per person fee if you are not a US resident.</p>
Carpool Meeting time & location	<p>Meet at 4:45 am for a 5:00 am departure</p> <p>Four Corners Park n ride, CA-41 and Rd 145, Madera, CA 93636</p> <p>37.010272175947826, -119.79423254722809</p>
On site Meeting time & Location	<p>Park in the Yosemite Village Parking Lot</p> <p>37.74450377627215, -119.58499699435826</p> <p>Meet at the Valley Shuttle Stop 1, in the Yosemite Village Parking at 7:30 am</p> <p>Restrooms available.</p> <p>We will walk to Lower Yosemite Falls Trailhead from here. Those that don't want to walk can take the shuttle to the Lower Yosemite Falls shuttle stop. Restroom available at shuttle stop</p> <p>We will walk the Lower trail as described below</p> <p>Plan lunch at approximately 12:00 pm at Degman's Kitchen</p> <p>Optional stop at Ansell Adams Gallery after lunch (open from 9-5)</p>
Gear recommendations	<p>Tripod, Camera, mid-range telephoto, telephoto, lens cloth, microfiber cloth, something to protect your gear from the mist from the falls</p> <p>Optional; Neutral density filters to slow the water, polarizer to cut the glare.</p>
What to bring	Layers, hat, sunscreen, water, snacks

Map



Trail Overview

Distance: 1 mile (1.6 km) loop

Elevation gain: Approximately 50 ft (15 m)

Difficulty: Easy

Time: 30 minutes

Begin at: Lower Yosemite Fall Trailhead ([view map for nearest shuttle stop](#))

Part of North America's tallest waterfall, Lower Yosemite Fall is the final 320-foot (98-meter) drop. Deafening in spring and early summer when the waterfall peaks in volume, you can expect to get sprayed with water when standing on the footbridge near its base. This short, easy walk rewards with spectacular views of both Upper and Lower Yosemite Falls. This paved loop trail offers different vantage points of Yosemite Falls and Yosemite Creek, and you can stop at the many exhibits to learn more about the natural and cultural history of the area.

If walking from the Valley Visitor center, follow the bicycle path to Lower Yosemite Fall shuttle stop and begin the trail. Consider walking the loop in a clockwise direction for best views of Yosemite Falls. This eastern portion of this loop trail is wheelchair accessible (when not covered in ice or snow).

To learn more about this Yosemite icon, [view a 10-minute video about Yosemite Falls](#).