



HEALEY 75th ANNIVERSARY MEET

PRE/POST TOURS

FIVE PASSES TOUR TO YOSEMITE

Cross the five highest passes over the Sierra Nevada Mountains on Your Way to Yosemite National Park

(Day One: Lake Tahoe to Arnold, CA: 4 hours, 177 miles)

(Day Two: Arnold, CA to June Lake, CA: 3 ¾ hours, 165 miles)

(Day Three: June Lake, CA to Yosemite Valley: 2 ½ hours, 93 miles)

Times do not include stopping time for attractions, lunch.

For those with a couple more days to get to Yosemite, this Tour takes you over the five highest passes across the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range.

- Echo Summit, elevation 7500'
- Carson Pass, elevation 8700'
- Ebbett's Pass, elevation 8750'
- Sonora Pass, elevation 9625'
- Tioga Pass, elevation 9950'

There are overnight stops in Arnold, CA and beautiful June Lake. All the roads are well maintained and quite safe at moderate speeds. Due to the remoteness, there is little traffic.

DAY ONE: Lake Tahoe to Arnold, CA via Echo Summit, Carson Pass and Ebbett's Pass

- Depart the Golden Nugget Hotel heading west on Hwy 50.
- In 5.1 miles, turn left to stay on Hwy 50. Green sign "Sacramento, Placerville, Left 2 Lanes".
- In 4.0 miles, at the Traffic Circle, take the 1st exit to stay on Hwy 50.
- In 0.9 miles, at the Traffic Circle, continue straight to stay on Hwy 50.
- Continue on Hwy 50 over **Echo Summit**.
- In 38.6 miles, take exit 60 for Sly Park Road. Green sign "Exit 60, Sly Park Rd, ➔".

- At the end of the ramp, turn left onto Sly Park Rd. Green sign “Sly Park Rd”.
- In 4.7 miles, turn left onto Mormon Emigrant Trail. Only a green street sign on the left “Mormon Emgr Tr”.
- In 24.5 miles, at T and stop sign, turn left onto Hwy 88E. Green sign “← 88 →”
- In 17.4 miles, reach **Carson Pass** and continue on Hwy 88E.
- In 14.5 miles, turn right onto Hwy 89S. Green sign “89 →”.
- In 6.4 miles, arrive in **Markleeville**. Gas and Food here. You will be about 2 ¾ hours into the drive, this might be a good lunch stop.
- Continue on Hwy 89. Begin Ebbett’s Pass Scenic Byway.
- In 6.0 miles, continue straight onto Hwy 4W. Green sign “↑ 4 Angels Camp”.
- Reach **Ebbett’s Pass**
- In 8.9 miles arrive in Arnold, CA. Timberline Lodge is on the right.

Timberline Lodge

890 Hwy 4

Arnold, CA

(209) 795-1053

<https://arnoldtimberlinelodge.com/>

There are several restaurants within walking distance and a Chevron Gas Station.

DAY TWO: Arnold, CA to June Lake, CA via Sonora Pass

- Continue on Hwy 4W.
- In 15.4 miles, turn left onto Parrott’s Ferry Road. Brown sign “← Columbia State Park”.
- In 9.7 miles, in Columbia, fork left. Big sign “Columbia”.

Columbia State Historic Park, also known as Columbia Historic District, is a state park unit and National Historic Landmark District preserving historic downtown Columbia, California. It includes almost 30 buildings built during the California Gold Rush, most of which remain today. Free. Worth a visit, good coffee stop. Park in the public lot on Hwy 4 just past State Street, on the left. Most of the preserved buildings are east of State Street, at Main Street (one block).

- Continue on Hwy 4W.
- In 2.0 miles, at T and stoplight, turn left onto Hwy 49. Green sign “← Sonora”.
- Pass through Sonora. Gas up in Sonora....next gas is a long way.
- In 3.5 miles, turn left onto Hwy 108E. Green sign “← Pinecrest 108”.
- In 64.1 miles, cross over Sonora Pass and continue on 108E.

- In 14.7 miles, at T and Stop sign, turn right onto Hwy 395S /Eastern Sierra Scenic Byway. Green sign “Bridgeport 17 →”.
- Continue on 395S through Bridgeport and Lee Vining.
- In 53.3 miles, turn right onto Hwy 158 / June Lake Loop. Green sign “June Lake Village 2 →”. Brown sign “June Lake Loop →”. Shell gas here.

The **June Lake Loop** (State Route 158) is a spectacular 16-mile scenic detour off US Highway 395 in California's Eastern Sierra. Nicknamed the "Switzerland of California," it is a glacial horseshoe-shaped canyon famous for its four pristine lakes, towering granite peaks, and vibrant fall colors.

Overnight Here

Silver Lake Resort

Individual Cabins of varying sizes in a rustic atmosphere. Café and store.

<https://www.silverlakeresort.net/cabins/>

6957 Hwy 158

760-648-7525

Heidelberg Inn

One- and two-bedroom condos in an upscale hunting lodge.

<https://www.heidelberginnresort.com/rooms>

85 Lakeview Drive

833-332-0685

Double Eagle Resort

Combination of Cabins and Resort Rooms, Restaurant, Bar.

<https://doubleeagle.com/>

760-648-7004

Dining

Eagle’s Landing Restaurant at the Double Eagle Resort

Tiger Bar and Café

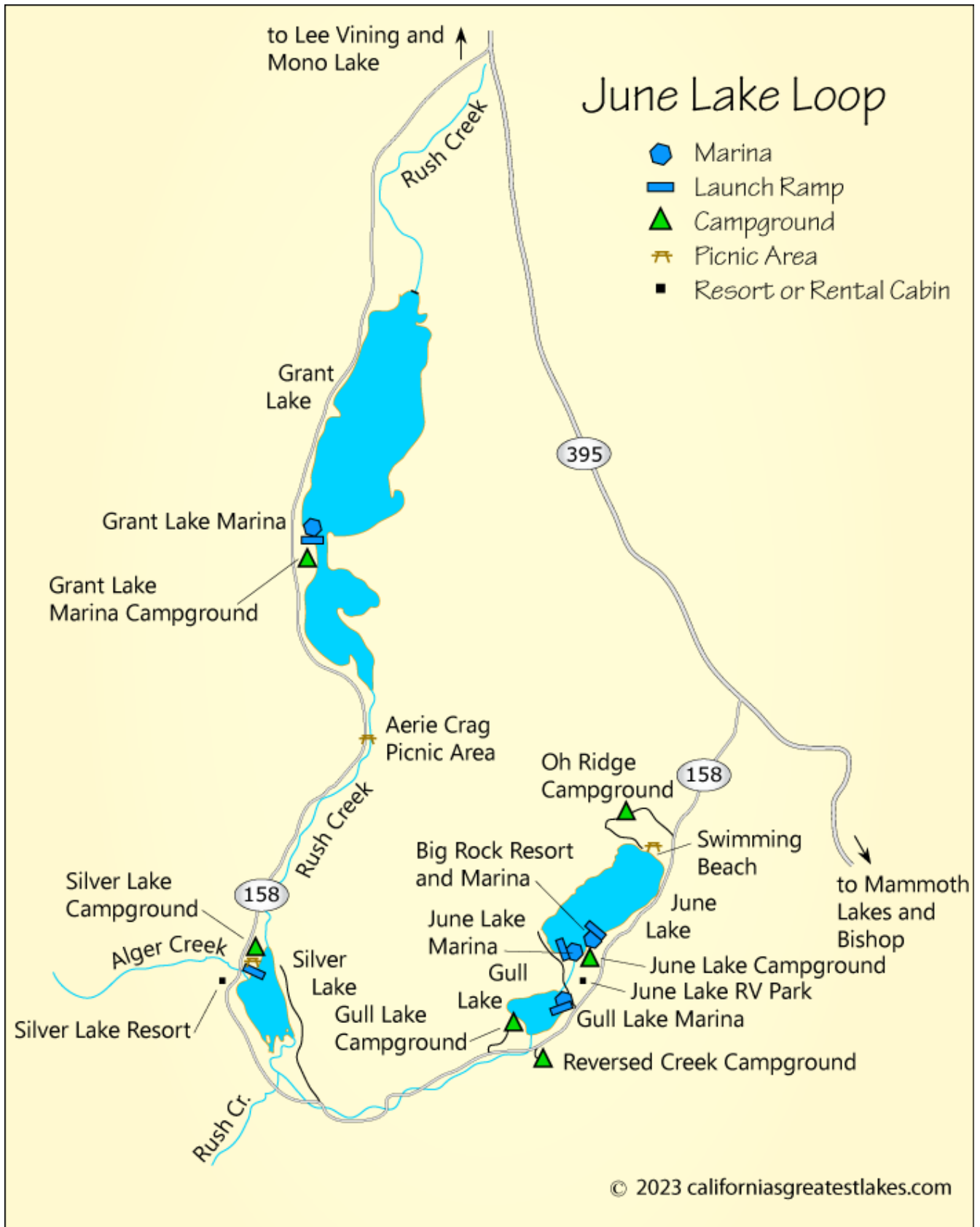
June Meadows Chalet

June Lake Brewing

June Pie Pizza

June Lake Loop

- Marina
- Launch Ramp
- Campground
- Picnic Area
- Resort or Rental Cabin



DAY THREE: June Lake, CA to Yosemite Valley (Ahwahnee Hotel) via Sonora Pass

- Continue around the June Lake Loop. The Loop dead ends back at Hwy 395.
- At T and stop sign, Left on Hwy 395. Green sign “Lee Vining”. **Caution...Divided Highway!**
- In 10.4 miles, turn left onto Hwy 120. Green sign “← Tioga Pass, Yosemite, 12”. Gas Here.
- Cross over Tioga Pass and enjoy the scenery and great driving road.
- In 58.6 miles, at T and stop sign, turn left onto Big Oak Flat Road. Note that there is a good rest stop and gas just before the turn. Brown sign “← Yosemite Valley”.
- In 9.5 miles, at stop sign, turn left onto El Portal Road. Brown sign “← Yosemite Valley”.
- In 0.9 miles, fork right. Road becomes Southside Drive.
- In 6.1 miles of majestic beauty, turn left onto Northside Drive. Brown sign “Visitor Center, Yosemite Village”.
- In 0.7 miles, at the traffic circle, take the 1st exit onto Village Drive. The **Yosemite Valley Welcome Center** is on the left and there is a big parking lot and general store.
- If you are lucky enough to be staying at the Ahwahnee Hotel, just past the Visitor’s Center, turn right onto Ahwahnee Drive. Hotel is 0.4 miles ahead.

STAYING IN YOSEMITE

(It is ESSENTIAL that you book months in advance)

The Ahwahnee

Iconic hotel with stunning views. This is by far the best choice if the budget allows. Life is short.

<https://www.travelyosemite.com/lodging/the-ahwahnee>

If you decide not to stay here, at least try to have lunch in the amazing dining room.

Yosemite Valley Lodge

More pedestrian and reasonable. Likely lots of kids.

<https://www.travelyosemite.com/lodging/yosemite-valley-lodge>

Curry Village

Fancy a tent cabin?

<https://www.travelyosemite.com/lodging/curry-village>

Wawona Hotel

Historic Victorian-era hotel near the south entrance to the park (check for renovation status)

<https://www.travelyosemite.com/lodging/wawona-hotel>

DAY FOUR: Unless you are staying at the Wawona, you have already seen most of Yosemite Valley on your way in. Not to be missed are **Tunnel View, Glacier Point, and Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias**.... a great day trip out of the valley. If you are staying at the Wawona, you will want to drive the **Valley Loop**. No matter what, try lunch at the Ahwahnee. Tons of trails and sights for those with energy.

Note that Glacier Point and the Big Trees are in the direction of Wawona (outside the Valley) and on your way to Sequoia/Kings National Parks (see below). Mileage depends on the route you select.

WHERE TO FROM HERE?

*This Tour links well with the “**Yosemite National Park and more tour**” which heads south through Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks if you are returning to Southern California or going on to Las Vegas and points east.*

*Alternatively, you can head to **Napa and San Francisco** (See the two Napa Tours) and the Pacific Coast Highway Tours if you are heading to the coast.*