



Yosemite Falls to Snow Creek 3 Day Tour

This Yosemite backpacking trip is a great alternative to the ever popular—and crowded—Half Dome 3 day trip. While also starting from Yosemite Valley, Yosemite Falls/Snow Creek will have you leaving the day hiking crowds behind after a few miles as you ascend the steep Yosemite Falls Trail. You will hike up the tallest fall in the park—if not the lower 48 states—spend the night on top of El Capitan, see Half Dome from across the Valley from the less populated North Dome, and then make your way back to the Valley, finishing the loop via the Snow Creek Trail.

This is the perfect trip for anyone looking for a challenge, already visiting the Valley, but want to stay away from the Half Dome craziness. You will still get much of the same views with more time for yourself! (Beware; this is the mother of all Stairmaster workouts!)

Difficulty	OH @#%&!	Solitude	Number of backpacking (miles/km)	Elevation changes (feet/m)
6	7	5	21/33.8	4,500/1,372

Day 1

Adventure awaits! The drive to the park will take about 2.5 hours and once at the park, we will get you set up for your tour that starts to climb out of the valley almost immediately. Overall, we will hike about 6 to 7 miles (9.7 to 11.3 km) total past the top of Yosemite Falls to where we camp near Eagle Creek Meadows. The climb out of the valley is over 3,200 ft (975.4 m) in elevation so be prepared for some heavy breathing and slow going at times but you get a chance to enjoy the great views of the Yosemite Valley as you stop to catch your breath.

Day 2

We pack up and hike toward Indian Rock and North Dome for some amazing views of Half Dome and the Valley below. We will take a couple side hikes in order to ascend the 8,522 ft (2597.5 m) Indian Rock and the 7,542 ft (2298.8 m) North Dome. (We are camping at an elevation of about 7,000 ft (2133.6 m).) From North Dome, we will have outstanding views of Half Dome and Clouds Rest. Our goal is to camp along Snow Creek that evening. Today's hike will be about 8 miles, (12.9 km), but can be longer with side hikes.

Day 3

The group packs up camp and we finish our loop by descending the Snow Creek Trail to the east of North Dome. This is a steep 2,500 ft (762 m) decent over 2 miles (3.2 km) before we hit the floor of Yosemite Valley. We once again have great scenery along the trail and the group is usually back to the Valley by Noon. The total mileage hiked this day is from 4 to 6 miles (6.4 to 9.7 km). Once back in the Valley, we usually have time for lunch and to shop for souvenirs before heading back to Fresno, arriving by dinner time.

Cost

\$750 per person for groups of 1 to 4 people
\$690 per person for groups of 5 to 7 people

*Our prices do not include guide gratuity (10% of the tour price is recommended).

The following are included in the tour price:

- Round-trip transportation from your hotel in Fresno.
- All permits, fees and taxes.
- All food and snacks on the trail- meals prepared by your guide!
- All necessary gear (tent, sleeping bag, sleeping pad, backpack, meal kit, trekking poles, headlamp, etc.) – Check out the “About Us” section on our website for more information about our gear.
- A certified, medically trained guide that will lead you safely on your journey.
- An unforgettable experience!