

Five Days with the Kids in Yosemite National Park



Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
<p>On your drive into the valley, stop at El Capitan Meadows to watch the rock climbers. Bring binoculars!</p> <p>Check-in at your hotel or campsite. Park the car! Get an ice cream and read your <i>Yosemite Guide</i> - available online. Reserve evening and day programs that look interesting.</p>	<p>Morning hike to Lower Yosemite Falls. There's an easy walking loop kids will enjoy. Best time of year for viewing is spring or early summer.</p>	<p>Morning hike to Mirror Lake. The trail follows Tenaya Creek, but you'll want to backtrack when you reach the lake because there may not be a way to safely cross the creek. The forested trail is much more enjoyable than the paved road. It's the east end of Valley Loop.</p>	<p>Morning drive to Glacier Point. Be the first family to see the views of the Yosemite Valley. Bring the binoculars, camera, drinks, and snacks.</p> <p>Sketch views from Glacier Point.</p> <p>Enjoy the rocks!</p>	<p>Morning hike to Vernal Falls along Mist Trail. Go early. This is the most popular trail in the park.</p>
<p>Take the shuttle to the Visitor Center for your park orientation.</p> <p>Explore Indian Village and the Yosemite Museum.</p> <p>Food is available at Degman's Deli and the Village Store—take the shuttle or walk.</p>	<p>Arrive early at Sentinel Beach and find a good spot by the Merced River. Don't forget to bring a picnic.</p>	<p>Consider lunch on the patio at the "Majestic Hotel" (former Ahwahnee Hotel) There's a large grassy area where kids can romp and chase birds. Check out the hotel and candy shop inside.</p>	<p>Consider lunch at the Big Trees Hotel (former Wawona Hotel).</p> <p>Visit the Pioneer History Center.</p> <p>Visit Mariposa Grove and enjoy the Sequoias.</p>	<p>Visit Happy Isles Nature Center after your hike. Learn about native trees and Yosemite wildlife.</p> <p>Go on a tree hunt to see how many trees you can identify.</p>
<p>Take a late afternoon bike ride or walk to Swinging Bridge and Sentinel Bridge for great views of Half Dome.</p>		<p>Take a horseback ride or visit Half Dome Village (former Curry Village) or take a tour via the open-air tram from the Yosemite Lodge.</p>	<p>Stop at Tunnel View on the way back from southern end of park</p> <p>Take photos!</p>	<p>Walk along the boardwalk at the Fen, (near Happy Isles) and see if you can find a hidden campfire site.</p>
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