

GRANITE GORGE & PRESTON FALLS NATURALIST HIKE

March - May



Experience the secluded splendor of the Tuolumne River, downstream from the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir. Stunning Preston Falls is a hidden gem nestled in beautiful forest, away from the crowds. We will likely have the trail to ourselves as we enjoy abundant spring wildflowers such as Lupine, Indian Paintbrush, Larkspur, California Indian Pink and many others.

Our trail will take us through the narrow Granite Gorge, a beautiful section of river banked by vertical granite walls. Upon arriving at Preston Falls you will have time to eat lunch on the banks and take a swim in the Tuolumne's crisp, clear waters to cool off before the hike back.



TRIP TIME

9:00am-4:00pm. This trip operates out of our sister property, the Evergreen Lodge.

GROUP SIZE

2-7 participants. Reservations recommended. Contact Recreation Desk for availability and pricing for groups of 8 or more.

PRICE

\$125 Adults; \$75 Kids 10-15 years old. Includes transportation between Evergreen Lodge and Granite Gorge, naturalist guide, trekking pole rental and lunch voucher for use in our General Store.

DIFFICULTY/AGE LIMIT

Participants should be comfortable hiking up to 8 miles on slightly uphill terrain at altitudes of 3,000 to 4000 feet. The trip is suitable for fit individuals ages 10 and above.

MEETING PLACE

This trip meets in the Evergreen Lodge Recreation Center 15 minutes before departure.

WHAT TO BRING

- Completed Trip Registration Forms
- Park admission or your Park pass if you already have one
- Small backpack with minimum 48 oz. water and snacks
- Proper footwear – tennis shoes or hiking boots preferred
- Layered clothing including wind/rain jacket
- Bug repellent, sunscreen, hat and sunglasses
- Camera and binoculars
- Swimsuit

OTHER INFORMATION

Our first-aid-certified guides carry first aid kits, permits, maps, radios/cell phones. Guide gratuity not included; for exemplary service a 10-20% tip is customary.

*Conditions permitting. Call for additional seasonal availability.
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