

# Travel logbook



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# Yosemite National Park



Located in California, USA

Established: October 1st, 1890

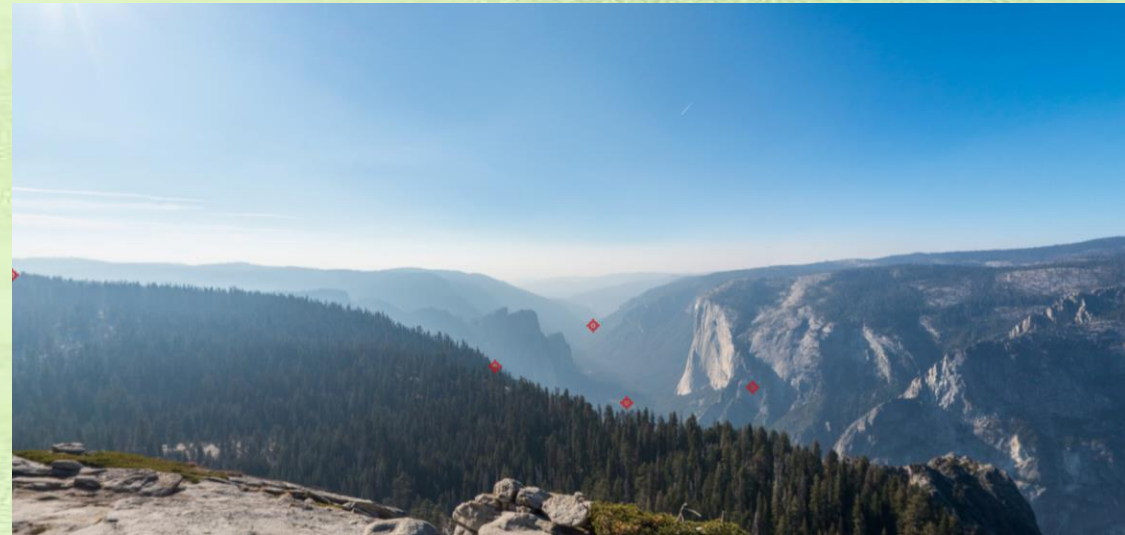
Area: 3027 km



# Sentinel Dome summit

## Day 2

- Elevation: 8300 feet
- The view here is breathtaking. I had never seen such majesty and beauty in my life. These mountains and forests impressed me so much that I will never forget this view.
- Actually, being here made me realise how big was the world and how small we ( humans) are. But on the other hand, when you are here, the mountains that are far away are so small that you can pretend to hold them in your hands. So you are both a giant and an ant.
- The only thing that I didn't really enjoyed here, is that we are just under the sun and there is nowhere to hide from it.



# Camping and hiking in Yosemite

## Day 3

We decided to camp near Mirror Lake. It is located at the foot of Half Dome.

In the summer, you can go swimming in it but right now it's too cold.

Camping is actually pretty fun when you are with your friends. Even if you sleep in tents (which is not very comfortable) and you can not take a shower whenever you want or you have no usual city comfort, you can feel the nature. Here is fresh air, sounds of trees, birds, running water, and kind of isolation when there is not much people around. Here, you can have a really great time with your friends or family spending time exploring, discovering nature, having fun by swimming, frying marshmallows on campfires or just talking and enjoying the environment.



# Hang gliding in Yosemite

Day 4

I am sure that everyone at least once in their life wished to fly like a bird. Well this is the moment and the place. Hang gliding over the Yosemite National Park will not only make you feel like a bird, but also feel freedom, discover the park from the sky, and enjoy this beauty.



# Stargazing in Yosemite

## Night 5

Tonight, I went on top of Sentinel Dome summit because I heard that it is the best place in the country to observe the stars. Well, have you ever been in a planetarium ? This is exactly the same except that there are much more stars here. You can not breathe, because of this beauty. Personally, I think the stars in the night sky are the most beautiful things that you can see on Earth. If one day, you go to Yosemite Park, this is the first thing you should do when the night comes. So go, and watch the stars that you will probably never see in such quantity again.



# Meeting black bears in Yosemite

Day 6



When I arrived in Yosemite, the Park staff warned me to always keep food in a special locker, to keep it away from black bears. At first I didn't understand why, but then a security guard explained that if you give some food to a bear, it will think that it's a new way of getting food and it will come everyday and maybe even use a fake attack to get it. That's why bears shouldn't interact with humans.

But while visiting the park, I had an occasion to see bears from afar and even a mother with its cubs. This was actually, a really great experience.



# The sound of nature in Yosemite

Day 7



While exploring the park, I noticed that in every place, there is a lot of different sounds. At Mirror lake, you can clearly hear running water. In the forest trails, you hear birds singing, and the sounds of leaves that are being moved by the wind. And for example at the top of Sentinel Dome Summit you hear the running water from falls. This sounds are a blessing to ears and relax you from the city sounds.

