



Continuing Education
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point



Yosemite: Nature and Photography 2022

May 16-20, 2022

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An Itinerary for Yosemite: Nature and Photography 2022 September 15th–19th, 2022.

Join us to explore and experience the beauty of Yosemite National Park through the lens of photography! See and photograph amazing sights such as a treasure trove of giant sequoia trees, beautiful waterfalls, towering rock faces, and some of the most incredible examples of natural beauty in the world. By van and on foot, learn about the park's geology, flora, and fauna while improving artistic abilities in photography! (No photography experience necessary, any camera or phone welcome for practicing photography.)



Monday, May 16

Our group meets early at UWSP to board vans headed to Madison. The flight out of Dane County Regional Truax Field will take the group to Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport; the second flight will land at Fresno Yosemite International Airport. After landing, the group will board vans and head to [Rush Creek Lodge](#) to check in, explore the resort, and prepare for the next three days. Rush Creek Lodge has a [General Store & Gift Shop](#) from which supplies can be purchased.



Tuesday, May 17

After breakfast, we will meet our [Yosemite Conservancy](#) naturalist and photographer at Yosemite Valley Lodge Amphitheater. Breaking into two groups, one group with the photographer and the other with the naturalist, both groups will go in different directions to [Cooks Meadow](#) and [Lower Yosemite Falls](#).

Around noon, both groups will return to Yosemite Valley Lodge Amphitheater for lunch, either carried in or purchased at [Yosemite Valley Lodge](#) (bring your lunch or money to pay for your meal).

After lunch, the two groups switch instructors and hikes.

Next, we will drive or take the shuttle to the [Ahwahnee Hotel](#) to enjoy a shorter walk inside and around the hotel.

After saying good-bye to our instructors, the group will enjoy an early dinner in Yosemite Valley (bring money for dinner), then head to [Tunnel View](#) for sunset photos. After sunset, we will return to Rush Creek Lodge.

Wednesday, May 18

After breakfast we will meet our instructors at the Ahwahnee Hotel then walk together to Mirror Lake Yosemite Hikes: [Mirror Lake and Tenaya Canyon](#). It is about one mile to Mirror Lake from the Ahwahnee on a paved bike path. Once we get to Mirror Lake, the large group will split into naturalist and photography groups to walk the hiking trail, either the whole five-mile loop taking the entire day and walking at a slow pace or just a part of the loop.

From Mirror Lake we are under Half Dome, North Dome, Basket Dome, and Mt. Watkins, all while peeking into Tenaya Canyon. Tenaya Creek runs straight through the middle of this loop. The trail is rich in trees, woody shrubs, birds, and sometimes even wildflowers and wildlife!

Bring lunches to have on the trail during our noon lunch hour.

This morning's agenda could take the entire day, or if we choose, we can walk the [Happy Isles Loop](#) or the Valley Loop Trail to make a circle back to the Ahwahnee Hotel. We will wrap up the day between 5-6 pm depending on when we start.



Thursday, May 19

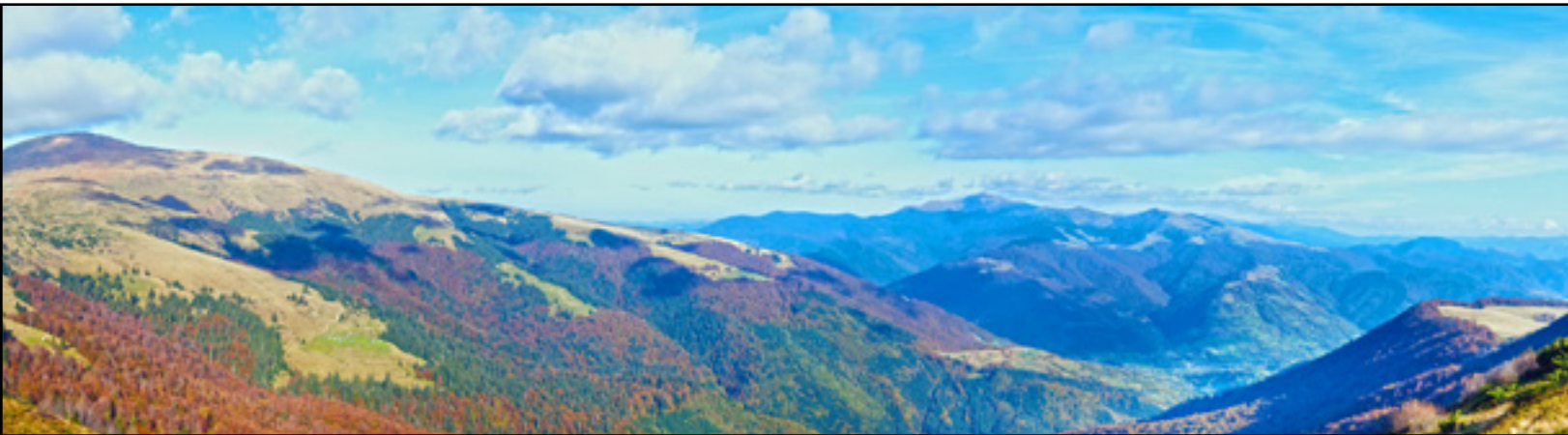
After breakfast we will meet our naturalist and photographer at [Tuolumne Grove](#). Our group will learn about photography while on a slow easy paced walk learning about the ecology of the magnificent sequoia trees.

We will stay in Tuolumne Grove from 9-12 p.m. then go to El Capitan Picnic Area for lunch (may have a climber talk to the group while eating). Bring lunches to have on the trail during our noon lunch hour.

After lunch we have the option to walk from here to El Capitan Meadow or go to a viewing area for El Captain. Each group will learn both photography and natural/human history in this location. The group will depart Yosemite Valley by 5 p.m.

Friday, May 20

After breakfast we will depart from Rush Creek Lodge and swing by [Mariposa Grove](#) to walk through the gentle giants of the forest, sequoias. Early afternoon we will check in at Fresno Yosemite International Airport. Our first flight will take us to Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. A second flight will take us to Dane County Regional Truax Field. After landing, vans will take the group back to Stevens Point.



Important Notes

- Traveling for this trip requires some frequent walking. Walking several miles (five to six) in a day is common.
- Travelers under age 21 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
- Travelers may wish to explore purchasing traveler's insurance. UW-Stevens Point Continuing Education does not provide travel insurance, medical, or emergency evacuation and thus you are 100% responsible for these expenses. UW-Stevens Point Continuing Education cannot recommend any particular company.

Meet Your Guides

Anne Rogalski, Outreach Program Manager, and Haley Frater, Outreach Program Manager.



Anne Rogalski, UWSP CE Adventure Tours Program Manager, has hosted several trips for Continuing Education, including New York, New Orleans, Kentucky, and Savannah. In other positions, she has led trips to Europe for groups in size from 22 to 81 participants. When not working, Anne can be found hiking the Ice Age Trail with her husband, which she hopes to complete in 2022. Anne is very excited to visit Yosemite again with Haley Frater and trip participants, especially since Yosemite is a national park that awes and reenergizes all who visit.

Haley Frater is a nature enthusiast with a background in forestry and wildlife. As an Outreach Program Manager for the Wisconsin Forestry Center, Haley spends her time providing education and outreach to forest managers and landowners. When she's not working, she enjoys traveling, backpacking, and exposing her two young children to the wonders of nature. And, of course, leading trips with her fearless co-leader Anne!

Pricing

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| \$2,899 per person-double room occupancy | • \$499 due upon registration |
| • \$900 single room supplement | (*\$100 of this fee is nonrefundable) |
| • \$400 airfare discount (if purchasing own flight) | • \$1,200 due by Friday, January 14, 2022 |
| | • \$1,200 due by Friday, March 18, 2022 |
| | • \$900 single room supplement due by Friday, March 18, 2022 |
| \$3,799 per person-single room occupancy | |

Since we make financial commitments in advance, no refunds will be issued for cancellations less than 90 days prior to the trip. Cancellations received more than 90 days before the trip will receive a full refund minus \$100 non-refundable deposit. However, you may send a substitute in your place. Please email us at uwspceweb@uwsp.edu to inform us of a cancellation or substitution.

