

2014C RV Trip to Red Rock and Yosemite Thanksgiving  
November 3 through December 4

**Monday, November 3 – Fly to San Francisco / Petaluma KOA (56 miles; 1 ½ hours)**

Fly to San Francisco  
Sonoma County Shuttle and Petaluma Taxi to campground  
Food Shop  
Camp at Petaluma KOA

**Tuesday, November 4 – Petaluma KOA (0 miles; 0 hours)**

Herb does maintenance on Subaru and motorhome  
Camp at Petaluma KOA

**Wednesday, November 5 – Bakersfield (314 miles; 6 hours)**

Start driving towards Las Vegas  
Camp in Flying J in Bakersfield, CA

**Thursday, November 6 – Afton Canyon (187 miles; 3.5 hours)**

Drive to Afton Canyon in Barstow (near Mojave National Preserve)  
Hike and photograph  
Camp at Afton Canyon

**Friday, November 7 – Mojave National Preserve / Las Vegas (146 miles; 3 hours)**

Explore Mojave National Preserve  
Drive the Kelbaker Road to Kelso Depot Visitor Center  
Hike Kelso Dune  
Drive Morningstar Mine Road to Ivanpah Road to exit Preserve  
Continue on to Las Vegas  
Pick up boys and Celeste in airport  
Camp at Circus Circus RV Park

**Saturday, November 8 – Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area (50 miles; 1 hour)**

Drive ½ hour to Red Rock Canyon  
Park in first pullout and hike to and do several climbs on Panty Wall  
Hike out and have celebratory beers in parking lot  
Stop and have pizza at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse in Summerlin  
Camp at Circus Circus RV Park

**Sunday, November 9 – Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area (50 miles; 1 hour)**

Drive ½ hour to Red Rock Canyon  
Park in second pullout and hike to and do several climbs on Stone Wall, Black Corridor,  
Panty Wall (again), and The Gallery  
Hike out and have celebratory beers in parking lot  
Have dinner in RV – Andrew's Penne Vodka  
Walk the Las Vegas Strip  
Camp at Circus Circus RV Park

**Monday, November 10 – Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area (50 miles; 1 hour)**

Drive ½ hour to Red Rock Canyon  
Park in second pullout and hike to and climb The Great Red Book (two pitches) and Black Corridor  
Hike out and have celebratory beers in parking lot  
Tommy and Lolo go to Circus Circus to play black jack machine – lose \$20 each, but Tommy wins back at Roulette Table  
Camp at Circus Circus RV Park

**Tuesday, November 11 – Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area (50 miles; 1 hour)**

Drive ½ hour to Red Rock Canyon  
Park in Calico Basin (outside NCA) and hike to and climb The Riding Hood Wall (four pitches) and Caustic on Cannibal Crag  
Stop and have burgers at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse in Summerlin  
Drive boys and Celeste to airport  
Camp at Circus Circus RV Park

**Wednesday, November 12 – Death Valley National Park (120 miles; 2.5 hours)**

Drive 2 ½ hours to Death Valley National Park  
Drive scenic Artists Drive  
Camp at Furnace Creek Campground

**Thursday, November 13 – Death Valley National Park (100 miles; 3.5 hours)**

Dante's View  
Drive the off-road Twenty Mule Team Canyon Road  
Zabriskie Point  
Visitor Center to watch movie about Death Valley  
Devil's Golf Course  
Badwater Basin  
Short hike to Natural Bridge  
Drive the off-road West Side Road and stop for lunch at side of road  
Hike Golden Canyon  
Cook Chicken Parmesan in RV  
Camp at Furnace Creek Campground

**Friday, November 14 – Death Valley National Park (135 miles; 3.5 hours)**

Harmony Borax Works Interpretative Trail  
Salt Creek Interpretive Trail  
Hike Mosaic Canyon  
Drive to Scotty's Castle – have picnic and walk around grounds  
Hike Ubehebe Crater  
Dinner at 49er Café  
Listen to Marimba Band in Visitor Center  
Camp at Furnace Creek Campground

**Saturday, November 15 – Yucca Valley (260 miles; 5.5 hours)**

Drive towards Joshua Tree National Park

Camp at Yucca Valley RV Park near northwest entrance to the park

**Sunday, November 16 – Joshua Tree National Park (80 miles; 3 hours)**

Stop at Oasis Visitor Center at the Twentynine Palms entrance to park

Stroll the short Oasis of Mara interpretative trail

Drive to Jumbo Rocks Campground to secure a site for 2 nights

Drive 18-mile dirt Geology Tour Road

Drive to Keys View viewpoint – very very windy

Hike the 1-mile loop trail through Hidden Valley

Check out the Echo Cove rock climbing area for next day

Drive the dirt Queens Valley Road

Camp at Jumbo Rocks Campground in park

**Monday, November 17 – Joshua Tree National Park (60 miles; 1.5 hours)**

1.7-mile Skull Rock hike from campground

1.3-mile Barket Dam Hike

Rock climb at Echo Cove West End Area (Swing Low and Pinky Lee)

Meet Bob Gaines, author of Joshua Tree Best Climbs

Return to Keys View to hike – no hike

Drive to Cholla Cactus Garden and hike the interpretative trail

Camp at Jumbo Rocks Campground in park

**Tuesday, November 18 – Carpinteria State Beach (234 miles; 4 ½ hours)**

Enough dessert – drive to coast (Carpinteria State Beach, 15 miles south of Santa Barbara)

Weather starts to change – cool and windy

Go for run

Sit on beach

Camp at Carpinteria State Beach

**Wednesday, November 19 – Carpinteria and Santa Barbara (30 miles; .5 hours)**

Exercise in morning – Herb swims in Carpinteria community pool while Lolo runs

Explore Santa Barbara

Santa Barbara Mission

Santa Barbara Art Museum

Courthouse

Harbor

Dine outside at On the Alley near the harbor

Camp at Carpinteria State Beach

**Thursday, November 20 – Monterey (240 miles; 4.5 hour)**

Drive to Monterey

Camp at Laguna Seca Raceway

**Friday, November 21 – Monterey to Sebastopol (180 miles; 3.5 hours)**

Explore Monterey in morning  
Monterey State Historic Park – walk historic trail  
Fisherman’s Wharf  
Drive to Sebastopol  
Camp in Bergs’ driveway

**Saturday, November 22 – Sonoma County (45 miles; 1 hour)**

5.6-mile hike to Gunsight Rock in Hood Mountain Regional Park in Santa Rosa  
Dine on one of Paul’s roasted chickens  
Camp in Bergs’ driveway

**Sunday, November 23 – Sonoma County (121 miles; 3.5 hours)**

Drive to Cloverdale to explore area as possible place to live  
5.1-mile hike at Lake Sonoma  
Dine at Diavola Pizzeria & Salumeria in Geyserville  
Camp in Bergs’ driveway

**Monday, November 24 – Yosemite National Park (242 miles; 5 hours)**

Drive to Yosemite National Park  
Camp in Upper Pines Campground

**Tuesday, November 25 – Yosemite National Park (21 miles; 1 hour)**

Drive 21-mile Valley Floor Loop making stops along the way to photograph  
Boys arrive from San Francisco very late  
Camp in Upper Pines Campground

**Wednesday, November 26 - Yosemite National Park (10 miles; .5 hours )**

Rock climb at Swan Slab  
Meet Charlie and climb with him on Sunnyside Bench  
Hang out in Ahwahnee Lobby at night reading and playing cards  
Camp in Upper Pines Campground

**Thursday, November 27 - Yosemite National Park (10 miles; .5 hours )**

Bike/Run 12 miles of the Valley Floor Loop  
Thanksgiving Dinner in the Ahwahnee Dining Room  
Ice Skate in Curry Village  
Hang out in Ahwahnee Lobby at night reading and playing cards  
Camp in Upper Pines Campground

**Friday, November 28 - Yosemite National Park (10 miles; .5 hours )**

Rock climb at Manure Buttress Pile – Nutcracker (5 pitches)  
Lolo runs while guys climb  
Lolo sees them way up when she comes back and tries to photograph them  
Hang out in Ahwahnee Lobby at night reading and playing cards  
Camp in Upper Pines Campground

**Saturday, November 29 - Yosemite National Park (10 miles; .5 hours )**

Rock climb at Church Bowl  
Ice Skate again at Curry Village – great views of Half Dome  
Hang out in Ahwahnee Lobby at night reading and playing cards  
Camp in Upper Pines Campground

**Sunday, November 30 - Yosemite National Park (10 miles; .5 hours )**

Hike to Mirror Lake  
Brunch in Ahwahnee Dining Room  
Boys leave for San Francisco  
Camp in Upper Pines Campground

**Monday, December 1 – Petaluma KOA (242 miles; 5 hours)**

Drive to Petaluma  
Camp at Petaluma KOA

**Tuesday, December 2 – Petaluma KOA (0 miles; 0 hours)**

Drive to Petaluma  
Begin maintenance and prep of RV for storage  
Camp at Petaluma KOA

**Wednesday, December 3 – Petaluma KOA (133 miles; 2.5 hours)**

Finish up maintenance and prep for RV storage and packing to go home  
Drive down to Oakland to see Andrew's office and have lunch  
Bring Andrew's car back to Petaluma KOA to use later  
Put motorhome and Subaru in storage  
Drive Andrew's car down to San Francisco  
Rock climb at Planet Granite  
Dinner at Andrew and Celeste's apartment  
Sleep over in Andrew and Celeste's apartment

**Thursday, December 4 – Fly Home (16 miles; ½ hour)**

Have breakfast in Andrew's apartment  
Help him with some repairs and maintenance  
Andrew drives us to airport  
We fly home to Newark International Airport

Total Trip Mileage:           3,212 miles  
Average Miles per Day:       100 miles per day