

2015E – Yosemite Thanksgiving and San Diego
November 24 through December 8

Tuesday, November 24– Drive to Yosemite (245 miles; 5 hours)

Drive to Yosemite via El Portal Road – arrive just before snow starts
Camp in Upper Pines Campground

Wednesday, November 25 – Yosemite (15 miles; .5 hours)

Drive Valley Floor Loop taking photos of Yosemite in snow
Ahwahnee Hotel
Lower Yosemite Falls
El Cap Meadow
Valley View
Bridalveil Falls
Sentinel Beach
Swinging Bridge
Boys arrive
Ice Skate in Curry Village
More night photography of full moon over Valley
Camp in Upper Pines Campground

Thursday, November 26 – Yosemite (15 miles; .5 hours)

Repeat Valley Floor Photography Loop with boys
Park in Yosemite Lodge and walk from Swan Slab to Lower Yosemite Falls
Cross country ski in El Cap Meadow
Wawona Tunnel View
Sentinel Beach
Swinging Bridge
Thanksgiving dinner at Mountain Room in Yosemite Lodge
Hang out in Ahwahnee Lobby at night reading and playing cards
Camp in Upper Pines Campground

Friday, November 27 – Yosemite (0 miles; 0 hours)

Hike to the top of Yosemite Falls
Hang out in Ahwahnee Lobby at night reading and playing cards
Camp in Upper Pines Campground

Saturday, November 28 – Yosemite (0 miles; 0 hours)

Rock climb Swan Slab near Camp 4 in the Valley
Rock climb at Sunnyside Bench
Hang out in Ahwahnee Lobby at night reading and playing cards
Camp in Upper Pines Campground

Sunday, November 29 – Yosemite (0 miles; 0 hours)

Brunch at the Ahwahnee
More Valley photo exploration

Camp in Upper Pines Campground

Monday, November 30 – Chino (344 miles; 7 hours)

Drive towards San Diego

Camp at Walmart Supercenter in Chino

Tuesday, December 1 – Campland by the Bay in San Diego (452 miles; 8 hours)

Drive to Campland on the Bay on Mission Bay in San Diego

Bike ride 14 miles around Mission Bay

Camp at Campland on the Bay

Wednesday, December 2 – Torrey Pines State Park (San Diego) (20 miles; .5 hour)

Torrey Pines State Park – hike steep trail down to beach

Spend day relaxing at Black's Beach

Camp at Campland on the Bay

Thursday, December 3 – Balboa Park (San Diego) (20 miles; .5 hour)

Visitor Center – buy Multi-Day Explorer Zoo Combo

Timken Museum of Art

San Diego Museum of Art

Museum of Natural History

Lunch at The Prado

Museum of Photographic Arts

Reuben H Fleet Space Theater & Science Center

Camp at Campland on the Bay

Friday, December 4 – More Balboa Park and December Nights (20 miles; .5 hour)

San Diego Zoo

Museum of Man

Air and Space Museum

Spreckel's Pavilion Christmas Tree Lighting

Dinner at Panama 66

Mingei International Museum

Automotive Museum

Railroad Museum

Camp at Campland on the Bay

Saturday, December 5 – Torrey Pines State Park (San Diego) (20 miles; .5 hour)

Torrey Pines State Park – hike steep trail down to beach

Spend day relaxing at Black's Beach

Camp at Campland on the Bay

Sunday, December 6 – Balboa Park and Mesa Rim Climbing Gym (40 miles; 1 hour)

Sunday afternoon organ concert at the Spreckel's Pavilion

Japanese Friendship Garden

Botanical Garden

Mesa Rim Climbing Gym
Camp at Campland on the Bay

Monday, December 7 – Los Banos KOA (384 miles; 7 hours)

Drive up I5 for 7 hours
Camp at the KOA in Los Banos

Tuesday, December 8 – Petaluma KOA (150 miles; 3 hours)

Drive remaining 3 hours to Petaluma KOA
Camp at the Petaluma KOA

Total Trip Mileage: 1,725 miles
Average Miles per Day: 115 miles per day