

CALIFORNIA GIRL SCOUT BACKPACKERS

The Minarets to Tuolumne Meadows

John Muir Trail (JMT) – Mammoth to Yosemite N.P.

Itinerary provided by Girl Scouts San Diego

Created: January 2020

Distance: 34 miles

Starting Trailhead: Devil's Postpile - JMT North (alternatively: Agnew Meadows or Mammoth Pass)

Finishing Trailhead: Same as starting options or thru to Tuolumne Meadows, Yosemite NP

Best Months: July - September

Permit Limit: 12 people

Preview: The granite pinnacles of the Minarets, outside of Mammoth, CA, are a majestic backdrop for some of the most spectacular hiking in the southern Sierras. Situated in the Ritter Range, which separates the Ansel Adams Wilderness from Yosemite, the granite spires of the Minarets and the distinctive peaks of Mt. Ritter and Mt. Banner will take your breath away.

Girl Scout Progression Points: Develop itinerary-building skills for week-long trips. Build skills in bear awareness, moving camp to camp, creek crossings, and navigation. Point-to-point trip teaches shuttle management.

Key Risks:

- Black Bear Country (food storage)
- Altitude (trailhead is at 10,000 feet)
- Weather
- Long Distance Conditioning
- Elevation Gains

Sample Itinerary (By Day):

1. Drive day to Mammoth. Camp in Mammoth or Agnew Meadows Campground near Devil's Postpile..
2. Drive to ski area & take shuttle to Devil's Postpile. 7.2 miles from Devil's Postpile (7,600') to Rosalie Lake (9,300').
3. 4 miles Rosalie Lake (9,300') to Ediza Lake (9,200').
4. 7 miles to Thousand Island Lake (9,800').

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5. 5 miles to 'Tarns in the Shadow of Donohue Peak' (10,200'). Possible day hike to Marie Lakes (10,800').
6. 10 miles over Donohue Pass (11,056') along JMT north toward Tuolumne Meadows.
7. 5 miles to Tuolumne Meadows (8,720'). Showers at Tuolumne Lodge. Drive home.

Itinerary Options:

- Side trip from JMT to Ediza Lake.
- Alternative entry from Agnew Meadows to the JMT via Shadow Lake Trail or Pacific Crest Trail (strenuous).
- Alternative entry from Mammoth Pass. Adds 1 extra day.

Permits Needed:

- Inyo National Forest: www.recreation.gov

Resources & Safety Management:

- Closest Ranger Station to pick up permit: Mammoth Lakes Welcome Ctr., 2510 Main St. Mammoth, CA. 760-924-5500
- Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center: 209-372-0740
- Inyo Sheriff's Department: 760-873-7887 (not out on time)
- Mammoth Hospital: 85 Sierra Park Rd. Mammoth, 760-934-3311



Approaching Garnet Lake along the JMT

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