



## **Tentative Itinerary – Red Peak Pass**

On your trip to Yosemite, our goal would be to give you an adventure that you will remember forever while also pointing out (and getting you up and behind) some of the major points in the park that most tourists want to see. Many people come for their first trip and just drive into Yosemite Valley and look up in awe. They then make plans to come back and see and do more in the future. By contacting us, we can design an outing where you can see the valley and also complete a backcountry trip that enables you to get away from the crowds and on top of some of the more famous peaks and beside some amazing waterfalls! You will finish this adventure feeling “success” and “accomplishment” and with a greater view and experience of Yosemite than most people ever receive!

### **Red Peak Pass**

**Trip Length:** 7 Days/6 Nights

**Trip Highlights:** Glacier Point, Illilouette Creek, unlimited high alpine lakes, rivers, Red Peak Pass, Merced Peak, Washburn Lake, Merced Lake, the Lost Valley, Little Yosemite Valley, and the Mist Trail.

**Total Milage:** 50 miles

**Rating:** Moderate to Strenuous.



Day 1 : Meet your guide in the afternoon. Get acquainted with the group and with gear. Valley highlights (food in the front-country not included.) Camp in Yosemite Valley Backpackers camp.

Day 2: After taking the 8am morning shuttle (approx. 1.5 hours) to Glacier Point where we will take in the views before heading downhill into the Illilouette Creek Valley. We will cross the creek and continue on a gradual uphill climb before picking a creek side location to camp at. Approx. mileage: 8 miles

Day 3: Hike approximately 5 miles to Lower Ottoway Lake at an elevation of 9,563'. This is an awesome high pass lake situated below Red Peak and Merced peak.

Day 4: Today we will start early with a strenuous uphill 2 miles to Red Peak Pass. (This is the highest trail pass in the park at 11,078') As conditions permit, a rock scramble to the top of Red Peak (elevation 11,699') can be completed. We will then descend another 7 miles to the Triple Peak Fork of the Merced River.



Day 5: We will hike a total of 9.5 miles to Merced Lake. On the way we will stop and play at Washburn Lake. Merced Lake is the home of the largest High Sierra Camp in Yosemite, and flush toilets and running water will be available, as will a fresh cooked meal if scheduled a head of time. Awesome swimming hole and fishing opportunities this location.

Day 6: Hike alongside the Merced River and through the Lost Valley (awesome granite formations all around) 9.3 miles to Little Yosemite Valley for our last night in the backcountry. If time permits we will relax along the beach of the Merced River.

Day 7: Hike down the Mist Trail 5-miles and past both Nevada and Vernal Falls as we return to Yosemite Valley.

**Cost:** \$1300 per person

**Discounts:** Save 15% when booking three or more people or two family members (guardian/child). Save 20% when booking a family of three or more (at least one guardian-child combo).

**Included:** Guides, permits, shuttle cost, all meals in the backcountry (Day two lunch through the last days breakfast/lunch), and all group gear (cooking gear, bear cans, water filters, first aid, toiletries, etc.). We also include internal frame backpacks, sleeping bags, sleeping pads, tents, eating gear, at no extra cost.

Please note that there is a new Half Dome permitting process in place this year, and Half Dome is not a guarantee on all trips. Please inquire about availability.

Please also see our equipment list online for details on what you need to be prepared for the adventure.