



# BIKE & HIKE TO GRANITE GORGE

Spring\*



Enjoy a scenic bike ride along the Tuolumne River Canyon rim on this classic one-way adventure to secluded local swimming holes in Granite Gorge.

Our trip begins with a scenic bike ride (including a 5-mile stretch of steep downhill road) where 2013's Rim Fire has revealed dramatic vistas to the canyon below. We will descend into the canyon, but don't worry; our shuttle spares us from the uphill return. We will then enjoy a pleasant two mile hike (four miles roundtrip) along the Tuolumne River to Granite Gorge.

The riverside hike through wildfire touched forest includes wildflowers in spring, and the chance to spot animals. Our naturalist guides lead the way, sharing insights about local history and fire ecology throughout your journey. Once we arrive at our destination, you'll have time to picnic, relax, explore or even swim. After the two mile return hike our waiting shuttle takes us and our bikes back to the lodge!



## TRIP TIME

9:30am-2:30pm. This trip operates out of our sister property, the Evergreen Lodge.

## GROUP SIZE

2-6 participants. Reservations recommended. Contact Recreation Desk for availability and pricing for groups of 8-12.

## PRICE

\$95 Adults; \$65 Kids 12 to 14. Includes transportation, naturalist guide, bike and helmet rental, and lunch voucher for use in our General Store.

## DIFFICULTY/AGE LIMIT

Participants should be comfortable biking up to 12 miles on mostly flat or downhill roads, with occasional modest climbs, then hiking 4 miles on modest terrain. The trip is suitable for individuals ages 12 and above with a basic level of fitness and bike skills (parental discretion). A short bike skills test may be given to ensure rider safety.

## MEETING PLACE

This trip meets in the Evergreen Lodge Recreation Center 15 minutes before departure.

## WHAT TO BRING

- Completed Trip Registration Forms
- Small backpack with at least 68 oz (2 liters) water & snacks
- Proper footwear – closed toed hiking/tennis shoes required
- Layered clothing including wind/rain jacket or fleece
- Bug repellent, sunscreen, hat and sunglasses
- Swimsuit and towel
- Camera and binoculars (optional)

## OTHER INFORMATION

Our first-aid-certified guides carry first aid kits, permits, maps, radios/cell phones. Guide gratuity not included; for exemplary service a 10-20% tip is customary.

\*Conditions permitting. Call for additional seasonal availability. [recreation@rushcreeklodge.com](mailto:recreation@rushcreeklodge.com) (209) 379-2373

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