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Easy

Wawona Meadow Loop

Begin at the Wawona Hotel

3.5 miles (5.6 km) round trip
1.5 to 2 hours

Walk on the paved road across the Wawona Golf Course. Once across the golf course, take a left at the sign-posted trailhead. The trail is an unpaved fire road which loops around the meadow and returns to the Wawona Road. A relaxing and scenic stroll, this trail offers views across Wawona Basin and opportunities to see wildlife and wildflowers. Please note that horses, bikes, and leashed pets are allowed on the trail.

Wawona to Mariposa Grove

6 miles (9.6 km) one way to the Grizzly Giant in the Mariposa Grove
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Moderate

Swinging Bridge Loop

4.75 miles (7.6 km) round trip
2 to 3 hours

1 mile round trip from end of Forest Drive
30 minutes

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Strenuous

Alder Creek

12 miles (18.7 km) round trip to Alder Creek. 6 hours (2,500 ft / 762 m elevation gain)

Chilnualna Falls

8.2 miles (13 km) round trip
5 to 6 hours (2,400 ft / 732 m elevation gain)

Chilnualna Falls at the far end of the parking area. From there climb uphill through the lower portion of the grove to reach the Grizzly Giant Tree and the California Tunnel Tree, which is just 50 yards (50 meters) beyond the Grizzly Giant. To continue to the museum (open summer only) continue through the Tunnel Tree further into the grove. Once in the upper grove, you may choose an alternate trail down, or continue on to Wawona Point before heading back to the parking area. Since parking at the trailhead is limited, consider taking the free shuttle bus from Wawona (in summer only). Carry lots of drinking water in the summer, when temperatures can be extreme.

The trail leads from the parking area across the road and heads uphill north through an open pine forest with abundant manzanita growing on drier slopes. The trail provides access to Alder Fall, a little-visited, 100-foot cascade. Carry lots of drinking water in summer, when temperatures can be extreme. ALTERNATIVE: Begin at Mosquito Creek along Wawona Road (hike is 8 miles round-trip to Alder Fall).

The trail leads from the parking area across the road and along Chilnualna Creek for 1/2 mile (.8 km). A series of switchbacks lead away from the creek into the open forest. The falls are comprised of five large cascades sliding through and over rock formations above the Wawona Basin—water here is fullest in spring and early summer. Carry lots of drinking water in the summer, when temperatures can be extreme.