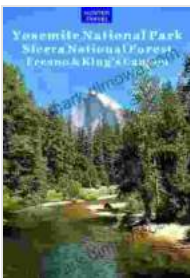


Yosemite National Park and the Sierra and Kings Canyon National Forests

Yosemite National Park is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the United States, and for good reason. The park is home to some of the most stunning scenery in the world, including towering granite cliffs, cascading waterfalls, and lush meadows. But Yosemite is much more than just a pretty face. The park is also a hiker's paradise, with hundreds of miles of trails to explore. And if you're looking for a place to camp, fish, or rock climb, Yosemite has you covered.

The Sierra and Kings Canyon National Forests are located just east of Yosemite National Park. These forests are home to even more stunning scenery, including towering mountains, pristine lakes, and ancient giant sequoias. The forests are also a great place to hike, camp, fish, and hunt.



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If you're planning a trip to Yosemite National Park or the Sierra and Kings Canyon National Forests, be sure to check out our comprehensive guide. Our guide includes everything you need to know about the parks, including:

- Detailed descriptions of the parks' most popular attractions
- Maps of the parks' trails and campgrounds
- Information on the parks' history and wildlife
- Tips for planning your trip

With our guide, you'll be sure to have a memorable and enjoyable experience in Yosemite National Park and the Sierra and Kings Canyon National Forests.

Things to Do in Yosemite National Park

Yosemite National Park is a hiker's paradise, with hundreds of miles of trails to explore. Some of the most popular trails include:

- **The Mist Trail:** This 3.5-mile trail leads to the base of Vernal Fall and Nevada Fall, two of Yosemite's most iconic waterfalls.
- **The John Muir Trail:** This 211-mile trail runs through Yosemite National Park and the Sierra National Forest. It's one of the most popular long-distance hiking trails in the United States.
- **The Half Dome Trail:** This 14-mile trail leads to the top of Half Dome, one of Yosemite's most iconic landmarks. The trail is strenuous, but the

views from the top are worth it.

In addition to hiking, there are many other things to do in Yosemite National Park, including:

- **Camping:** Yosemite has over 13 campgrounds, offering a variety of camping options from primitive to RV hookups.
- **Fishing:** The Merced River and its tributaries are home to a variety of fish, including rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout.
- **Rock climbing:** Yosemite is a world-renowned rock climbing destination, with over 3,000 climbing routes.
- **Wildlife viewing:** Yosemite is home to a variety of wildlife, including black bears, deer, coyotes, and bobcats.

Things to Do in the Sierra and Kings Canyon National Forests

The Sierra and Kings Canyon National Forests are home to even more stunning scenery than Yosemite National Park. Some of the most popular attractions in the forests include:

- **The Kings Canyon Scenic Byway:** This 50-mile drive winds through the Kings Canyon, offering stunning views of the canyon's granite cliffs and waterfalls.
- **The Sequoia National Forest:** This forest is home to some of the largest and oldest giant sequoia trees in the world.
- **The John Muir Wilderness:** This wilderness area is home to over 1 million acres of pristine wilderness, including towering mountains, pristine lakes, and ancient forests.

In addition to these attractions, the Sierra and Kings Canyon National Forests offer a variety of other activities, including:

- **Hiking:** The forests have over 1,000 miles of trails to explore, ranging from easy day hikes to challenging backpacking trips.
- **Camping:** The forests have over 200 campgrounds, offering a variety of camping options from primitive to RV hookups.
- **Fishing:** The rivers and lakes in the forests are home to a variety of fish, including rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout.
- **Hunting:** The forests are home to a variety of game animals, including deer, elk, and bear.

Planning Your Trip

If you're planning a trip to Yosemite National Park or the Sierra and Kings Canyon National Forests, be sure to plan ahead. The parks are very popular, so it's important to book your accommodations and activities in advance. Here are a few tips for planning your trip:

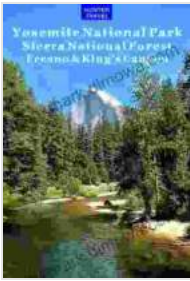
- **Book your accommodations in advance, especially if you're planning to visit during peak season (June-September).**
- **Free Download a park pass in advance. Park passes are required for all vehicles entering Yosemite National Park and the Sierra and Kings Canyon National Forests.**
- **Check the park's website for information on current conditions and closures.**
- **Bring plenty of water and snacks, especially if you're planning to hike.**

- Be prepared for all types of weather, especially in the high country.

With a little planning, you're sure to have a memorable and enjoyable experience in Yosemite National Park and the Sierra and Kings Canyon National Forests.







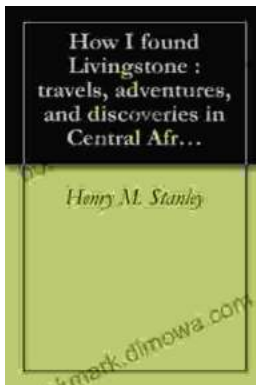
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