



# Desolation Wilderness, California

## July 7-July 19, 2026



### Tuesday, July 7, 2026

4:00AM ET Depart from School in Pemberville.  
5:30AM ET Arrive at Detroit Airport. Everyone checks in and goes through security.  
8:10AM ET Flight Departs Airport (Flight: Delta #0698). Flight Confirmation #F9SF99  
10:15AM MT Flight arrives at Salt Lake City Airport  
11:35AM MT Flight Departs Salt Lake City Airport (Flight: Delta #1423).  
12:22PM PT Flight arrives at Sacramento Airport. Pick up vans.  
Stop for supplies at Walmart Supercenter 10655 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670  
Stop to pick up stoves and fuel bottles at The UPS Store 10824 Olson Dr. Ste. C, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 (916) 851-9763  
Stop at fast food for lunch (McDonalds, Burger King, etc.)  
5:30PM PT Arrive at Emerald Bay State Park, Eagle Point Campground, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. (530) 541-3030  
Lower Eagle Point Campsites #47 and #55

### Wednesday, July 8, 2026

7:30AM PT Depart Emerald Bay State Park Campground  
10:30AM PT Arrive at Calaveras Big Tree State Park.  
2:30PM PT Depart Calaveras Big Tree State Park.  
5:30PM PT Arrive at Emerald Bay State Park Campground

### Thursday, July 9, 2026

7:30AM PT Depart Emerald Bay State Park Campground  
9:30AM PT Arrive at Twin Lakes Trailhead. Dayhike to Island Lake  
4:00PM PT Depart Twin Lakes Trailhead  
6:00PM PT Arrive at Emerald Bay State Park Campground

### Friday, July 10, 2026

8:00AM PT Depart Emerald Bay State Park Campground  
8:40AM PT Arrive at Echo Lake Trailhead.  
9:00AM PT Hike from Echo Lakes Trailhead to Ropi Lake via PCT and Lake of the Woods  
Distance: ~6.8 miles. Elevation Gain: ~1016 ft. / Loss: ~800 ft.

### Saturday, July 11, 2026

8:00AM PT Hike from Ropi Lake to Aloha Lake via Lake of the Woods and Desolation Valley  
Distance: ~4.4 miles. Elevation Gain: ~550 ft. / Loss ~20 ft.

### Sunday, July 12, 2026

8:00AM PT Hike from Aloha Lake to Lake Lois via Mosquito Pass, Rubicon Trail, Rockbound Pass Trail and Blakely Trail  
Distance: ~6.9 miles. Elevation Gain: ~1140 ft. / Loss ~950 ft.

### Monday, July 13, 2026

8:00AM PT Hike from Lake Lois to Camper Flat / Rockbound Valley via Blakely Trail and McConnell Lake Trail Loop  
Distance: ~7.9 miles. Elevation Gain: ~1,040 ft. / Loss ~2190 ft.

**Tuesday, July 14, 2026**

8:00AM PT Hike from Camper Flat to Dicks Lake via Rubicon Trail, Velma Lakes Trail, and PCT  
Distance: ~4.8 miles. Elevation Gain: ~1,270 ft.

**Wednesday, July 15, 2026**

8:00AM PT Hike from Dicks Lake over Dicks Pass to Heather Lake via PCT  
Distance: ~7.1 miles. Elevation Gain: ~1190 ft. / Loss ~1,660 ft.

**Thursday, July 16, 2026**

7:00AM PT Hike from Heather Lake back to Echo Lake Trailhead  
Distance: ~7.6 miles. Elevation Gain: ~380 ft. / Loss ~860 ft.  
1:00PM PT Depart Echo Lake Trailhead  
1:20PM PT Arrive at Mountain Postal Pack and Ship (ship stoves and fuel bottles home), 1034 Emerald Bay Rd. South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. (530) 542-1943  
1:40PM PT Arrive at Emerald Bay State Park, Eagle Point Campground, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. (530) 541-3030  
Upper Eagle Point Campsites #8 and #10  
6:30PM PT Dinner at Grand Central Pizza & Pasta, 2229 Lake Tahoe Blvd E, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 (530) 544-1308

**Friday, July 17, 2026**

6:00AM PT Depart Emerald Bay State Park Campground  
6:20AM PT Arrive at McDonalds for Breakfast, 1035 Emerald Bay Rd. South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150  
7:00AM PT Depart McDonalds  
8:30AM PT Arrive at H2O Adventures 13384 Lincoln Way Auburn, CA 95603 530.277.3433  
9:30AM PT White water rafting on the Middle Fork American River: Tunnel Chute  
4:45PM PT Depart H2O Adventures  
6:35PM PT Arrive at SureStay by Best Western, 2654 El Centro Rd, Sacramento, 95833 916-920-4451  
7:30PM PT Dinner at Yum Buffet & Grill, 4300 Florin Rd, Sacramento, CA 95823

**Saturday, July 18, 2026**

10:00AM PT Depart Best Western Motel  
10:15AM PT Arrive at airport and return vans.  
1:40PM PT Flight departs Sacramento Airport (Delta #2801) Flight Confirmation #F9SF99  
7:12PM CT Flight arrives at Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport  
7:45PM CT Flight departs at Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport (Delta #1484)  
10:30PM ET Flight arrives at Detroit Airport.

**Sunday, July 19, 2026**

12:45 AM ET Arrive at School in Pemberville.

**Estimated Trip Expenses (Based on 9 Participants)**

<b>Air Fare</b>	9 passengers @ \$529/person (round trip with 1 checked bag)	\$4760
<b>Motel</b>	4 Rooms	\$330
<b>Van Rental</b>	Van Rentals (2 minivans @ \$862 each)	\$1724
<b>Campsites</b>	4 nights (2 campsites)	\$315
<b>Gas</b>	700 miles @ 25 MPG 28 gallons of gas @\$6.00/gallon x 2 vans	\$336
<b>Food</b>	\$16/person/day, 9 people x \$16 x 12 days	\$1728
<b>White Water Rafting</b>	Includes gratuity \$152/person x 9	\$1368
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	Maps, entrance fees, parking, shipping, etc.	\$600
<b>Troop Backpacking Equipment Fee</b> (\$50 per person)		\$450
<b>T-shirts</b>	\$28/person x 9 people	<u>\$252</u>
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$11863</b>

**Cost per participant** \$1318 (We currently plan to collect \$1400 per person)