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Call of the Wild Women's Adventure Travel Company Yosemite Valley Hiking

Date: June 14 - 17, 2012
Rating: Easy
Cost: \$595
Deposit: \$250

Are you a women looking for more adventure in your life? Planning out your own trips can be time consuming and risky. Joining a guided tour is a safe and convenient way to enjoy the wilderness with others who share your adventurous spirit. "My guides are not only the finest in their field, but they also love what they do and it shows." Kate Reid, Call of the Wild.

Tours are designed to encompass beginners and advanced hikers and welcome you to go your own pace. More challenging options are available with the groups experienced leaders. After a long day of scenic adventures you may wind down at the campsite and enjoy a fresh cooked delicious meal prepared by the camp leaders. Huddle around the camp fire and enjoy the companionship of women who share the same love of the outdoors. This hike explores the Yosemite Valley, Nevada Falls, and Glacier Point, among

other scheduled places.
Day By Day Itinerary:

Day 1 ~ Arrival & Hike around Tuolumne Giant Sequoia Grove; 2.5 miles

Set up campsite
2.5 mile hike through Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoia Trees.
7:00 pm enjoy one of the many delicious recipes in Wilderness Cuisine, the definitive backcountry cookbook by Call of the Wild founder Carole Latimer. Diner will be cooked and served ready for a campfire gathering.

Day 2 ~ Vernal & Nevada Falls; 6.5 miles

Travel through Douglas Firs and Live Canyon Oak trees up the John Muir Trail to see the Merced River pour over granite to form Nevada Falls, a 594ft. waterfall. With Liberty Cap behind it, it is sight to remember. Enjoy lunch at the top and take lots of pictures before descending back to the Valley. Back in camp, enjoy a delicious meal, and an evening around the campfire.

Day 3 ~ Glacier Point Hike; 4.6 miles

Enjoy a shuttle to the top of Glacier Point with great views of Sentinel Falls, Half Dome & Yosemite Falls. From here you will hike 4.6 miles to the valley floor. For energetic hikers, you can skip the shuttle and hike this round-trip for 9.2 miles. Once back on the Valley Floor, explore the Park's Visitor Center, pick up a few souvenirs, and sit in on a ranger briefing about the park's flora and fauna. Dinner will be in Yosemite Valley surrounded by the granite walls and glowing sunset.

Day 4 ~ Merced Grove Hike; 3.0 miles

Start the morning with an early hike to the least visited grove of Giant Sequoias in the National Park. Enjoy the solitude at the grove and reflect on your trip's memories among the majestic trees. return to camp in time to finish our packing and say good-bye by 12 noon. For more information visit: www.callwild.com
Adventure Travels for Women
Since 1978

Properly Leveling Your RV

Leveling your vehicle when you arrive at a campsite is important for a few reasons. Refrigerators run best when they are level, leaving a refrigerator running on sloped ground may even damage your fridge. Walking around a flat Camper is a comfortable and easy. Cupboards and door are easier to close properly.

Some RV's are equipped with automatic leveling systems, but not all models have this luxury. If you do not have this feature you will need to know the following instructions.

Choose and Install Levels

First you need to install level readers on your RV to measure how flat your RV is. These are a few of the levels on the market today.

Electronic RV Leveler by CIPA

place the base in the center of the RV and use hand-held remote to level the vehicle. Green is Level, red is not.



\$98.49

Cross Check Level

Measures front-to-back or side-to-side leveling. Built-in magnet for hands free use. Optional screw holes for mounting.



\$4.59

Rear View Level

Levels a travel trailer or fifth wheel from the driver's seat. Mounts on the front of the trailer so it can be seen in the rear view mirror. includes a second level for front and back leveling.



\$28.79

* Use a carpenter's level to ensure the RV is level before affixing the RV level. Make sure at least one level is viewable from the drivers seat and one next to the tongue jack or landing gear.

Choose Leveling Gear

• 2x 10's is the least expensive, but a little unsafe as they may not stay in place as you drive up on them.



• RV leveling blocks made from high-density molded polypropylene. These blocks are designed to snap together to form a ramp that you can drive-up onto. This is a safer and easier way to level an RV.



\$7.99

You will also need a wheel chocks to put in the back of the vehicles tire once it is leveled.

Choose Stabilizing Gear

Once your RV is level, it is still going to rock back and forth as you walk around. There are different ways to stabilize your RV.



\$49.29

• Stabilizing jack stands - this will keep your trailer steady, but it is difficult to store and you need to crawl under your trailer to install it.



\$94.78

• Permanently mounted stabilizing jacks - Scissor jacks that are mounted to your trailer are then hand cranked into place at each corner.



• Electric automatic Leveling System - at the push of a button you can have your trailer leveled in an instant. Complete systems have four legs, brackets, control, touch pad and wiring harness; or you can order pairs of legs in different lengths to customize the fit of your system.

Choose a Camping Spot

Try to find what looks like the flattest part of your camping site. If your side-to-side level is off, move around a little on the site, you might be able to find a flat spot.

Set-Up The Leveling Gear

If your camper is still not flat, drive the vehicle forward or backward enough to clear the board(s).

Set the boards in the tire tracks

Drive up onto the boards. Check the level again, add or remove boards as needed. Repeat until level.

Once the vehicle is level, add chock blocks to the back of the tire. Now your side-to-side level is correct.

Level Back-to-Front

Unhitch tow vehicle

Use the tongue jack (travel trailer) or landing gear (fifth wheel) to adjust your front to back level. Look at the small level you affixed to the side of the trailer and ensure the bubble is as close to the middle as possible.

Lower or Set-Up Stabilizers

When you are satisfied that your trailer is reasonably level, then lower any stabilizers to the ground to reduce rocking and bouncing. Wood blocks or plastic leveling blocks can be used under the jacks to avoid sinking of the jacks in to the sand.

RV CAMP SIGHTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

ANTHONY CHABOT LAKE REGIONAL PARK



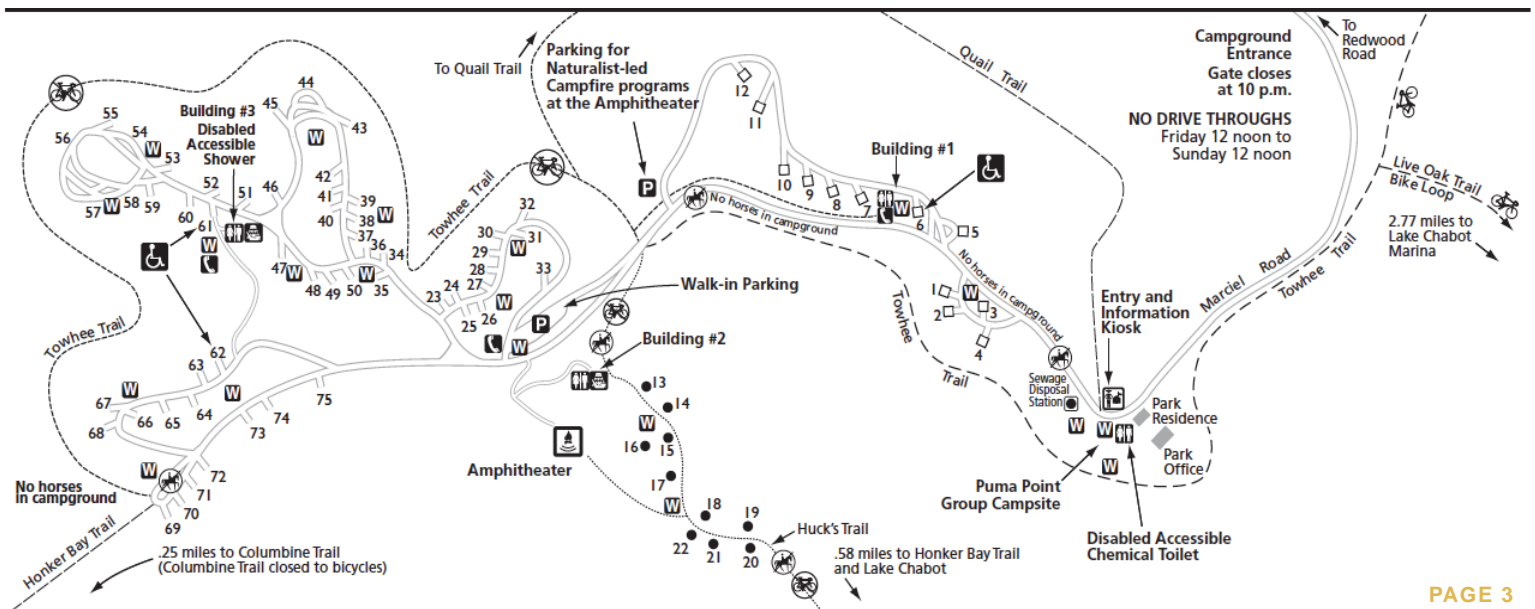
If you are looking for a campsite with a large amount of different activities to keep you entertained, this is the perfect place for you. Chabot is a beautiful 315 acre lake stocked with trout and catfish for fishing by boat or pier. Canoe, paddle boats and fishing Boat rentals are available. Lake Chabot offers over 20 miles of hiking trails, which connect to

the additional 70 miles of trails in adjoining Anthony Chabot Regional Park. The Lake Chabot bicycle loop covers 12.42 miles via the Live Oak Trail, and 14.41 miles via the Honker Bay Trail. All fire roads in the park are open to mountain bikes unless otherwise posted. Willow Park Golf Course is just up the street off of Redwood Road with a restaurant and bar.

Cart rentals are available. Other features include naturalist-led campfire programs, an amphitheater, horse shoe pits, horse back riding and recreational programs. Of the 75 campsites, only 12 spots are for RV's. This includes sewer, water and electricity. Currently, the lake serves as a standby emergency water supply. For this reason, visitors

are asked to observe certain necessary regulations to keep the waters pure. Generators are prohibited, wood collection is prohibited, To limit the spread of Sudden Oak Death fungus, NO UNPROCESSED/NATURAL FIREWOOD is allowed into the park, and waste water must be disposed at the designated dump stations.

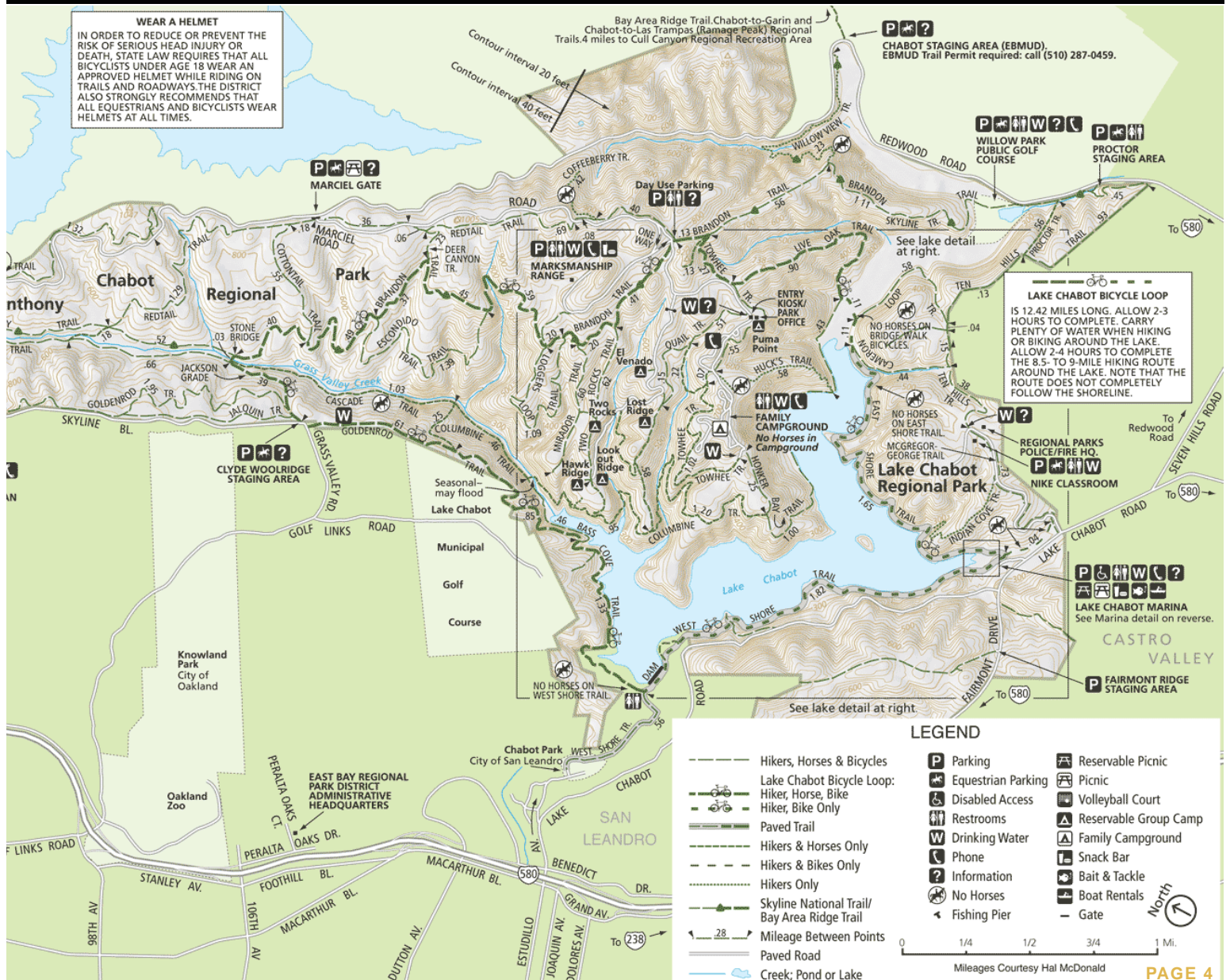
For reservations Call 1(888) 327-2757



Lake Chabot Map



WEAR A HELMET
 IN ORDER TO REDUCE OR PREVENT THE RISK OF SERIOUS HEAD INJURY OR DEATH, STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT ALL BICYCLISTS UNDER AGE 18 WEAR AN APPROVED HELMET WHILE RIDING ON TRAILS AND ROADWAYS. THE DISTRICT ALSO STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT ALL EQUESTRIANS AND BICYCLISTS WEAR HELMETS AT ALL TIMES.



CHABOT STAGING AREA (EBMUD), EBMUD Trail Permit required: call (510) 287-0459.

WILLOW PARK PUBLIC GOLF COURSE

LAKE CHABOT BICYCLE LOOP
 IS 12.42 MILES LONG. ALLOW 2-3 HOURS TO COMPLETE. CARRY PLENTY OF WATER WHEN HIKING OR BIKING AROUND THE LAKE. ALLOW 2-4 HOURS TO COMPLETE THE 8.5- TO 9-MILE HIKING ROUTE AROUND THE LAKE. NOTE THAT THE ROUTE DOES NOT COMPLETELY FOLLOW THE SHORELINE.

REGIONAL PARKS POLICE/FIRE HQ.
NIKE CLASSROOM

LAKE CHABOT MARINA
 See Marina detail on reverse.

LEGEND

- Hikers, Horses & Bicycles
- Lake Chabot Bicycle Loop:
- Hiker, Horse, Bike
- Hiker, Bike Only
- Paved Trail
- Hikers & Horses Only
- Hikers & Bikes Only
- Hikers Only
- Skyline National Trail/ Bay Area Ridge Trail
- Mileage Between Points
- Paved Road
- Creek; Pond or Lake
- Parking
- Equestrian Parking
- Disabled Access
- Restrooms
- Drinking Water
- Phone
- No Horses
- Fishing Pier
- Reservable Picnic
- Picnic
- Volleyball Court
- Reservable Group Camp
- Family Campground
- Snack Bar
- Bait & Tackle
- Boat Rentals
- Gate

