

Yosemite

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Glacier Point Road Day Hikes

McGurk Meadow and Bridalveil Creek EASY to MODERATE

start McGurk Meadow parking area (.2 mi/.3 km west of turnoff to Bridalveil Creek Campground)
length 4 mi/6.4 km roundtrip to Bridalveil Creek - 2 to 3 hours
description The trail leads downhill .8 mi/1.3 km to McGurk meadow and an old cabin which belonged to John McGurk. 1 mi/1.6 km beyond the cabin are trails west to Dewey Point and east to Taft Point, Glacier Point and Bridalveil Creek.

Taft Point EASY to MODERATE

start Taft Point parking area (6 mi/9.6 km east of turnoff to Bridalveil Creek Campground)
length 2.2 mi/3.5 km roundtrip - 2 hours
description Follow the Taft Point trail from the parking area. After an easy walk through the forest, the trail leads to an open area and small railing on the edge of a cliff. *Enjoy magnificent views of Yosemite Valley, El Capitan, and Yosemite Falls and the wonder of granite fissures - narrow 2000 ft/600m drops between huge granite masses just beneath your feet. Watch your step!*

Sentinel Dome MODERATE

start Sentinel Dome parking area (6 mi/9.6 km east of turnoff to Bridalveil Creek Campground)
length 2.2 mi/3.5 km roundtrip - 2 hours
description This wide, moderate trail leads mostly across open granite with little shade. The trail meets an old road near the base of the dome. Follow the road to the northeast side of the dome where the incline is less imposing. From here, scramble up the granite slope to the top of the dome. *Enjoy a breathtaking 360 degree view of the park. Consider taking this hike at sunset or during a full moon - a flashlight is a must.*

Ostrander Lake MODERATE to STRENUOUS

start Ostrander Lake parking area (1.3 mi/2.1 km east of turnoff to Bridalveil Creek Campground)
length 12.7 mi/20.3 km roundtrip - 8 to 10 hours
description The first half of this hike gently inclines through forest and meadow. Observe severe scars and regrowth from a 1987 lodgepole pine forest fire. A steep 1500 ft/450 m elevation gain opens up to *views of Yosemite Valley domes, Mt. Starr King and the Clark Range*. A short final ascent leads to beautiful Ostrander Lake.

Mono Meadow to view of Mount Starr King STRENUOUS

start Mono Meadow parking area (2.5 mi/4 km east of turnoff to Bridalveil Creek Campground)
length 3 mi/4.8 km roundtrip - 2 to 3 hours
description The trail descends steeply to Mono Meadow - an area which is very wet throughout summer. Expect log crossings over creeks and lots of mud. Follow the trail from the east end of the meadow .5 mi/.8 km to an unmarked clearing. *From here enjoy magnificent views of the Clark Range, Mount Starr King, and Half Dome.*