

## 2007 Cross Country RV Trip - Yosemite

### **Saturday, July 14 – Drive to Jimmy’s in Columbus, Ohio (566 miles; 9.5 hours)**

Drive 9.5 hours to Columbus  
Get Mom settled at Jimmy’s  
Visit with Jimmy and family  
Stay in Kroger’s parking lot nearby

### **Sunday, July 15 – Blue Springs Campground, Missouri (663 miles, 11 hours)**

Drive 11 hours on Route 70 to Blue Springs Campground on the Blue Springs Reservoir  
Go for a run down to the Reservoir  
Stay at Blue Springs Campground

### **Monday, July 16 – Chief Hosa Campground in Denver, Colorado (638 miles, 11 hours)**

Continue driving on I70 through Kansas and just west of Denver to the Chief Hosa Campground  
Boys go for a run along the ridge  
Cocktail hour and h’oeurderves by old historic lodge  
Stay at Chief Hosa Campground

### **Tuesday, July 17 – Goblin Valley State Park, Utah (374 miles, 7 hours)**

Drive 7 hours to Goblin Valley State Park  
Go for a hike amongst the goblins  
Boys go for a run  
Stay at Goblin Valley State Park Campground

### **Wednesday, July 18 – Echo Bay, Lake Mead (419 miles, 8.5 hours)**

Drive 1.5 hours to Capitol Reef National Park  
Stop for a swim at the waterfall our Route 24 a few miles east of the Visitor Center  
Continue driving another 7 hours to Echo Bay on Lake Meade  
Boys go for a run  
Stay at the Echo Bay RV Campground

### **Thursday, July 19 – Echo Bay, Lake Mead (0 miles, 0 hours)**

Rent a ski boat from the marina (reserved in advance) - \$282 for full day  
Ski in morning and hang out in cove all afternoon  
Boys go for a run  
Stay at the Echo Bay RV Campground

### **Friday, July 20 – Death Valley (272 miles / 6 hours)**

Drive 4 hours to Death Valley  
Enter Death Valley at Death Valley Junction via Highway 190  
Stop at Zabriskie Point for a great view  
Stop at Furnace Creek Visitor Center

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Drive north on the Park highway about 56 miles to Scotty's Castle  
Take the 1 hour tour of Scotty's Castle  
Drive back south 56 and onto Highway 190 to Stovepipe Wells Campground  
Stop to view the Great Sand Dunes along way  
Swim in the motel pool in Stovepipe Wells Village  
Stay at Stovepipe Wells Campground

### **Saturday, July 21 – Death Valley / Lone Pine / Yosemite (279 miles / 6 hours)**

Drive west out of Death Valley on the highly scenic Highway 190  
Brake problems going out of Death Valley  
Stop in Lone Pine, CA, to repair broken brake line  
4 hours later continue along scenic Highway 395 towards East Entrance of Yosemite  
After entering Yosemite, drive the 80 very scenic miles along the Tioga Road to Yosemite Valley  
Stay at North Pines Campground (reservations well in advance)

### **Sunday, July 22 – Friday, July 27 - Yosemite (0 miles, 0 hours)**

6 full days to spend in Yosemite

Things to do:

- Bike/Run the bike trails and roads throughout the Valley floor
- Hike:
  - Glacier Point via 4-mile trail (strenuous 4 mile up and then 4 down)
  - Half Dome cable route (very strenuous 17 mile hike up back of Half Dome)
- Swim/Tube in the Merced River from various pullout points
- Take a Ranger-led Photography Walk
- Visit Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village
- Take tons of photographs
- Watch the sunset from out in one of the meadows
- Dine at the Ahwahnee (Tommy's birthday lunch) and at the outdoor bar

### **Saturday, July 28 – Yosemite / Mono Lake / Reno (218 miles / 5 hours)**

Leave Yosemite via the Tioga Road and East Entrance  
Drive to the southern part of Mono Lake to the South Tufa State Reserves  
Hike the loop trail along the beach and enjoy the tufa castles  
Swim in the very salty lake  
Drive another 3 hours north to the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nevada  
Boys take a run along the Truckee River recreation path  
Walk around and explore the Resort  
Drive go-carts at the nearby Action Park  
Stay at the campground at the Grand Sierra Resort

### **Sunday, July 29 – Loneliest Road through Nevada / Great Basin National Park (386 miles / 8 hours)**

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Drive 386 miles on I50 (nicknamed the Loneliest Road) from Reno to Great Basin National Park through a desolate landscape of desert, sagebrush, and mountains  
Stop and walk around in the old mining town of Eureka  
Camp at Lower Lehman Creek Campground in Great Basin National Park

### **Monday, July 30 – Great Basin National Park / Park City, Utah (238 miles / 5 hours)**

Take the 90-minute tour of the Lehman Caves in Great Basin National Park  
Drive 5 hours to Park City, Utah  
Stay in friends' driveway

### **Tuesday, July 31 – Park City, Utah (0 miles / 0 hours)**

Attempt to do downhill mountain biking at Park City Mountain Resort (lift closed after 1 run due to lightning)  
Mountain bike the 7.8-mile, single track Lost Prospector Loop  
Walk around Historic Downtown looking in galleries  
Stay in friends' driveway

### **Wednesday, August 1 – Vedauwoo Glens, Wyoming (387 miles / 6.5 hours)**

Drive 6.5 hours towards home on Route 80 to Vedauwoo Glens  
Camp at Vedauwoo Glens Campground  
Play around on the pink boulders that surround the campground

### **Thursday, August 2 – Lake Anita State Park, Iowa (607 miles / 9 hours)**

Drive 9 hours to Lake Anita State Park in Iowa  
Go for a run around the lake  
Camp at Lake Anita State Park Campground  
Campground right on lake – can fish, but beach to swim is across the lake

### **Friday, August 3 – Kickapoo State, Park, Illinois (451 miles / 7.5 hours)**

Drive 7.5 hours to Kickapoo State Park in Illinois  
Play Disc (Frisbee) Golf  
Camp at Kickapoo State Park Campground

### **Saturday, August 4 – Sunday, August 5 – Jimmy's in Columbus, OH (291 miles / 5 hours)**

Drive 5 hours to Columbus, Ohio  
Visit with Jimmy and family  
Keep RV at Kroger's but stay at Jimmy's

### **Monday, August 6 – Home (566 miles, 9.5 hours)**

Bring Mom home from Ohio

Total Trip Mileage:           6355 miles  
Average Miles per Day:       265 miles per day