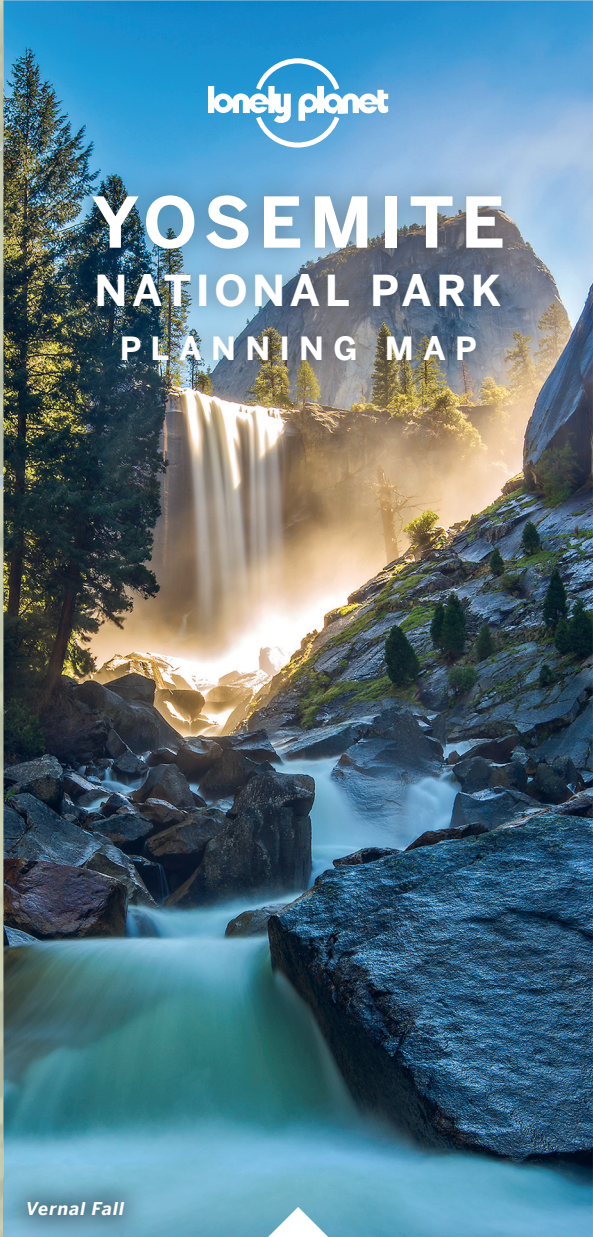


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Vernal Fall



YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

PLANNING MAP

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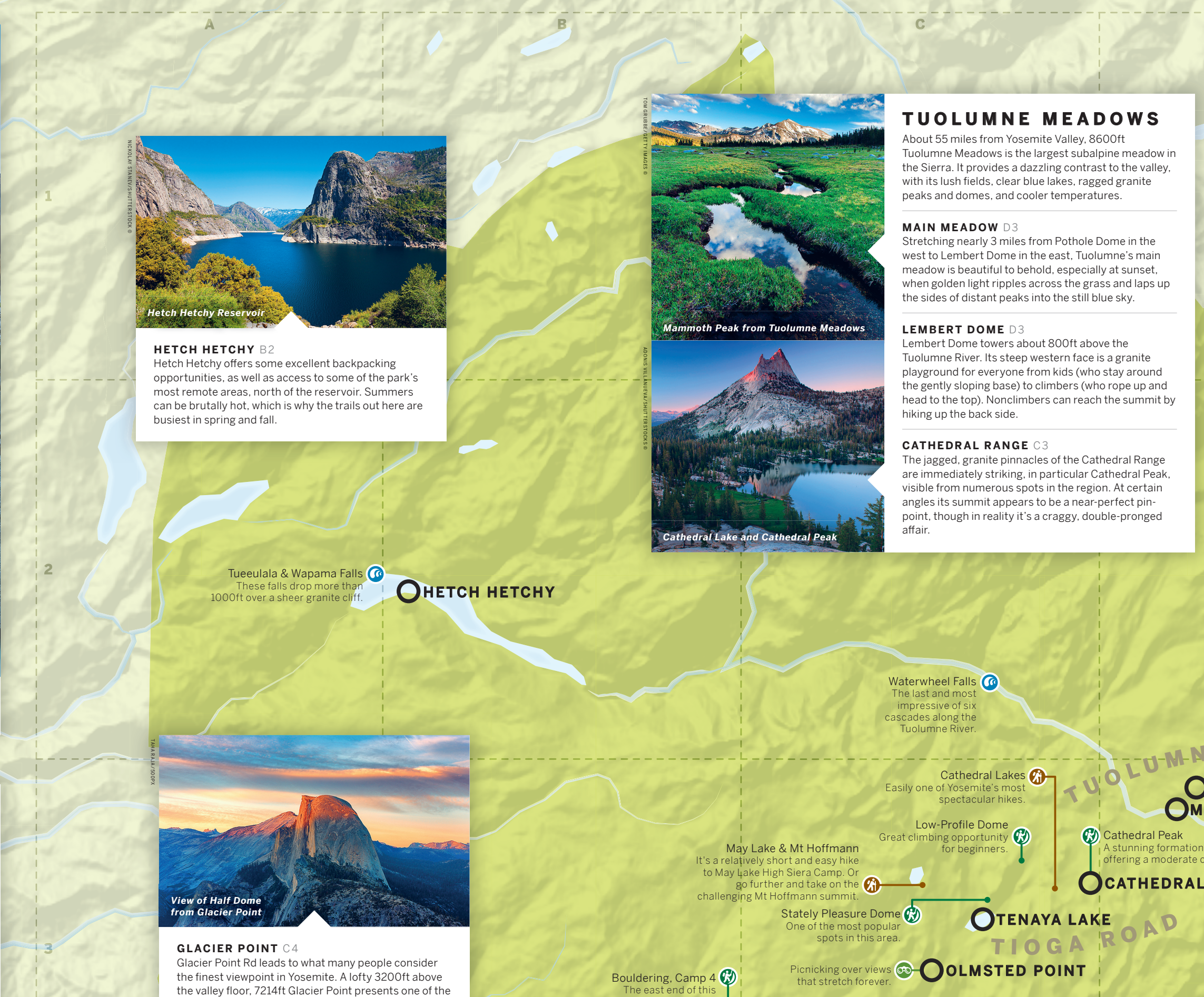


When to Go



High Season Jun–Aug
Temperatures soar above 90°F (32°C), but higher altitudes are sublime. Head to the mountains for wilderness adventures and glorious sunshine.

Shoulder Season Apr, May, Sep & Oct
Autumn is splendid with fall foliage, waterfalls are gushing and there are crowds usually only at



Hetch Hetchy Reservoir

HETCH HETCHY B2

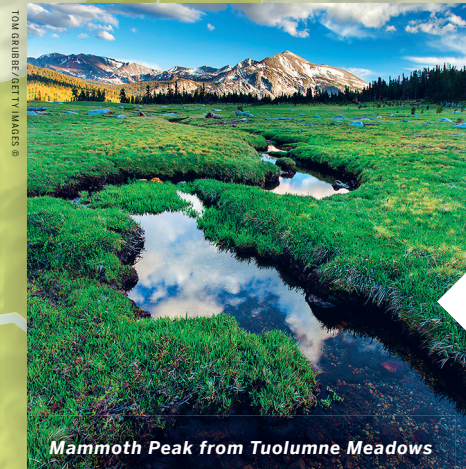
Hetch Hetchy offers some excellent backpacking opportunities, as well as access to some of the park's most remote areas, north of the reservoir. Summers can be brutally hot, which is why the trails out here are busiest in spring and fall.



View of Half Dome from Glacier Point

GLACIER POINT C4

Glacier Point Rd leads to what many people consider the finest viewpoint in Yosemite. A lofty 3200ft above the valley floor, 7214ft Glacier Point presents one of the



Mammoth Peak from Tuolumne Meadows



Cathedral Lake and Cathedral Peak

TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

About 55 miles from Yosemite Valley, 8600ft Tuolumne Meadows is the largest subalpine meadow in the Sierra. It provides a dazzling contrast to the valley, with its lush fields, clear blue lakes, ragged granite peaks and domes, and cooler temperatures.

MAIN MEADOW D3

Stretching nearly 3 miles from Pothole Dome in the west to Lambert Dome in the east, Tuolumne's main meadow is beautiful to behold, especially at sunset, when golden light ripples across the grass and laps up the sides of distant peaks into the still blue sky.

LEMBERT DOME D3

Lambert Dome towers about 800ft above the Tuolumne River. Its steep western face is a granite playground for everyone from kids (who stay around the gently sloping base) to climbers (who rope up and head to the top). Nonclimbers can reach the summit by hiking up the back side.

CATHEDRAL RANGE C3

The jagged, granite pinnacles of the Cathedral Range are immediately striking, in particular Cathedral Peak, visible from numerous spots in the region. At certain angles its summit appears to be a near-perfect pin-point, though in reality it's a craggy, double-pronged affair.

Waterwheel Falls
The last and most impressive of six cascades along the Tuolumne River.

Cathedral Lakes
Easily one of Yosemite's most spectacular hikes.

Low-Profile Dome
Great climbing opportunity for beginners.

May Lake & Mt Hoffmann
It's a relatively short and easy hike to May Lake High Sierra Camp. Or go further and take on the challenging Mt Hoffmann summit.

Stately Pleasure Dome
One of the most popular spots in this area.

Picnicking over views that stretch forever.

Bouldering, Camp 4
The east end of this

TUOLUMNE

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