

Great Outdoors OC/LB Chapter presents  
**Devils Punchbowl Backpack**  
**Intermediate/Advanced Trip**  
*August 26 to September 2, 2018*



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On August 25, 2018, it is recommended that you drive to the trail head. The backpack will begin in the morning on August 26, 2018. We will be leaving from the trail head at 8 AM. This trip is a lolly pop loop.

Day one of backpacking: We will begin our backpack from the Maxson Meadows Trail Head, We will spend most of the day hiking through meadows, including Maxson Meadows and Long Meadow, until we reach our first destination at Post Corral Meadows. We will camp between the Meadow before reaching the ford across the creek. Total Gain/loss for the day is about +500/-500 feet, over a distance of 7 ½ miles.

Day two of backpacking. Leaving our campsite, we will spend most of the day with some gentle and some steep climbs. By the end of the day, we will be in subalpine country, reaching an altitude of 9,889 feet. We will camp at Rae Lake, having passed Flemming Lake. Total Gain/loss for day two is about +1700/-0 feet, covering a distance of 5 ½ miles.



Day three of backpacking. From Rae Lake, we will travel only 4 miles. We will descend briefly, then ascend 500 feet. From here we will have a good view back to Rae Lake and its surrounding area. We then descend about 300 feet, ascend 300 feet, and reach our campsite at Devils Punchbowl at 10,098 feet. From Devils Punchbowl, we will have several options for day hikes.

Day four of backpacking. We descend back to the meadows on this day. We will have a 2,000 foot descent, covering 6 ½ miles, camping beside the North Fork of the Kings River.

Days five and six of backpacking. We backpack from the North Fork of the Kings River 4 miles to Post Corral Meadows, and then back to the trail head at Courtright Reservoir.

Bring your ten essentials (listed on GO website at: [www.greatoutdoorsla.org/essen.html](http://www.greatoutdoorsla.org/essen.html)), Also, besides the equipment that you will need for the trip, be sure to bring a set of maps. Topo Maps needed are: Courtright Reservoir, Ward Mountain, Blackcap Mountain, and Mount Henry. Carpooling is recommended to help reduce gas cost and parking.