

Great Outdoors chapter presents
Second Recess
Intermediate Backpack
July 9-14, 2018



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Early on July 9th, from Mosquito Flats, we begin our trip at 10,000 feet, traveling 6 ½ miles, with about 2000 feet gain/loss. As we climb out of the valley, we will have nice views of Heart, Box and some of the Hidden Lakes. Above Ruby Lake, we will see the notch of Mono Pass ahead. Climbing up switchbacks, we reach the pass at 12,000 feet. Descending from the pass, we will pass Summit Lake, ford Golden Creek, and then turn south on the trail to Fourth Recess Lake. Here we will camp at just over 10,000 feet, with a view across the lake of a 1,000 foot waterfall. The rest of the itinerary will be somewhat flexible.

The second day, we will return to the Mono Pass trail, heading down the valley along Mono Creek, until we come to the junction to the Second Recess. When we arrive at Fish Camp at 8,550 feet, and about 5 miles distant, we can camp there, or proceed on to Lower Mills Creek Lake, another 4 ½ miles up to 10,840 feet. If we arrive at Lower Mills Creek Lake on the second day, we will have a rest day.



Leaving Lower Mills Creek Lake on the fourth day, we will retrace our steps, returning to Mono Creek and either staying at the junction with the Third Recess, or returning to the Fourth Recess.

The fifth day, we will go over Mono Pass and camp at Ruby Lake, so that on our last day, we will have a short trip down to the trail head.

To participate in this trip you will need to have been on a previous backpack with one of Great Outdoors trip leaders.. Contact the trip leader for more information and the registration form. **Total distance is about 41 miles, total gain/loss is about 8,260 feet. Bring your ten essentials (listed on GO website at: www.greatoutdoorsla.org/essen.html). Carpooling is recommended to help reduce gas cost and parking.**