



Directions to
Camp Tawonga
From San Francisco Bay Area

1. Bring some snacks, as the trip will take approximately 3.5 hours from the San Francisco area, without traffic.
2. Cross the Bay Bridge if you're in San Francisco, (or the Richmond Bridge if you are in San Rafael and) take Hwy. 580 East towards STOCKTON.
3. Stay on 580 until it turns into Hwy. 205. (Do not exit South to Los Angeles.)
4. Hwy. 205 will become Interstate 5 for about a 1/2 mile and then continues as 205. Stay on Hwy. 205 which bypasses Tracy and will eventually take you to the juncture with Hwy. 99 and then on to Hwy. 120. As you near this juncture, you want to stay to the left and follow the signs toward SONORA and YOSEMITE.
5. After completing this long curving exit, you will then Exit again, right away onto Hwy. 120 (a 2 lane country road). The Exit comes very soon on the right. Once again, follow signs toward SONORA and YOSEMITE.
6. Follow 120 through MANTECA & ESCALON to OAKDALE. Signs will say "YOSEMITE".
7. In the town of OAKDALE you'll come to a major intersection with a traffic light. The Hershey Factory is across the road. Turn left to continue on Hwy. 120. The signs will say SONORA and YOSEMITE.
8. About 23 miles past OAKDALE turn right at YOSEMITE JUNCTION. There is neither a light nor a stop sign. You'll see a gas station and a sign for GROVELAND and YOSEMITE. (If you miss the Junction, you'll find yourself on Hwy. 108 to SONORA. Turn back and find the Junction.)
9. After passing LAKE DON PEDRO (on your left), you'll begin your ascent into the mountains. You have the option of turning right onto Old Priest Grade, which is a very steep short cut, and not recommended for weak, old or heavily loaded vehicles. If you decide to take this route, turn off your A/C to avoid overheating. Or you can continue straight ahead, on New Priest Grade which is about 15 minutes longer and not as steep. Both roads meet at the top. This is still Hwy. 120.
10. A few miles past the top of Priest Grade is GROVELAND, the last town before camp.
11. About 8 miles past GROVELAND you'll pass through BUCK MEADOWS. About 2-3 miles beyond BUCK MEADOWS, you'll cross a bridge over the South Fork of the Tuolumne River. At the end of the bridge, look out for the CHERRY LAKE ROAD sign. Turn left. This turn is hard to see, so drive slowly over the bridge.
12. Immediately after making this left turn, the road turns to the right.
13. The road winds up the beautiful and burnt mountainside for about 7 miles until it comes to a fork. Follow the right side of the fork.
14. 1 1/2 glorious miles past the fork you'll see a wooden mail shed on the left with the numbers 31201. There may be paper "Camp Tawonga" signs pointing to the right, but then there may not.
15. Take a sharp right turn onto the dirt road and follow it into camp. When you arrive, there will be a locked gate and speaker box. Please press down on the TALK switch, state your name and purpose for coming to camp, and then *release* the toggle switch to the LISTEN position. We will then tell you how to proceed.
- 16. If you get lost, don't panic. Call us at (209) 962-7459.**