



Majestic Mountain Loop Story Ideas 2015

Celebrate the National Park Anniversaries along the Majestic Mountain Loop:

Visit Sequoia, Kings Canyon & Yosemite National Parks and you will have completed the Majestic Mountain Loop.

The **Majestic Mountain Loop** is a suggested itinerary where visitors can see all three parks in as little as 3 days. Highlighted are some of the most popular “must see” attractions of Sequoia, Kings Canyon & Yosemite National Parks. While the Majestic Mountain Loop is crafted for people to hit all three parks in three days, the website has suggested alternatives for people who have more time to explore. To do the “Loop” you can fly in, drive in or take a guided tour.

In 2015, Sequoia National Park celebrates its 125th Anniversary. It was established on September 25, 1890 making it the nations’ second national park and the oldest in California. Just a week later on October 1, 1890 additional legislation was signed into law by President Benjamin Harrison creating Yosemite National Park and General Grant National Park and expanding Sequoia National Park.

Today Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks preserve 1,353 square miles (1,310 managed as Wilderness), contain the world’s largest tree (General Sherman), include the lower 48 states tallest peak (Mt. Whitney), hold one third of the world’s naturally-occurring Giant Sequoias and host over 1.6 million people from around the world.

For Yosemite, the legislation preserved and protected more than 1,500 square miles, including Tuolumne Meadows, the park’s high country, and Hetch Hetchy. Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias were still under the control of the State of California due to the provisions of the Yosemite Grant signed by President Abraham Lincoln on June 30, 1864, which paved the way for national parks across the county. However, the combination of the legislation and the existing Yosemite Grant comprised most of Yosemite National Park as it is known today.

After visiting Yosemite and spending time with famed naturalist John Muir, President Theodore Roosevelt pledged to make Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove a part of Yosemite National Park. The State of California ceded Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove to the federal government June 11, 1906.

The National Park Service, an agency of the Department of the Interior, was established on August 25, 1916. In 2016, the entire National Park Service will commemorate the Centennial, celebrating 100 years of caring for America’s treasures.

To learn more about all the options and see a complete list of stops along the “Loop”, visit www.MajesticMountainLoop.com.

Extreme Trees:

Hike amid the largest trees on earth! With 800 miles of trails available, Sequoia National Park is a sports enthusiast's paradise!

Extreme Wilderness:

Sequoia National Park in the Sierra Nevada may be one of the Golden State's most extreme backdrops for outdoor adventure. Here you'll find the five largest living trees in the world. In addition, it is home to Mount Whitney, the highest peak on the U.S. mainland at 14,505 feet or 4,421 meters.

Revive / leverage the theme of National Parks: America's Best Idea: Established in 1890, and featured in the Ken Burns PBS documentary "The National Parks: America's Best Idea", Sequoia National Park is California's first national park and America's second oldest. With more than 1.5 million annual visitors, Sequoia National Forest is a popular destination for guests from around the world.

History angle:

A historic look back at the parks that make up the Majestic Mountain Loop.

Road Trip! Destination:

The Majestic Mountain Loop. Include info on MML, but also "getting there" tips and sightseeing stops outside of the parks.

Generic "new" angle at covering CA National Parks

How the Majestic Mountain Loop got started

Family-friendly Majestic Mountain Loop

MML for the extreme adventurer

A foodie's trek along the MML

Preservation education in CA's National Parks

5 ways to "Do the Loop" (Fly, Shuttle, Drive Yourself, etc...)

The Central Sierra's lesser-known wonders

Communities of the Majestic Mountain Loop