

## The Hike



“Dad, how much longer until we get to the top?” My sister and I ask. Not much further he replies, but knowing my dad, we had no idea how many more miles it would really be. It was a beautiful morning in Yosemite, California, and being the active family we are, my family and I embarked for one of the most breath taking and hardest hikes found on the Yosemite National Park maps. Confident in our endurance, we embarked for the hike that climbed all the way to the top of a massive waterfall. It started off in the low lands of the park, which misled us to think that this hike would just be a simple walk in the woods.

But soon the terrain began to incline as we began our ascent to the tops of the mountain. We hiked for a while until suddenly we were stopped by a sign reading “Danger, do not cross this point”. However that sign blocked the path that led to the waterfall, we were about to turn around upset and disappointed when a clearly experienced hiker, equipped with backpack and all told us, “Ignore the sign, Its completely safe to hike up there. Missing out on this hike would be missing out on a true adventure, so we illegally crossed over the blocked path and continued on our hike. Clearly many others knew of the paths true safety and continued on with the hike as well. Like the man said, it was truly an adventure because instead of hiking on plain ground, we were guided by steps while mists of water gently refreshed our face. It was much different than any other hike I had ever been on because I had never hiked up a waterfall before.

After hundreds of steps and I don’t know how many miles, we finally reached the summit of the waterfall. It was as the brochure said breathtaking. You could feel the power of the rushing falls, below you, and I felt so weak compared to the falls. But I could see all from the soaring peak, making me feel as if I controlled the world. Sadly, my reign of power ended and we disembarked down the misty stair, over the sign and across the flat lands, all before lunch. To this day, it still remains my favorite hike of all time.