

CARLON FALLS HIKE

Carlton is a personal-sized waterfall, twenty or thirty feet high and roughly as wide (the width varies over the course of the year), with a pool at its base and a series of small cascades downstream. The trail follows the South Fork of the Tuolumne River, taking you through a variety of wildflowers early in the year and glorious fall foliage later in the year. As the summer progresses, ferns and Indian Rhubarb along the river add to the hike's bucolic nature.

There's a short, steep ascent near the end, but for the most part, it's an easy hike. The trail is smooth and only occasionally dimpled by roots and rocks. Carlton becomes a popular swimming hole once the water flow has subsided to safe levels, so visit early or late on a weekday for the best chance of solitude. Fishing for rainbow and brook trout is a popular activity along the river near the trailhead.

DETAILS

Hiking Distance: 3.8 miles (6 km) out and back

Hiking time: 1 to 3 Hours

Elevation Change: 200 feet (60 meters)

Carlton Falls Parking Area:

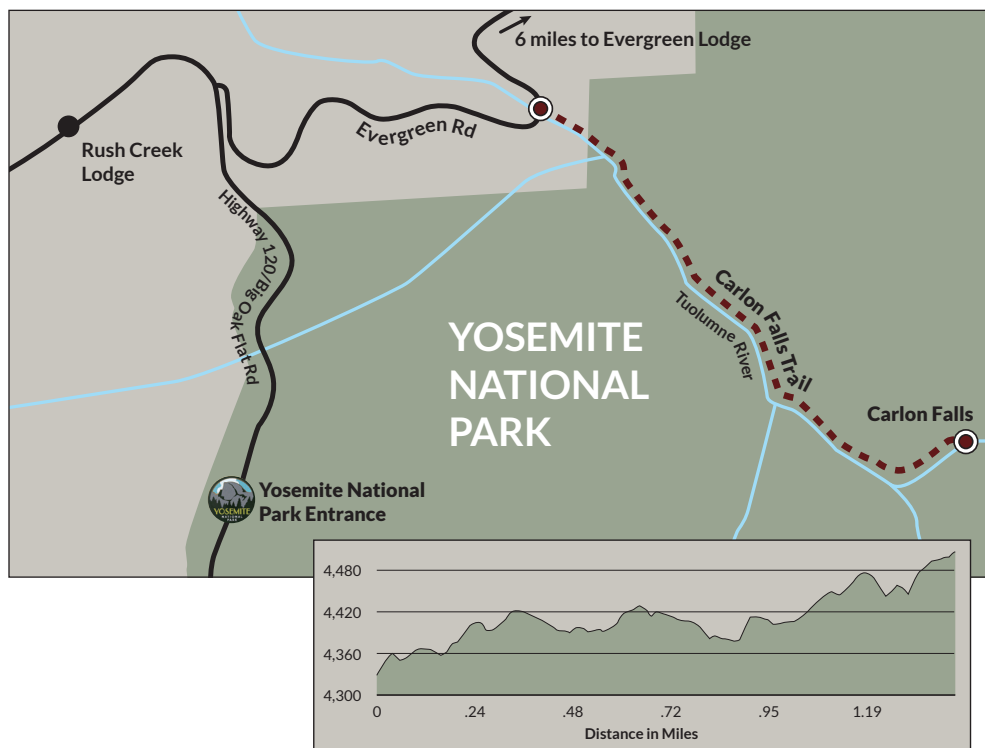
From Evergreen, travel 6 miles on Evergreen Road back toward Hwy-120

From Rush Creek, turn right onto HWY 120 and left 5 minutes down Evergreen Road

Address: 32158 Evergreen Rd. Groveland, CA 95321

Note: Strollers and dogs are not permitted off pavement in Yosemite National Park and camping without a permit is also illegal. If you're planning to go into the water, please wait until after the spring runoff. Don't factor in just the water depth, temperature, and current when you're calculating the danger level—remember that river beds are often slippery as well.

This information sheet is not meant to be a substitute for a hiking map. Hiking can be dangerous—please use caution and be safe.



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