

Tuolumne to Vogelsang

Distance 28 miles round trip

Elevation Gain 5857 Feet Up and 5857 Feet Down

Location: Tuolumne Meadows

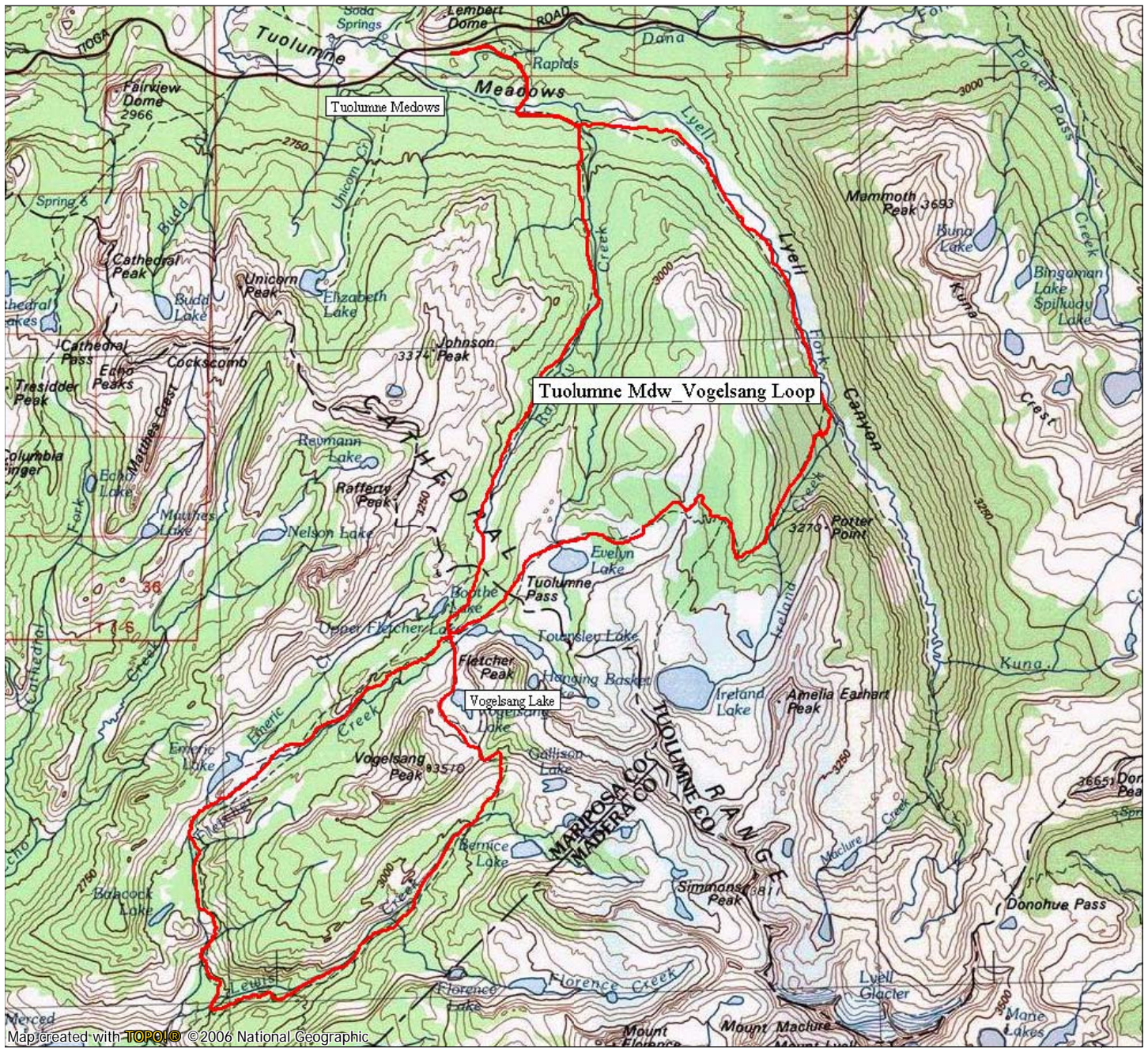
Time of Year: Mid June to Mid October

Directions from Bishop: Head north on Hwy 395 to Lee Vining, 65miles away. Just prior to reaching Lee Vining, turn left on Hwy 120 and head west 12 miles to Tioga Pass, it's another 7 miles to the Hiker parking area at Tuolumne Meadows.

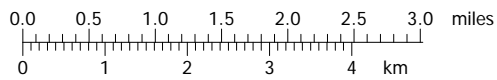
Description: Pick up the Muir Trail at the hiker parking area and head east towards Donahue Pass; the first 6 miles are flat as you run along the Lyell Fork of the Tuolumne River; follow the trail first crossing the Dana Fork of the Tuolumne (about 1/4 mile) and then over the Lyell Fork (about 3/4 mile); another 1/2 mile or so brings you to the Rafferty Creek trail jct, go passed this (you'll come down it later) and continue along the Lyell Fork another 4.5 miles until you encounter the trail jct at Ireland Creek; the trail gets steep here while you ascend almost 2,000 feet in 2.5 miles; along the way you'll pass a trail jct, stay to the right; from the saddle it's a gradual descent down to Evelyn Lake (1.4 miles) and then Fletcher Lake (1.1 miles); another 1/4 brings you to the trail jct at Vogelsang High Sierra Camp; continue straight down Fletcher Creek for 5 miles and a drop of 2,000 feet, where you intersect another trail jct; Merced High Sierra Camp is to the right, we take the left fork back to Vogelsang HSC; 5 miles and an ascent of 2500 feet later you cross over Vogelsang Pass at 10,500 feet (stay left at any trail junctions); at Vogelsang HSC trail junction go straight to Tuolomne Pass at 9992 feet (about 2 miles and 500 feet down); here you head straight down Rafferty Creek back to the Muir trail, turn left and head back to the parking area (5-6 miles and 1400 feet down).

Odds and Ends

- 1) You'll have to pay an entrance fee upon entering the park at Tioga Pass.
- 2) In wet years, you'll find snow on the trails and possible wet stream crossings.



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