

YMCA of GREATER WHITTIER CAMP ARBOLADO OUTCAMPING TRIPTIK BOOK

**TRIP #3 INFO: Forsee Creek Trailhead to Johns Meadow
Trail Camp**

(NOTE: This book is to be used in conjunction with the TripTik Baseline Manual)



*We build strong kids, strong families,
strong communities.*



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FOOD FOR THOUGHT/REFLECTION

You may think, my dear, when you grow quite old
You have left camp days behind.
But I know the scent of wood-smoke
Will always call to mind
Little fires at twilight
And trails you used to find.

You may think some day that you have quite grown up,
And feel so worldly wise.
But suddenly from out of the past
A vision will arise,
Of merry folk with brown, bare knees
And laughter in their eyes.

You may live in a house built to your taste
In the nicest part of town.
But some day for you old camp toys
You'd change your latest gown
And trade it all for a balsam bed
Where the stars all night look down.

You may find yourself grown wealthy
- have all that gold can buy.
But you'd toss aside a fortune
For days 'neath an open sky
With sunlight on blue water
And white clouds sailing by.

For once you have been a camper,
Then something has come to stay
Deep in your heart forever,
Which nothing can take away.
And heaven can only be heaven
With a camp in which to play.

TRIP #3
Forsee Creek Trailhead to Johns Meadow Trail
Camp

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MAIN STATISTICS: **5.4 miles** round trip from Forsee Creek trailhead;
 7.7 - 8.4 miles round trip if leave from Forsee
 Creek trailhead and hike back to Camp Arbolado
500 feet elevation gain
Classification: **Easy** (2 days)
Season: **June - October**

FEATURES

Johns Meadow is an easy hike and the camp is located in a pleasant shaded meadow, surrounded by thick growths of pine trees. Another option that this trip offers is the ability to hike back into Camp Arbolado, thus eliminating the need for transportation to bring the campers back to camp. This option adds about 2.3 to 3 miles to the trip, but it's level walking.

DESCRIPTION

Take the Jenks Lake Road turnoff off of State Highway 38. From Camp Arbolado, go down the highway towards Redlands to the Jenks Lake Road turnoff point below the Boy Scout Camp Tahquitz. Travel up Jenks Lake Road approx. 1/3 mile and turn right onto the Forsee Creek trailhead (Camp Round Meadow) dirt road. Follow the dirt road past Camp Round Meadow entrance until it ends at the Forsee Creek trailhead, about 1 mile. The first 2/3 mile of the dirt road is readily negotiable; the last 1/3 is too steep and rocky for most standard cars.

From the trailhead, the trail leads uphill through a dark forest of white fir, incense cedar, Jeffery pine and black oak. Approx. 1/3 mile from the trailhead you reach a trail junction: left goes to Jackstraw Springs (Trip #2) and Trail Fork Springs; right goes to Johns Meadow. Follow the right fork to Johns Meadow. The trail is easy, ascending 500 feet from the trailhead in approx. 1.5 miles, then leveling off for the rest of the 2.5 mile total distance to Johns Meadow. Johns Meadow Trail Camp is situated a short distance past Forsee Creek. Obtain water from Forsee Creek.

An option on the trip home is to hike all the way back to Camp Arbolado. To do this, merely walk the Forsee Creek dirt road to Jenks Lake Road after returning to the trailhead. You can cross Jenks Lake Road and do a short (0.13 mile) cross-country hop to highway 38 or follow Jenks Lake road all the way to Highway 38 (adding an extra 1/3 mile to the walk). When you reach Highway 38, turn right and follow the highway up toward Barton Flats Ranger Station. This stretch of highway 38 is a level walk. Upon reaching the ranger station, you can take the trail into Camp Arbolado at the stream (turn left off the highway) or travel further to the main dirt road into Camp Arbolado. Using the main dirt road into Camp Arbolado will add an extra 0.4 miles to the return trip. If one follows Jenks Lake Road and the main dirt road into Camp Arbolado, approx. 3 miles total is added to the return trip. Taking the above mentioned shortcuts reduces the distance to 2.3 miles.

GROUP GEAR LISTS, PERSONAL GEAR LISTS, MENUS, OUTCAMPING POLICIES, EQUIPMENT OPERATING/TROUBLESHOOTING/REPAIR/MAINTENANCE, BEAR BAGS, POISONOUS PLANTS, OUTDOOR FIRST AID/EMERGENCIES, HORSESHOE PACK, and FINDING YOUR WAY

Information on the above subjects is provided in the Camp Arbolado TripTik Baseline Manual.

FIGURE 1: Trip #3 Elevation Gain (One-Way)

