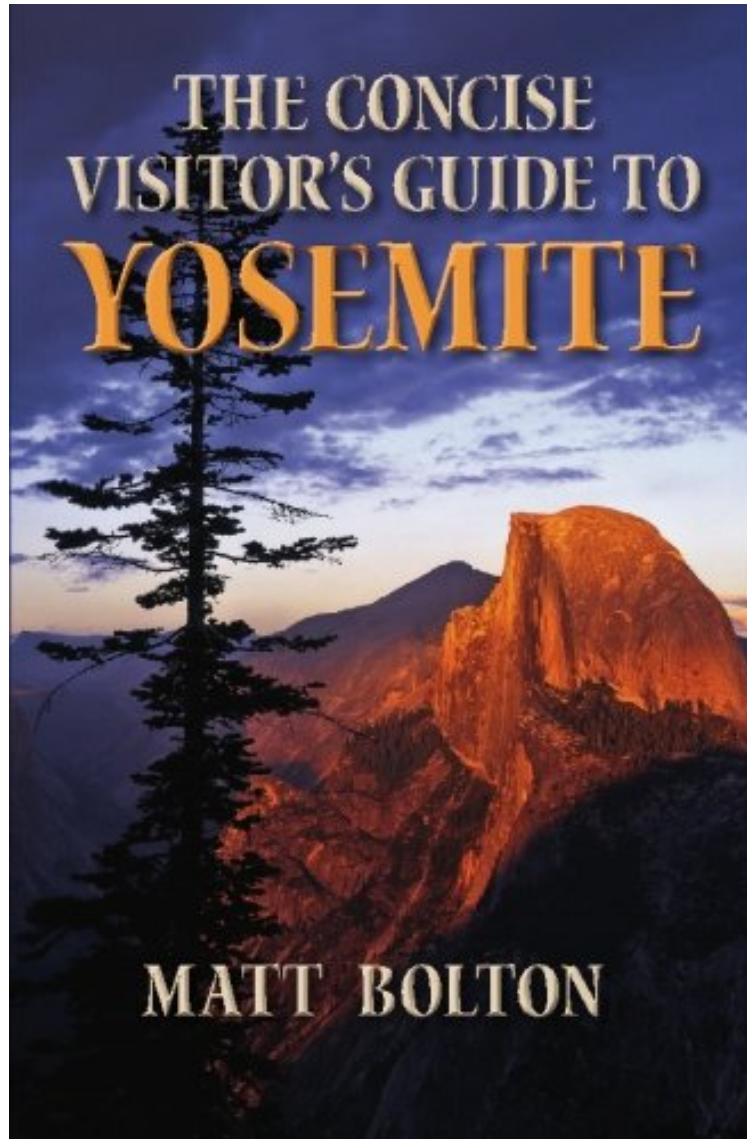


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**Matt Bolton : The Concise Visitor's Guide to Yosemite** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Concise Visitor's Guide to Yosemite:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great introduction book for first time visitorsBy J. TurnerIf you are looking for a guide book that contains every detail on anything about Yosemite National Park, this is not your book. If you wish you had a friend who'd been to the park several times and and could prep you for your first trip, giving you some great basic information and good tips, this is what you need. This is not a book of data. It is an easily read book

that has provides the basic information you need to start planning a trip to Yosemite, and advises what to do while you are there. There are great tips on how to get there, lodging, hiking, and even what to do if you only have, heaven forbid, just 2-3 days. This book has a nice print size (good for us over 50 folks) and is just 120 pages. "The Concise Visitor's Guide to Yosemite" was one of three Yosemite guide books that I purchased, and it was my first reading choice of the three to start planning our family trip. I also purchased the "Moon Handbooks Yosemite" (Ann Marie Brown) and Frommer's "Yosemite and Sequoia Kings Canyon National Parks". While I have only scanned through these two books, here is my initial impression: The "Moon Handbooks Yosemite" will likely be my go-to guide for very specific details on the park. It's a 5.5" x 7.5", 280+ page guide book, about 3/4" thick, with very extensive information, and is in a great format for finding whatever you may need. The print is on the small side, but the pages are formatted in a way that it is not hard to read. There are some nice color maps and photos in the front of the book. Frommer's "Yosemite and Sequoia Kings Canyon National Parks" is also chock full of information. Note from the title that it is also a guide for Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. This is more of a pocket sized book (4.5 x 8.5, less than 1/2" thick) and would be a great lightweight guidebook for backpacking, etc., but if that is not an important feature, and you are looking for information specifically on Yosemite, I would go with the Moon Handbook. And, if you are a first time visitor who knows little or nothing about visiting Yosemite, I do recommend starting with Mr. Bolton's "The Concise Visitor's Guide to Yosemite".

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. A comfortable, helpful companion

By Map Lover

The National Park experience is exhilarating and amazing, but if you've never been to one, a park like Yosemite can overwhelm you. There are hundreds of books about Yosemite so what does this one have to offer? Well, it's a comfortable read like sitting down with a friend who wants you to experience the grandeur, beauty, inspiration, and refreshment of this wilderness. Mr. Bolton provides a good overview of the national park experience for a first-time visitor. He lets you taste all "31 flavors" of Yosemite so you don't have to consume all the facts in numerous guides, maps, and brochures. Even veteran park visitors will probably learn something new. You can use this "concise guide" to plan a visit that is most satisfying to you and your traveling companions.

One suggestion I have is to mark Chapter 9 (phone numbers) somehow for quick reference. It can be easy to thumb past and might have been better in an appendix. A couple of the maps are too small to be useful, but you can always pick up larger versions from the Visitor's Center once you arrive. Mr. Bolton's familiar writing style gives a sense of place and sets expectations better than the generic, formal guidebooks.

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Very helpful information for visitors.

By Tracy Barta

Filled with helpful information. Easy to read. I wish we had something like this before our first visit to Yosemite with the kids. We would like to go back, and this will help us narrow our focus during the trip to what we really want to see and do. I like the tips for "must see" and "if you only have a little time". Good information about: clothing, hiking, carrying water, non-hiking options, lodging, where to eat, and where to buy supplies and gasoline. Nice descriptions of the popular trails and how to select one (or some), and the waterfalls. Also contains information on less-visited areas (like the ones we missed on our first trip). Great trip-planning guide. Not stuffed with park history, because you can stock up on that information elsewhere.

Whether you are planning a trip to Yosemite National Park or you are in the car and heading there, Matt Bolton's The Concise Visitor's Guide to Yosemite is your perfect traveling companion. Using this book as your guide, you will find the most candid and up-to-date information about trails and lodging, weather conditions, where to dine or shop for food, kids' activities, and park tours. Unlike many guide books that highlight certain areas, Bolton's book allows you to compare different aspects of the park. For example, why are some trails better than others? Are there areas to avoid? In a park that offers seemingly limitless activities, this book will help you to organize your visit and get the most out of your time at the park. As a five-time visitor to Yosemite, and a visitor to what many consider every major national park in the fifty states, the author is more than qualified to be your guide.

About the Author

Matt Bolton is passionate about national parks. In fact, he has visited what many consider to be every major national park in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii, plus the major parks of Alberta and British Columbia. From encounters with grizzly bears at Glacier N.P., to taking shelter from incredible hail storms at Yellowstone N.P., to dining in all sixteen great lodges of the national park system, Bolton has a wealth of experience in the parks. As a five-time visitor to Yosemite, the author shares his love of Yosemite, while offering the ultimate visitors guide.