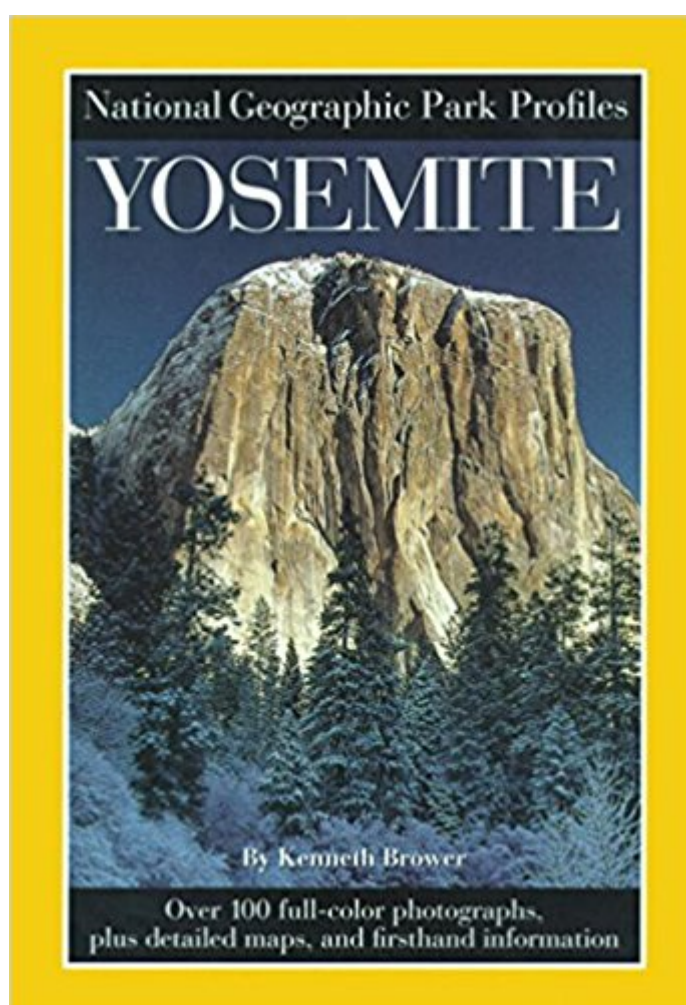


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Well written, definitely a hiker's perspective of my favorite park. Since I am a (horse) packer, I wish a little credit had been given to the horses' influence on this park. These days, there is huge criticism of horses on the trails, etc but what people completely fail to realize is that these animals pack in (literally) tons of materials and supplies to maintain these trails for the benefit of all. You won't find a lot of human volunteers to carry 30 lb 8 ft long posts on their backs for 20 miles to a trail maintenance site. Yes, there may be a road apple or two on the trail but get over it and realize not all people are hikers. John Muir and Teddy Roosevelt established these parks for the enjoyment of all Americans with varied interests.

I really appreciate Kenneth Brower sharing his personal stories and journeys in Yosemite. The author recounts how as a young boy, he was briefly lost in the valley: "Following some butterfly, some scent, some proprietary urge, I wandered away from our cabin at Yosemite Lodge...For an hour or two I explored the valley on my own." Young Kenneth wasn't harmed (he turned up at the gas station) and he wonders, many years later, how this brief incident might have changed her perspective. "I have a suspicion that my disappearance in Yosemite, if I could recall it, would prove to be a key to me." The author takes the reader on a journey through the valley, discovering signs of settlers from many years back, as well as interesting natural life. Here's one narrative, with the author hiking the valley with Jim Snyder: "We stopped again at the mouth of Spiller Canyon, at blaze No. 141, a skull and crossbones. Snyder takes it for a territorial mark. He guesses there was a warning in it." This guide is filled with many similar discoveries and remembrances. (I wish I could have been with the travelers!) All in all, I found PARK PROFILES: YOSEMITE to be a wonderful tribute by a dedicated, sensitive naturalist. Naturally, this book features tons of beautiful photos. Thank you, Kenneth Brower for a re-introduction to this great place!

This is another fantastic book that you need to get prior to your visit. Told in great stories and with beautiful pictures of America's best National Park this book will help you make your decision of what areas or areas to visit first. If you have the time, please make it, to visit the main areas of your interest. This will help. I also recommend The Road Guide to Yosemite. Enjoy you are the lucky one.

We weren't able to purchase this book at Yosemite during our visit in April. In fact, the park staff told us that it would be rare to find it outside the park. Well, I got lucky and like most things National

Geographic, it's a treasure. I'm inspired to make another visit to the park very soon. I'm sure it will ignite your imagination too!

We got this for pre-vacation homework. I wanted a picture flavor of Yosemite and I am very happy. The author has roots to Yosemite in that his great grandfather had a falling out with John Muir. The author is really a very good writer, and that makes it entertaining to read. Good writers bring you places effortlessly.

This is a comprehensive book on Yosemite National Park supplemented by fantastic photographs of the park. It is over 200 pages long and done as only National Geographic can.

Parks are certainly one of nature's most expressive creations. I never tire of visiting them. The book really defines the treasures of the park extremely well. I often reread it because the book keeps my memories of the actual visit to the park fresh.

We travel to Yosemite frequently yet learned more through the publication, as well as get photos unable to be gotten as an amateur. A great read for between visits!

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