Tuolumne Meadows GearLoopTopo Overview

ℹ️ Can be busy. Prepare for alternatives.  😊 Well protected or easy for the grade.  🌶️ Spicy for the grade.

**Aqua Knobby 5.9 🛩️ (Pywiack Dome)**
Aqua Knobby is a great little route located right next to the road with fun slab and great cracks. A new bolted variation on the first pitch makes this route even better, and the steep crux and exposed knob sections above the roof are as good as it gets.

- 4 pitches  
- 5 minutes  
- 2-3 hours  
- Late morning to afternoon

**Cooke Book 5.10a 🛩️ (Daff Dome)**
Cooke Book is an old school classic with tons of excellent climbing. It is physically demanding and packed with burly liebacking, jamming and finger locks. The route is rarely crowded and stays in the shade until the afternoon.

*Includes Bombs over Tokyo (5.10c)*

- 6 pitches  
- 15-20 minutes  
- 3-4 hours  
- Afternoon until sunset

**Crescent Arch 5.9+ 🛩️ (Daff Dome)**
Crescent Arch is one of the best routes in Tuolumne Meadows. It follows the huge right curving dihedral splitting Daff Dome’s West Face. This route is fairly sustained and features consistent 5.9 climbing throughout as well as a very airy finish.

*Includes Witch of the West (5.9), West of the Witch (5.8), and Bombs over Tokyo (5.10c)*

- 5 pitches  
- 20-25 minutes  
- 3-4 hours  
- Afternoon until sunset

**Crest Jewel 5.10a & Crest Jewel Direct 5.10d 🛩️ (North Dome)**
Crest Jewel is an amazing bolted climb featuring pitch after pitch of stellar slab climbing on impeccable granite. The views are spectacular, and if you’re willing to endure the long approach, this might be the best long slab climb you will ever do.

- 10-15 pitches  
- 2½-3½ hours  
- 3-5 hours  
- All day

**Crying Time Again 5.10a 🛩️ & Direct NW Face 5.10c 🌶️ (Lembert Dome)**
Crying Time Again follows a meandering line of weaknesses up a beautiful golden wall with steep engaging climbing. The Direct NW Face climbs a continuous crack system from bottom to top, with sustained 5.9 climbing and a short 5.10c crux.

- 4 pitches  
- 15 minutes  
- 3-4 hours  
- Noon until sunset

**Dike Route 5.9R 🛩️ & Needle Spoon 5.10a 🌶️ (Pywiack Dome)**
Dike Route is a classic Tuolumne runout slab route that follows a dike system on perfect granite. Needle Spoon is an overlooked slab climb that will certainly challenge your friction ability on exquisite glacier polished golden granite.

- 6 pitches  
- 5 minutes  
- 2-3 hours  
- Afternoon until sunset

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**Great Pumpkin 5.8R & Roseanne 5.9R** *(Fairview Dome)*
Great Pumpkin links up a series of flakes, corners and knobby face sections. The climbing is aesthetic and enjoyable with some exciting run-outs. Roseanne is a great route that delivers plenty of exposure and airy face climbing.

- 4 pitches
- 15-20 minutes
- 2-4 hours
- Afternoon until sunset

**Great White Book 5.6R** *(Stately Pleasure Dome)*
This huge left facing corner is the most classic moderate wide climb in Tuolumne. But don’t let the 5.6 rating fool you: the wide sections might feel awkward and slippery, and protection is sparse and can be hard to place.

- 5 pitches
- 5 minutes
- 2-3 hours
- Morning to afternoon

**Hobbit Book 5.7R** *(Mariuolumne Dome)*
Hobbit Book is an excellent route with fantastic views, killer rock, lots of varied and sustained climbing, and a very exciting runout pitch. It requires a semi-long and exposed approach as well as a long descent, making it a full day affair for many.
*Includes Seconds to Darkness (5.8) and Mmmm...Crackahol (5.9/5.10a)*

- 4 pitches
- 1-2 hours
- 2-3 hours
- Late afternoon to sunset

**Lucky Streaks 5.10d** *(Fairview Dome)*
Lucky Streaks is a spectacular route that should not be missed by 5.10 climbers. It is a notch harder than Regular Route, and although the short crux section is easy for the grade, it will surely test your finger crack skills.

- 6 pitches
- 15-20 minutes
- 3-5 hours
- Afternoon until sunset

**Northwest Books 5.6 & Beginner’s Route 5.4** *(Lembert Dome)*
Northwest Books is probably the best moderate multi-pitch in Tuolumne, and it’s perfect for those new to trad climbing. This route is not very sustained, but a challenging polished layback on the first pitch will demand your attention.

- 3 pitches
- 5-10 minutes
- 1-2 hours
- Noon until sunset

**Northwest Buttress 5.5** *(Tenaya Peak)*
This superb, long, and easy climb ascends the NW buttress of Tenaya Peak on slick, clean, and knobless white granite. The summit views of Half Dome, Mathes Crest and other domes are simply incredible. Great simul-climbing practice!

- 14 pitches
- 30-40 minutes
- 4-6 hours
- Mid-morning to sunset

**On The Lamb 5.9** *(Lamb Dome)*
On the Lamb is extremely fun and very unusual because it actually traverses more than it goes up. This route offers 500ft of incredibly exposed climbing along a uniquely featured horizontal dike/crack. The Jailbreak finish makes it even better.
*Includes Little Sheba (5.10a), Jailbreak (5.9PG13), and Sleeper Finish (5.9R)*

- 4 pitches
- 20-30 minutes
- 3-4 hours
- Afternoon until sunset

**OZ 5.10d & Gram Traverse 5.10d** *(Drug Dome)*
OZ is one of the best and most spectacular routes in Tuolomne. It features a hard but well bolted steep face linking into an amazing dihedral that ends up under a huge roof. This corner is long, and features sustain laybacking and incredible stemming.

- 4 pitches
- 15-20 minutes
- 3-4 hours
- Afternoon until sunset

**Regular Route 5.9** *(Fairview Dome)*
Regular Route is deservedly the most popular multi-pitch climb in Tuolumne. The route is as classic as it gets: it follows a long, continuous crack system all the way to the top, and features cracks of all sizes with excellent protection.

- 9 pitches
- 15-20 minutes
- 5-8 hours
- Noon until sunset

**Regular Route 5.10a** *(Third Pillar of Dana Plateau)*
This route is amazing. It requires a long, but very scenic approach, and packs in a wide variety of sustained and exposed climbing on very high quality granite. The last pitch is simply spectacular, and the exposure and top-out are absolutely awesome.

- 5 pitches
- 2½-3 hours
- 3-5 hours
- Sunrise until noon
South Crack 5.8R 🙅‍♂️ (Stately Pleasure Dome)
South Crack is a very popular climb mixing an exquisite blend of crack and face climbing. The first part of the route follows an absolutely beautiful finger crack, while the second half features exciting runout slabs with limited protection.

- 6 pitches
- 5 minutes
- 3-4 hours
- Morning to late afternoon

Southeast Buttress 5.6 😊 (Cathedral Peak)
Cathedral Peak has one of the coolest summits in Tuolumne Meadows, and the Southeast Buttress offers delightful climbing on featured rock with endless variations. This is a must do classic alpine route!

- Includes North Face (5.4) of Eichorn’s Pinnacle
- 5 pitches
- 1-1½ hours
- 2-3 hours
- Sunrise until afternoon

South Face 5.8 (North Dome)
The South Face Route offers a rewarding mix of crack climbing, friction and liebacking on great rock. Because it requires a long approach, it’s a great choice if you want to stay away from the crowds and climb in a spectacular location.

- 8 pitches
- 2½-3½ hours
- 5-6 hours
- Most of the day

South to North Traverse 5.7 😊 (Matthes Crest)
This unusual traverse features mostly scrambling along a fantastic knife edge ridge, and contains only a few fifth class sections and a single 5.7 move. This route has a great alpine feel, and offers breathtaking views in a spectacular location.

- 10+ pitches
- 2-3 hours
- 3-6 hours
- Morning to late afternoon

West Country 5.7 🙅‍♂️ (Stately Pleasure Dome)
West Country is a fun climb with a little bit of everything, including an awkward polished dihedral and a slightly runout friction slab. With such a quick approach, it’s no surprise that it’s so popular.

- Includes Hermaphrodite Flake (5.4/5.7) and The Boltway (5.9)
- 4 pitches
- 5 minutes
- 2-3 hours
- Afternoon until sunset

West Crack 5.9 😘 & Blown Away 5.9 (Daff Dome)
West Crack is an incredible route packed with lots of great crack climbing. The route is mostly 5.8 with a single 5.9 move at the start. Blown Away heads left after 2 pitches, and follows a beautiful knobby face to a mind-blowing overhanging corner.

- Includes Witch of the West (5.9) and West of the Witch (5.8)
- 5 pitches
- 20-25 minutes
- 2-4 hours
- Noon until sunset

Zee Tree 5.7 😊 & Dike Route 5.9R 🙅‍♂️ (Pywiack Dome)
Moderate difficulty and closely-spaced bolts make Zee Tree a great introduction to slab climbing in Tuolumne Meadows. On the other hand, the neighboring Dike Route is much more runout and requires a completely different mindset.

- 6 pitches
- 5 minutes
- 2-3 hours
- Afternoon until sunset