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A road less traveled

Autumn’s majesty draws visitors along Tioga Road.

T I O G A  R O A D — A soul-soothing meander through forest, meadows and granite. Although its view is still a whisper, the message is clear. Autumn is coming. Gather memories while you can.

So consider those who love Yosemite’s spectacular Tioga Road. Published this time of year.

In a few weeks, once will close Tioga Road. Shifting fall’s special memonts of the Sierra in all but the mosthardt of winter aberrations — it’s enough to make hearts swell — and soon we'll miss that trip across the mountains on what many consider California’s most scenic trans-Sierra route.

Til next year’s leaves will roll and you'll have the best time to travel Tioga Road. Summer crowds are thinning out and deciduous trees are staging a colorful show on the eastern slopes of the Sierras.

But whether you travel in spring, when meadows are bathed in wildflowers, or autumn out on a crisp October, the road leaves unforgettable impressions.

“I’ve known as many people who identify with the road,” says Dave Boe, a former Fresno Bee reporter and author of “Tioga Country,” a history of the road. “It will be published by the Yosemite Association Fall. For many of them, it is the highway to their spiritual home. A road of great beauty and diversity.”

Despite contention from veteran travelers, Yosemite Road often is overlooked by park visitors drawn to the beauty of Yosemite Valley and the spectcular views from Glacier Point. This year, about 1.4 million people will visit the park, last year 258,000, or about 14%, will have traveled over Tioga Pass.

The scenic two-lane road is three hours from Fresno and can be traveled manage in about 90 minutes. It follows the route of Highway 120 from Crane Flat, near the western edge of Yosemite to Tioga Pass at Tioga Pass at tioga Pass.

Loy heights abound in Tioga’s high country, whether viewed from a beautiful vista at the base of a camping site.

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Are you ready to have your first or next Tioga Pass or have made the crossing dozens of times, there are interesting things to see and turn. Turn to see the quality and passion for the road.

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