



Lover's Leap Classic Multi Pitch Adventure

Lover's Leap is likely the best moderate traditional multi-pitch climbing site in California. Easy access, spectacular climbing, enjoyable walk-off descents and good camping nearby, no wonder Lover's Leap is on every rock climber's wish list.

This program operates with a low participant to guide ratio of 2:1 to maximum your climbing time and efficiency. Most climbs are 3 pitches in length and a typical day involve 2-3 routes. MAS Guides are professional and personable, and will work with you to develop the best possible day. MAS guides are more than happy to conduct "mini-clinics" on multi-pitch topics when appropriate and much of the learning is through "hands-on" practice.

Private course arrangements are available with advanced reservations.

SELECTED CLASSIC ROUTES:

- Corrugation Corner - 5.7 (4 pitches) - One of the best routes of it's grade anywhere
- Bear Reach - 5.7 (3 pitches) - delicate and elegant route
- Haystack - 5.8 (3 pitches) - good crack climbing leads to an intimidating roof on the second pitch
- The Line - 5.9 (3 pitches) - a direct line to the top via jams, dikes and roofs
- Travelers Buttress - 5.9 (4 pitches) - one of the "50 Classics of North America", 5.9 offwidth required
- Hospital Corner - 5.10a (2-3 pitches) - steep dihedral with demanding jams and stems
- Surrealistic Pillar Direct - 5.10b - steep stenuous corner leads through a roof with awesome jams

MEETING TIME & PLACE:

Meet your guide at 8 AM outside the Strawberry Lodge (www.strawberry-lodge.com) on Highway 50. Please be ready to climb and prepared to help carry some gear (e.g. rope).

PREREQUISITES:

- strong belay skills
- comfortable climbing at least 5.6 crack and face climbs (similar abilities will be paired)
- good physical condition

COURSE CURRICULUM:

- review rock climbing safety procedures, commands and knots
- review lead belay skills
- discuss anchor removal and racking
- practice and refine crack and face climbing techniques
- Climb, climb, climb

WHAT TO BRING:

- light weight approach and descent shoes
- appropriate climbing clothing suitable for the day (if in doubt please contact the MAS office)
- day backpack to carry lunch, water, and personal rock climbing gear
- harness, helmet, rock shoes (available for rent with MAS)
- 2 locking carabiners and belay device

M.A.S. PROVIDES:

- climbing ropes and anchors
- first aid kit
- professional and personable climbing guides

COURSE REGISTRATION:

Preregistration is required and full payment reserves your spot. Secure online registration is available through the MAS web site (<http://www.mtadventure.com>). Participants can also call or email the MAS office at (209) 753 6556 ext. 1 or mail@mtadventure.com. All course participants must fill- out and sign MAS Course Registration Form.

*** More information on the back ***

Additional Multi-Pitch Information

- Please be on time and ready to go at the programs meeting time and place
- Well padded harness is nice
- Comfortable climbing shoes, it is not always convenient to remove shoes during the climb
- Climbing with athletic long pants helps protect against abrasions
- A good, compact climbing backpack (low profile) lessens the load
- A small, lightweight headlamp
- Small, easily accessible, lunch snacks are better than large, heavy items
- If you are going to bring a camera please have a good keeper strap
- Pay attention to the weather and dress appropriately

Hot Weather: hydrate aggressively in the morning and be prepared to carry extra water on the climb (2 quarts recommended for a full day); loose, lightweight and light colored clothing is a good idea; a lightweight windbreaker is a critical piece of gear; sun hat to wear underneath your helmet is also plus.

Cold Weather: harness with adjustable leg loops helps you add or remove layers; warm hat fits underneath a climbing helmet; a lightweight windbreaker is a critical piece of gear.

Directions to Lovers Leap

DIRECTIONS:

- From Sacramento head East on Highway 50 towards Placerville.
- From Placerville continue East on Highway 50 (approximately 40 miles left to go)
- When you pass the small town of Kyburz you are about 9 miles away. If you look up and to the left (north) you may see the Sugarloaf outcropping high on the hillside. There is great granite multi-pitch climbs up there too and MAS offers courses here during the Fall/Winter/Spring.
- As you approach the small town of Strawberry you will see the Strawberry Lodge on your right. Exit right here and park in front of the Strawberry Lodge. Lovers Leap is only a short distance away on the small highway frontage road which will veer to the right over a small bridge and takes the first left which gradually climbs a hill past some houses.

Camping and Lodging Information

The **Lovers Leap Campground** offers convenient camping sites with bathrooms and potable running water. Most camping sites are located a short walk from the parking lot so be prepared to carry your camping gear. Weekends can be crowded so plan to arrive early and be prepared to share a site with others if needed. Midweek is quieter and open campsites easy to find.

The historic Strawberry Lodge is located half a mile away from the campsite and offers nice accommodations. There is also a restaurant and bar open to the public which is convenient when you don't feel like cooking dinner by the campfire. For more information please visit www.strawberry-lodge.com or call (530) 659-7200.

Another lodging option which is a few miles down the road on Highway 50 is the Kyburz Resort Motel which offer simple and affordable rooms. For more information please visit www.kyburzresortmotel.com or call (530) 293-3382.

