



SWS Mountain Guides

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BASIC TECHNICAL ICE CLIMBING

Lee Vining/ June Lake, California



General Description: This course is designed for beginning to intermediate climbers who have basic rock climbing (rock gym experience ok) or snow climbing skills (call us if you have questions). This two-day course is for climbers wishing to learn the basics of technical ice climbing techniques. You will learn a full spectrum of ice climbing skills with instruction in: proper crampon techniques, belays, stances, equipment selections, two tool placement, movement on ice, energy conservation, rope handling, and gear management. This is a full introduction to the world of water ice climbing.

Location: Lee Vining Canyon and/or June Lake area, depending on ice conditions.

Itinerary: We will meet in Lee Vining at 7:00 am on the first day and carpool/hike to the ice climbing area. Expect about a 20-30 minute drive and 1 hour or more hike up to the base of the ice climbing. Plan on returning to Lee Vining by late afternoon. Second day, leave Lee Vining by 7:00 am and return to the cars by 4:30 pm. This itinerary is subject to change due to weather, snow, and ice conditions at the time of the course.

Food and Lodging: Food and lodging are **NOT** included in this course. You can either camp out or attain lodging in Lee Vining (highly suggest getting a room). We will hike out to the ice each day and return to town each evening. You may join us for a group dinner in June Lake in the evening if you wish. For lodging recommendations and/or special motel rates please see below or contact our office.

Lodging Recommendation: Murphy's Motel 760.647.6316 www.murpheysyosemite.com
Single \$58.00 plus Tax / Double \$63-83.00 plus Tax / 3-4 - 2 Queen Beds \$93.00 plus Tax).

Other Options: Lake View Lodge 760-647-6543- <http://www.lakeviewlodgeyosemite.com>- (\$75-\$100 per night)

Level: Beginning/intermediate. Participants should be in good to excellent physical condition. Previous rock climbing or mountaineering experience required (gym experience ok), including a working knowledge of basic climbing knots and basic belay techniques. Any questions? Give us a call at 1-888-797-6867.



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Dates 2019:

January 5-6

January 12-13*

January 18-19

January 26-27

February 9-10

February 16-17*

President's Day

February 23-24

March 2-3

March 6-7 *

**Mid-week departure*

Additional Dates: Available by with 3 or more - regular prices or by private arrangement.

Cost: \$400.00 (Guide ratio will kept to 1:3, group size limited to 6)

Rentals: Add \$55.00 for Mountaineering Boots & Crampons rentals for the course. Please contact as soon as possible to arrange rents.

Includes: Professional instruction / guide(s), technical climbing equipment, climbing harnesses, helmets, permits. A selection of ice tools will be available for client use.

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