

Journey Reflections

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Journey #1: Kwaay Paay Peak & Mission Trails Regional Park

As I woke up, I remembered I had to go on a 4 mile hike at Kwaay Paay Peak. I was nervous because this was my first time going on a hike this big. But When I got to school I felt encouraged to go because all my friends were excited to go.

When we started I was feeling good about hiking up the mountain. I was walking with Vincent for the first half of the hike but then he slowed down so I left him. Walking up the mountain was hard for me because my legs were starting to hurt so I took many short breaks.

When I was walking up the stairs I met Omar and saw him trip on the stairs. Then I reached the summit of the mountain and my friends were excited to see me without a sweater on for the first time. After I got to the summit I felt relieved that I didn't have to go up the mountain again. The view was really good and I got to hang out with my friends, but the day before I just got braces so it was hard for me to eat so I only ate an orange at the top.

Then it was finally time to go down the mountain. I went down with a group of people but they all were faster than me so I got left behind. When I was walking down I was at the split path and I took the wrong path and went down it. When I was going down that path, a rabbit jumped out of a bush and it scared me because I was walking alone and I thought it was going to attack me. But when I got close to the bottom I realized I went down the wrong path, so I walked back up and went the right way this time.

When I was walking back I met up with Ezekiel and we started talking and walking. Then we reached the water, Ezekiel walked across the log before me, but when it was my turn I slipped and my foot fell in the water so I gave up and just walked in the water. And then I got back to the parking lot and felt relieved that I was done with the hike.

If you like easy hikes I would recommend it, but if you don't have that much stamina, I wouldn't recommend it for you. And if you also don't have a good grip I wouldn't recommend it.

Journey #2: Anza Borrego State Park - Blair Valley Campground

When I woke up, I remembered that I had to go on a camping trip. I was excited because I liked camping and because I was camping with friends. I was also really excited for the night because it would be the most fun at night.

On the car ride to camp it was fun because my group stopped at McDonalds and I ate some chicken nuggets and fries. When we got to the camp we were like the last people there because we stopped for McDonalds. Setting up the tent was bad because it was hot out and it took us like 20 minutes to set up our tent.

During the day all I did was scroll on tiktok on my phone or talk to friends because I was bored. At about 5 PM me and Lars started going up the mountain but he got ahead of me because I was slow. It took me about 20 minutes to get up the mountain and it took another 20 minutes to go back down.

After I got down, I saw that some people made pasta, but when I ate it, it wasn't that good. During the night when me and my tent group were in bed, the wind started to shake my tent violently waking me up. After I woke up I just sat there but then I went outside because I heard some people talking. When I got out me and my friend went to the bathroom and when I got back from the bathroom I saw Trisha yelling at people to go to sleep.

After that, I got back in the tent and tried to go back to sleep but I couldn't. Some time later in the night, it started getting really windy and shook our tent a lot. Then a huge gust of wind came to our tent and tore our tent down. Everybody woke up after the tent came down and we started laughing because we thought it was funny.

After that, Omar came and told us he saw something flying away in the air coming from our tent. And after that, Trisha told us to quiet down because we were being too loud. After that we all quieted down and everyone else went to sleep but I couldn't go back to sleep so I just sat outside of the tent. I stayed up all night until it was morning and I went back into the tent and fell asleep.

When I woke up everyone was starting to pack up so I started packing up too. After I was done packing up Ethan's mom came back and picked us up and we went back to school. On our way back we stopped by In-n-Out to get food and I got a burger and fries. When we got back to school the teachers told us some stuff and after that I left.

If you like camping I would recommend this place, but if you get car sick easily I wouldn't recommend this because the roads to the camp get really bumpy and twisty. And be aware at night because it gets really windy and might cause your tent to collapse.

Journey #3: OC Ropes Course

When I woke up, I was nervous because I had to go to a ropes course. The reason the ropes course made me nervous was because I didn't like Heights. But when I got to school I felt a little bit better because everyone else was nervous too, so that made me feel a bit better because I wasn't the only one nervous.

When I got to the rope course I started talking to my friends that got there before me. When it was time to put on our harnesses, I wanted to go first but my partner also wanted to go first, but he decided that I could go first. When I was putting on my harness I had a little trouble putting it on so I asked my partner for help. When I got it on, the instructor told everyone to gather up and she told us what to do when we got on the rope course.

When it was my turn, I started climbing the cargo net but when I was putting my hook on Saxon started running up the net shaking it and almost making me fall, but I got on safely. When I got up, there were two paths I could go on, a rock wall or a tight rope. I picked the safer option to go with the rock wall. After the rock wall there was a plank I could walk across.

After that I went on a course with logs and a seesaw but that was pretty easy. But the next one there were a lot of unstable platforms that was hard but I got through it. The next one was an easy bridge across the level. Then the next one was probably the hardest one I went on, it was a bunch of small ropes that I would have to cross and every time I made it on to the next one I would start swinging around and the rope was far apart from each other so I would swing myself to the next one.

After that one I went on my way to the second level. The way to the second level was pretty easy. When I got on the second level I immediately went to the third level to get to the zipline. The path to the third level was pretty easy with a big black rope and a couple of lily pads.

After that I got to the zipline, the instructor at the zipline hooked me in and told me what to do. After she was done talking to me I went and as soon as

I went, I felt like I was dropping but then I remembered I was hooked in so it was alright. When I got done with the zipline, the instructor helped me get off. I took my harness off after that and went to go talk to my friends. And after that we packed up and went into the car. On the way back we got mcdonalds and I got chicken nuggets, a chicken sandwich and fries. When we got back to school I was so tired and sat around and did nothing. When it was time to leave I left immediately. I left and got into my moms car and left with her.

If you like ropes courses I would recommend this place because it's a really easy ropes course and it has a zipline at the top. And the environment is beautiful with all the trees around it. But if you go, make sure to bring sun screen because it can get hot out there.

Journey #4: Mission Point Paddleboarding

Before we left to go to the beach, I was feeling excited for paddle boarding because last time I went paddle boarding it was fun for me. When I was in the car going there me and everyone in the car were talking about stuff. When we got there we were like one of the first ones to get there. We started playing on the playground like going on the swings and stuff.

When everyone was there they started unpacking the paddle boards and oars and putting them on the grass. When they were done with that they told us what we were going to do and told us the groups we were going to be in. I got put in group C and the first thing we were going to do was make sand castles. My group and I were making a soccer bracket for our sand castle. When we were making the bracket we ran out of time and it was unfinished. Then Scott told everyone who helped with the bracket to gather for a photo shoot.

When he was done taking photos the next thing we were going to do was take pictures of the people on the paddle boards. This part was boring so I took one photo and sat on a rock scrolling on tiktok.

Then it was time to go on the paddle boards. I put on my life vest and pulled my paddle board to the water and sat on it. Then I started to paddle out to the ocean. When I was paddling the wind kept pushing me to the rocks where we weren't supposed to be at. I kept getting out of that area then kept getting pulled back in by the wind. Then I started to paddle really fast and made it out of that area but soon after I got pulled back in by the wind.

Then it was time to get out of the water so I started paddling towards the shore and made it there. I took my life vest off and flipped my board over. Then I went to get my towel and started drying my legs. Then I sat there for a little bit and started scrolling through tiktok.

Then Amilio asked for help to bring back the paddle boards and oars. I picked up one of the paddle boards and started bringing it up to the grass area. When I was walking to the grass area my back and arms started hurting but I kept going and made it to the grass area and put the board down. Then it was time for lunch and I made a peanut butter sandwich because they ran out of jelly. It tasted bad. Then it was time to leave so I

got in the car with the rest of my group and left. On the way back me and my group were watching anime in the car. When we got back I went to change into my pants and started doing my worksheet. When the teachers came back we started voting on what sandcastle was the best and I voted for my team. A different team that buried someone and turned them into a mermaid won. When that was done we put up the chairs and after that I left and went to go get Chick-fil-a because I was hungry. I got a chicken sandwich and fries with a drink. After I was done eating my mom came to pick me up and I left with her.

To be honest, I wouldn't recommend this place to go paddle boarding as a beginner because it gets really windy and pulls you into the rocks, and the water here is really dirty. But if you want to go to a place not that far, I would recommend this.

Journey #5: Sea World

When I woke up, I was really excited because we were going to Sea World. I really like Sea World because there are a lot of sea creatures there. But the reason why we were going to sea world is because of the roller coasters. I've never been on a roller coaster before so I was nervous.

When I got to school I was watching Tiktok on my phone and talking to some friends. And then they revealed our groups for the rides. I was in the emperor group but I didn't know what ride emperor was. So when I searched it up and saw that it was a big roller coaster with a massive drop, I did not want to go on it.

When it was time to leave, I met up with my car group and left. While driving there, me and my group were talking about shows and movies. When we got there, we were one of the first groups to get there. I was waiting around and talking to my friends for about 20 minutes before we got into the park.

When we were ready to get into the park, they told us to stand in a single file line. After that we started walking to the park, and then we went through a metal detector. After that I met up with my group and we started going to the first ride, manta.

When we got to manta, I didn't want to go on the ride but after a while I followed my group that was already there. When I caught up with my group they were about to get on but I got there before they got on. So I got on the ride and sat with someone. When we were about to go, they made an old guy get off in front of me. When the ride started we went in a tunnel and there was a giant manta ray on the top of the tunnel. Then the gate opened and we were shot out and started going in twists and turns and it felt like I was going to fall out. And then when it was time to get off, my legs were shaking and it felt like I was going to have a heart attack.

When I got back to my chaperone my group went again but I stayed behind and started scrolling on Tiktok. When they got back, we went to go to the Emperor next. When we got there I stayed behind with two other people. They went on the ride 7 times. When they were still on the ride, me and some other people went to ride Journey to Atlantis.

I was hesitant at first to not go on, but after a little while I decided that I would go on. They were already ahead of me so I started running to them. When I caught up with them, I sat in the 3rd row with one of my friends. When the ride started, we started going upward and then we got to a big drop. And then we started to go down the drop. And at the bottom there was a pool of water so we all got wet but I got wet the most. After that we started to go up a lift that was carrying us up to a big drop. When we got to the part where the drop was going to happen, the gate opened and we shot out going in twists and turns. When we got to the end, there was another big splash but I didn't get that wet this time.

After that we got off and went back to our group but they were still on the emperor so we waited till they got off. After they got off we went to eat lunch. We were the last group to get to the lunch area. My friends and I went to get pizza from the food place.

After lunch, my group and I went to go to the electric eel roller coaster. They went on for a couple of times and after that we got ready to leave. So we met up with everyone else and found our car group and left.

When we got back to school it was time for x block but I didn't feel like doing it so I just sat and did work. After school, I went to my mom's car and left.

I recommend this place if you like sea creatures because you get to learn a lot about them and you can also touch them. And if you also like big roller coasters you should go because at Sea World, there are really big roller coasters like the Emperor and the Electric Eel.