



YOSEMITE  
CONSERVANCY

## Retreat Supply List

Participants are responsible for supplying their own art materials, camping gear, and food for the duration of the retreat! Below are some lists to help you prepare. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to us at [art@yosemite.org](mailto:art@yosemite.org)!

### ART SUPPLY LIST:

All these supplies should fit into a small backpack and be used on your lap. Please bring anything else you need to be comfortable painting, including any of the suggestions below:

**SKETCHBOOK** of your choice! Instructors Joa and Kelly recommend a toned tan heavy weight sketchbook with a landscape binding, size 8.5" x 11" or smaller. Strathmore makes a great version of this. If your sketchbook does not have a hard cover, it can be convenient to have support under your sketchbook while working in the field, such as a clipboard or piece of foam board. Suggested sketchbooks:

- [Strathmore Sketchbook](#)
- [Borden & Riley Sketchbook](#)
- [Hahnemuhle Sketchbook](#)
- [Stillman & Birn Sketchbook \(Nova Series\)](#)

**BRUSHES:** In addition to your tried-and-true favorites, Joa and Kelly suggest a ¼" stroke, ½" stroke, and a #4 round.

### GOUACHE TUBES (14 ml):

Please when purchasing paints, make sure you are buying "water-based" and not "acrylic". Please make sure to bring the tubes with you to the retreat in case you need to refill your palette!

- Ultramarine Blue
- Cobalt Blue
- Hansa Yellow
- Alizarin Crimson
- Cadmium Red
- Burnt Umber
- Titanium White
- Any other favorite colors you use often

**PLASTIC PAINT PALETTE** with adequate space for mixing colors. Paint should be squeezed into the palette prior to the retreat so that you're not dealing with a messy palette. Please bring the paint tubes in case you need to refill your palette!

**WATERPROOF PENS** Please bring one or two black ink pens with waterproof ink. You can choose fine or brush nibs (or both) based on your personal preference. Suggested brands: Sakura Pigma Micron PN, Copic Multiliner, or Staedtler Pigment Liner Markers.

**PENCIL** Regular or mechanical. Don't forget a pencil sharpener and a small baggie to catch pencil shavings if you bring a regular pencil!

**WATER CONTAINERS** You'll need two small cups to hold water while painting and two containers to carry water. [Collapsible cups](#) are terrific for saving space when hiking and backpacking, but they are not necessary for the workshop. Nalgene bottles or [soft water bottles](#) are great for carrying water — you'll need one to refill your water cup and one to carry out dirty paint water.

#### **SMALL WATER SPRAY BOTTLE**

#### **ERASER**

#### **PAPER TOWELS**

#### **BINDER CLIPS** and/or **LARGE RUBBER BANDS**

#### **GENERAL DAY SUPPLIES:**

- **Backpack** to hold all your supplies and keep your hands free as you walk around.
- **Clipboard or hardboard** for support under your paper or sketchbook.
- **Portable stool, camping chair, sitting pad, or towel** to sit on.
- **Weather-appropriate attire** (waterproof jacket for unexpected rainstorms).
- **Sturdy, water-resistant hiking shoes or boots.**
- **Sunscreen, sunhat, and sunglasses.**
- **Personal first aid kit.**
- **Bug repellent.**
- **Lunch, snacks, and plenty of drinking water** (reusable bottle is handy for refills!).
- **Bicycle** (optional, but can be helpful to get around Yosemite Valley).

Remember that you want to be able to carry your supplies efficiently. Come prepared with a setup that is compact enough to carry around and move from location to location. Striking a balance between comfort and efficiency is the key.

## **CAMPING GEAR & FOOD:**

All camping gear and supplies are the responsibility of participants. Yosemite Conservancy does not provide camping gear to participants. We recommend using this [REI Camping Checklist](#) as you pack for your visit!

Participants must bring their own food for the duration of their visit. Need ideas? Check out this [REI Camp Kitchen Checklist](#) for a list of common food basics & cookware.

If you're craving a meal without wanting to cook, Yosemite has a small variety of [restaurants](#) as well as [gift shops](#) that sell groceries, toiletries, and souvenirs!