

SPOTLIGHT ON The Grove Near Yosemite National Park

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When our daughter was young, we went on vacations to Yosemite every year usually taking Hwy. 41 to the south entrance. From San Jose, it was approximately 4 to 5 hours, depending upon the traffic and how many pit stops we made along the way. Yosemite was... and remains...one of the most beautiful places in the world and my favorite National Park.

In September, we went to check out a new retirement community called The Grove, located eight miles north of Oakhurst, four miles from Bass Lake and only 12 miles from the southern entrance to Yosemite.

At 3,200 feet elevation, The Grove, when fully developed, will have 130 manufactured homes on 40 acres. 41 older homes are currently on the property built during Phase 1. 80 new homes and lots are now for sale starting at \$99,500. (1,000 sq. ft and up, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths.)

Unlike manufactured home parks in the Bay Area that cluster homes in rows practically on top of each other, The Grove features homes of all sizes located in different size lots spread out on various elevations with beautiful views of tall pine and oak trees.

You don't even realize that you're in a manufactured home community because the homes come in all sizes and locations with custom features including decks, garages and carports. Many of the previously built homes are beautifully landscaped.

Several demo homes are open now for viewing. However, each new home is "custom ordered" with the features you want. You choose the floor plan, color pallets, amenities and lot location. Each home is specially built to withstand the elements of mountain living featuring 60 lb roof loads, 2x6 inch wall

construction, sub-floors and equipped with the latest top of the line energy products.

Like living in most manufactured home parks, you lease the land. The lot lease at The Grove is \$550.00 per month and covers maintenance of the community common areas, land taxes and social events sponsored by The Grove on an ongoing basis.

The fee also includes the use of a clubhouse to be built in the near future.

The Grove is a 55+ community for adults only. No children or grandchildren can live here on a permanent basis but are welcome to visit.

During the Phase 1 development at The Grove, many homes have been bought and re-sold through the years. The first homebuyer of the new Phase 2 development is from San Jose.

"We just wanted to get away to God's country," said June L. "We needed some peace of mind free from the hustle and bustle of city living. This is a totally different, peaceful world."

Billed as the Gateway to Yosemite, nearby Oakhurst is a tourist town of 18,000. It features all the amenities and services of a small city with numerous shops, banks, restaurants, movies and two medical centers, including Kaiser Permanente.

Fresno with its modern hospitals and medical centers is less than 40 miles away. Popular Chukchansi Gold Resort & Casino is minutes away.

Editor's Note: If you love Yosemite, this is as close as you can get to live there.

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