

TOP 5: THE AUGUST 2024 CALIFORNIA HOT LIST

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YOSEMITE

Luxury Among the Giant Oak and Ponderosa Pine Trees



After spending your days exploring one of the country's most majestic national parks, relax at **FIREFALL RANCH** in one of its cozy well-appointed private cottages or villas. Located just outside Yosemite's northwest entrance, the 300-acre resort property includes 55 stand-alone accommodations, including one- and two-bedroom cottages and three-bedroom villas surrounded by forested hills and meadows. Each dwelling includes a spacious living room, a double-sided fireplace, private deck, heated bathroom floors, and all the creature comforts of home. An on-site restaurant offers a fine dining dinner experience, and the adjoining tavern offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner, as well as craft cocktails, beer, and wine. There's also a general store stocked with sundry items, snacks, and plenty of merch, as well as a coffee bar to kick-start your day. If you're unsure how to spend your time away, the resort has an array of guided experiences, including hiking, river rafting, snowshoeing, and fly fishing, depending on the season. Rates for a one-bedroom cottages start around \$450. 24025 Hwy. 120, Groveland; firefallranch.com. D.N.