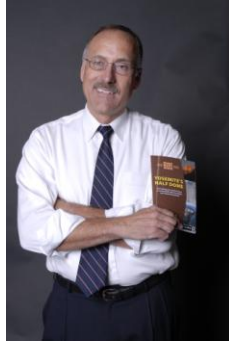


## Rick Deutsch's Half Dome Class



Rick penned **“Best Hike: Yosemite's Half Dome”** and it has become the bible for anyone considering completing this extremely strenuous hike. Over 10,000 copies have been sold – a bona fide Best Seller. He's done the hike 31 times and is a sought out expert on it. No wonder he is called “Mr Half Dome.”

Following a brief overview of the geology of Yosemite, the human impact and equipment preparations, his talk is rich with color slides showing the 16 major Points of Interest and how to safely ascend Half Dome's 90-year old cable system. He brings in all his gear for a comprehensive show-and-tell.

Anyone can do the hike; all that's needed are Education, Preparation and Motivation. Rick will provide the first; the latter two are up to you! This basic program runs an hour and a more in-depth version takes four hours. The expanded syllabus goes into more depth and includes an extensive demonstration of the gear that should be taken. At the end of either session you will have all the information you need to safely hike to the top of Half Dome.

Following a brief geologic overview of the formation of the Sierra Nevada mountains, Yosemite and Half Dome, the interaction between the early native Indians and the gold miner settlers is presented. The subsequent “discovery” of Yosemite by the whites in 1851 is explained. A thorough review of water treatment, use of hiking poles, proper shoe selection, foot care and equipment needs are presented. Rick's tips on getting permits and accommodations are invaluable.

A multi-media highlight of the 16 major Points of Interest on the trail is enhanced with color PowerPoint slides and video clips. Finally, the recommended technique for ascending and descending the final 425 vertical feet by using the 1919 vintage steel cable banister is demonstrated. In the 130 years that the backside of Half Dome has been climbed, hundreds of thousands have made it to the top. You can too. Make it your goal for 2012. Learn more about the Half Dome hike by viewing Rick's [HikeHalfDome](#) website and read his daily blog!

His classes are generally given via Community Education at local San Francisco Bay Area colleges. DeAnza, Las Positas, Delta, Gavilan are used. He also does private in-your-home classes for your group.

Book a class NOW. 408-888-4752 or MrHalfDome@gmail.com