## Yosemite Field Trip – February 2016 Safety Recommendation

Recommendation: Buy a set "Diamond Grip" traction cleats for your boots.

On prior field trips to Yosemite in February we found many places very icy and slippery. We certainly don't want to risk falling and getting hurt. The only "chains for your boots" or traction cleats that worked well for us are the "ICETrekkers Diamond Grip Traction Cleats". On our last trip to Yosemite some of our guests bought different types at the Yosemite General Store or brought other types with them but they reported those types were more slippery on than without so they were dangerous. The good ones are like mini barbed wire mounted on rubber foundations that stretch tightly on your boots. They also are easy to take off when going into stores or shops with tile floors and then put back on you boots for walking on the icy sidewalks and roads.

Amazon has them listed for about \$38 and at the local REI (\$45), you can take your boots into the store and try on a pair to ensure they fit tightly and don't slip off.

Order these now as Amazon and stores can run out during a busy winter season. The key is the "Diamond Grip" style.



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· Self-clearing design prevents snow and ice buildup

· Sling remains elastic even in subzero temperatures to keep grips secure