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For many years Tenaya Lake had one of the most spectacularly situated campgrounds in a national park. But it was a primitive walk-in campground without onsite water. The possibility of reopening the campground at Tenaya Lake might be briefly restudied. There maybe new water and/or wastewater treatment technologies that would make this more feasible now. Could lake water be successfully treated? Could sewage be hauled to sewage treatment facilities elsewhere? Would the fees now charged for camping spaces fund an effectively managed campground? It would seem that vegetation impacts could be effectively mitigated using the revegetation signage and cord fencing that has been so successful in Yosemite Valley.

There has long been a need for a footbridge to cross Tenaya Creek at the Tenaya Lake outlet to access the Forsythe Trail from trailhead parking during the spring and early summer. Peak spring flooding makes the design of such a bridge a creative, but probably not an insurmountable challenge. I don't know if the number of trail users would justify the cost of building the bridge. Maybe there would be more trail use if day visitors knew there was a trail on the other side of the lake.

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