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I have been an artist and an athlete my entire life. Growing up, I would go camping with my family and hiking is always what I looked forward to the most. You would often find my 8-year-old self stopping every ten feet with a pink Nikon point-and-shoot camera. Choosing to combine my two favorite things, hiking and photography, is what led to the eventual creation of *Adventures*, an on-going series of photographs.

This body of work is a product of hiking over seventy-eight miles in Yosemite National Park over the span of 8 days. My intention is to inspire viewers to find time to explore all that nature has to offer. If you are able-bodied, then I urge you to try a challenging hike because the views make it all worth it. I cherish my ability to move, and do not take it for granted because this ability is neither universal, nor permanent. It offers me a particular vantage point from which to explore the world.

Many of the places in these photographs are accessible only after hours of rigorous physical activity, something that many are unable to experience due to disability, injury, age etc. What you see on this wall are merely the highlights. By scanning the QR code below you will find my week-long adventure condensed into a short video that was documented through my GoPro camera strapped to my shoulder. Through my photography and video work I am able to bring others along with me on these grand adventures that they otherwise may not be able to experience.