



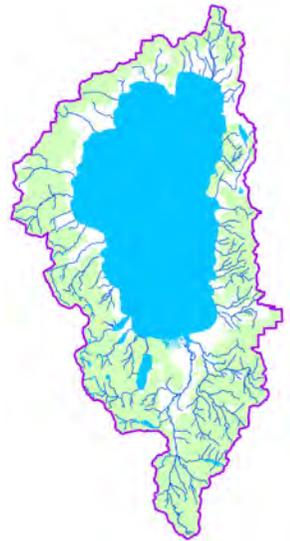
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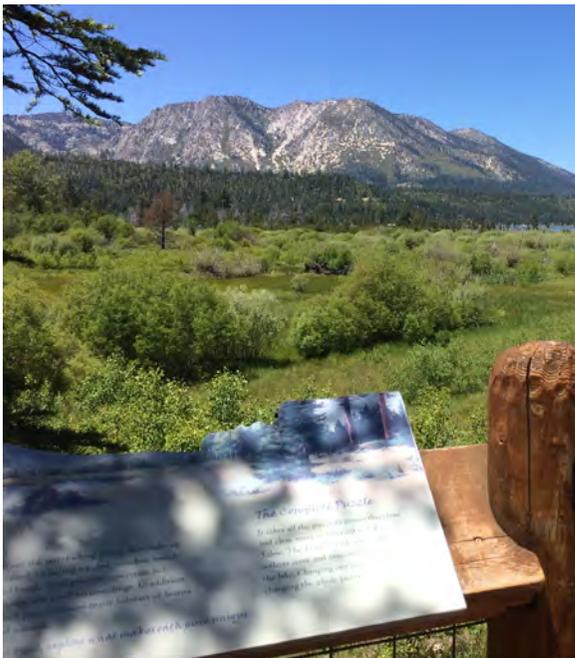
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### WHAT'S INSIDE?

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- Interpretive Program Schedule
- Maps
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- Campground Guide
- Hiking Guide
- Contact Information

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# GET INVOLVED

## TREES AND TRAILS PROGRAM

The "Trees and Trails" program offers many opportunities to help your National Forests. Volunteers are needed, not only in the backcountry, but throughout the Recreation program and beyond. Here are but a few of the possibilities:

CONSERVATION EDUCATION CLASSES  
DESOLATION WILDERNESS VOLUNTEERS  
VISITOR INFORMATION  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
TOUR GUIDES  
TRAIL WORK

WINTER PROGRAMS

Contact: 530-543-2694

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## DISCOVER THE JEWEL OF THE SIERRA



TRAVEL  
BACK IN  
T I M E

TALLAC HISTORIC SITE  
[www.tahoheritage.org](http://www.tahoheritage.org)

VIKINGSHOLM  
[www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov)

TAHOE MARITIME MUSEUM  
[www.tahoemaritimemuseum.org](http://www.tahoemaritimemuseum.org)

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RAINBOW TRAIL  
Taylor Creek Visitor Center (530) 543-2674

TAHOE RIM TRAIL  
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DAY HIKES  
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MOUNTAIN BIKING  
Miles and Miles of Trails  
[www.tamba.org/trails](http://www.tamba.org/trails)



## FUN FACTS

HOW WAS TAHOE FORMED?

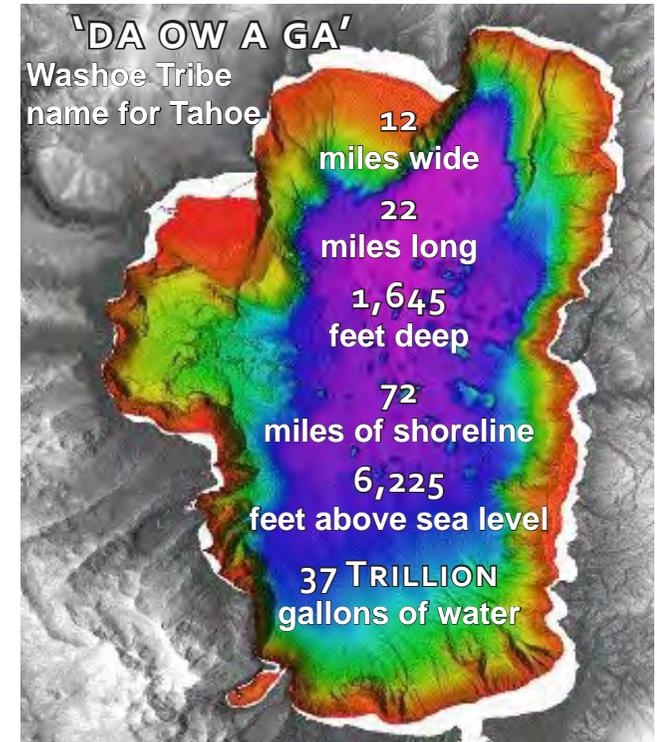
1. **BLOCK FAULTING**  
caused a valley to drop.



2. **VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS**  
blocked rivers creating a lake.



3. **GLACIERS** sculpted and  
polished the landscape.



If Lake Tahoe were drained, it would cover the entire State of California with **14 INCHES** of water! It would take **700 YEARS** to naturally refill.

There are **63 STREAM INLETS** to Tahoe, and only **1 OUTLET** in Tahoe City via the Truckee River.

# HIKING

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

When hiking on paved trails or in the wilderness carry lots of water, bring a map/compass, tell someone about your plans, know your limits, and pack for changing conditions.

Trailhead Name	Trail Destination and Difficulty	Round Trip Distance
1. Mt Tallac Trailhead*	Moderate – to Cathedral Lake Strenuous – to top of Mt Tallac	5 miles 10 miles
2. Glen Alpine Trailhead*	Moderate – to Grass Lake Moderate – to Gilmore Lake Strenuous – to top of Mt Tallac	5 miles 12 miles 12 miles
3. Echo Lakes Trailhead*	Moderate – to Tamarack Lake Moderate – to Lake Lucille Moderate – to Lake of the Woods & Lake Aloha	8 miles 10 miles 12 miles
4. Eagle Falls Trailhead*	Moderate – to Eagle Lake Strenuous – to Dicks & Fontanillis Lakes	2 miles 10 miles
5. Bayview Trailhead*	Moderate – to Cascade Falls Moderate – to Granite Lake Strenuous – to Fontanillis Lake	1.5 miles 2 miles 10 miles
6. Vikingsholm Parking Lot	Moderate – to Vikingsholm Castle	2 miles
7. Meeks Bay Trailhead	Moderate – to Lake Genevieve Moderate – to Rubicon Lake	9 miles 16 miles
8. Big Meadow Trailhead	Moderate – to Round Lake Moderate – to Dardenelles Lake	6 miles 8 miles
9. Lam Watah Trailhead	Easy – to Lake Tahoe at Nevada Beach	2 miles
10. Spooner Lake State Park	Easy – around Spooner Lake	2 miles
11. Spooner Summit North	Moderate – to Marlette Lake	10 miles
12. Spooner Summit South	Moderate – to Genoa Peak on Tahoe Rim Trail	8 miles
13. Chimney Beach	Moderate – to Lake Tahoe	1.5 mile
14. Lakeshore Ave, FS gate	Moderate – to Staterline Lookout	1 mile

\*Desolation Wilderness Day Use permit required. Available at trailhead.

# WILDERNESS

PERMIT REQUIRED FOR ALL TRIPS IN THE DESOLATION WILDERNESS

There are 3 wilderness areas around Lake Tahoe: Desolation, Granite Chief, and Mt. Rose.

- **No Campfires anytime in Desolation**
- Maximum group size of 12 people
- Leave No Trace principles enforced

- Day Use Only:** Self-issue permits available at wilderness trailheads (free)
- Overnight Use:** Limited permits available May-September
- \$5 per person for 1 night; \$10 per person for 2+ nights
  - Reservations [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov); 877-444-6777 (\$6 fee/permit)
  - Please be advised: 70% of the total available wilderness permits are available through online reservation; 30% are made available the day of the hike at our offices

**WHAT MAKES WILDERNESS SPECIAL?**

- Wilderness **PROVIDES HABITAT** for wildlife and havens for threatened species
- Filters and **CLEANS THE AIR** we breathe
- Protects watersheds and provides **CLEAN DRINKING WATER** to communities
- Provides outstanding places to recreate and to **ESCAPE THE BUSTLE** of the modern world

*\*Reference Map Only\**

**Lake Tahoe**  
Lake Elevation 6,225'

**Legend:**

- Tahoe Rim Trail
- Pacific Crest Trail
- Campground
- Trailhead
- Information Center
- U.S.F.S. Office
- Museum
- Tunnel
- Ski Resort
- Vista Point
- Picnic Area
- Trailhead (see Hiking section at left for legend)

**Desolation Wilderness**  
Permit required for wilderness entry. Fees apply for overnight visits.

**Inset Map:** Shows Desolation Wilderness area with trailheads 1-6 and State Parks (SP) and State Park (S) markers.

# LEAVE NO TRACE



Please Remember to:

- Plan ahead and prepare
- Stay on the Path
- Trash Your Trash
- Leave What You Find
- Be Careful With Fire
- Respect Wildlife
- Be Kind To Other Visitors

Human/dog waste and toilet paper are garbage too! Pack out or bury human/dog waste at least 6" deep.

# CAMPFIRE SAFETY

Campfires are permitted within developed recreation sites **only if the fire is contained within a metal campfire ring or barbecue grill provided by the Forest Service**, provided there are no fire restrictions in place. Campfires are allowed with a valid campfire permit in designated Forest Service areas (follow all fire restrictions). For a more detailed description of the Forest Service campfire policy at Lake Tahoe, read the current Lake Tahoe Basin's Campfire and Fire Restriction Orders available on the LTBMU website [www.fs.usda.gov/goto/ltbmu/FireRestrictions](http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/ltbmu/FireRestrictions).

**IF IT'S TOO HOT TO TOUCH, IT'S TOO HOT TO LEAVE!**

# CAMPGROUNDS

Campground	Number of Sites	Dump Station	Group Site	RV/Trailer Hookup	Showers	Potable Water	Fees	Max RV Length	Information
Bayview (USFS)*A	13					Yes	20'	(530)544-0426	
Campground by the Lake (City)	170	X	X	X	X	Yes	42'	(530)542-6096	
Camp Richardson (USFS)	215	X	X	X	X	Yes	35'	(530)541-1801	
Eagle Point (CA State Parks)	100				X	X	21'	(530)525-7277	
Fallen Leaf (USFS)*	196				X	X	Yes	40'	(530)544-0426
Luther Pass (USFS) <sup>A</sup>	11					Free	NA	(530)543-2694	
KOA (Private)	60	X	X	X	X	Yes	40'	(530)577-3693	
Tahoe Valley (Private)**	413	X	X	X	X	Yes	60'	(530)541-2222	
Blackwood (USFS) <sup>A</sup>	6					Free	NA	(530)543-2694	
DL Bliss (CA State Parks)	168	X	X		X	X	Yes	18'	(530)525-7277
Kaspian (USFS)*	9				X	Yes	18'	(530)583-3642	
Meeks Bay (USFS)*	40				X	Yes	20'	(530)583-3642	
Meeks Bay Resort (USFS)	36	X	X	X	X	Yes	60'	(530)525-4733	
Sugar Pine Point (CA St Parks)**	175	X	X	X	X	Yes	32'	(530)525-7982	
William Kent (USFS)	84	X			X	Yes	40'	(530)583-3642	
Lake Forest (City) <sup>A</sup>	20				X	Yes	20'	(530)583-3796	
Watson Campground (USFS) <sup>A</sup>	6					Free	NA	(530)543-2694	
Tahoe State Rec Area (CA St Parks)	38				X	X	Yes	21'	(530)583-3074
Nevada Beach (USFS)	52				X	Yes	45'	(775)588-5562	
Zephyr Cove (USFS)**	150	X	X	X	X	Yes	40'	(775)589-4907	

\*Senior & Access Pass 50% discount \*\*Year-Round Availability <sup>A</sup>No Reservations  
**Reservations for USFS Sites: [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) 877-444-6777**  
**Reservations for CA State Parks: [www.ReserveAmerica.com](http://www.ReserveAmerica.com)**

# KEEP TAHOE CLEAN

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Get on the water faster.  
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Help protect Tahoe waters from aquatic invasive species. Arrive with your boat cleaned, drained and dry at one of our convenient inspection locations and our friendly, certified staff will get you on the water faster.

# NATIONAL RECREATION PASSES

**ANNUAL PASS:** \$80 per year available for anyone  
*\*Not valid at most sites in Lake Tahoe*

**SENIOR PASS:** \$10 US citizens \*62 years of age or older (good for lifetime)

**ACCESS PASS:** For US citizens with a permanent disability (documentation required, good for lifetime)

These passes allow entry to Federal recreation areas such as National Parks. **At Lake Tahoe, the Senior and Access passes are good for 50% off at many Forest Service campgrounds and beaches.** You save money and 95% of the purchase price stays here to help your recreation sites.

**PASSES ARE SOLD AT THE TAYLOR CREEK VISITOR CENTER OR THE SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE.**

**BE BEAR AWARE!**



Having a fun and safe season in Lake Tahoe requires everyone to be bear aware. Bears have an incredible sense of smell and are very attracted to human foods. **Feeding a bear is illegal and can result in a bear being killed.** Violators can be cited.

- ALWAYS:**
- Store in bear-resistant containers:
  - All scented items including food, cans & bottles, candy, gum, scented hygiene items, soaps, pet food
  - Ice chests & coolers
- NEVER:**
- Leave food in your tent or car
  - Leave food unattended at your picnic table
  - Use fire rings to burn garbage
  - Approach or feed a bear

# TAYLOR CREEK VISITOR CENTER

## VISITOR CENTER INFORMATION

(530) 543 - 2674  
GPS: 38.9356 Latitude, 120.0530 Longitude  
**Located off Hwy 89:** 3 miles north of South Lake Tahoe; 6 miles south of Emerald Bay

## VISITOR CENTER HOURS

**May 14 - October 29**  
Parking and restrooms available 24 hrs/day  
**May 28 - October 2**  
Visitor Center open daily; 8am- 4:30pm  
**October 8 - October 23**  
Visitor Center open weekends only; 8am- 4:30pm

## STREAM PROFILE CHAMBER HOURS

**May 28 - October 23**  
Open daily; 9am - 4:00pm

## VISITOR SERVICES PROVIDED

The Visitor Center provides visitor information, Desolation Wilderness permits, National recreation passes, maps and guidebooks. Programs available include self-guided interpretive trails, naturalist-led programs, and special guest speakers.

# TALLAC HISTORIC SITE

## TALLAC HISTORIC SITE INFORMATION

(530) 541 - 5227  
GPS: 38.9378 Latitude, 120.0471 Longitude  
**Located off Hwy 89:** 2.5 miles north of South Lake Tahoe; 6.5 miles south of Emerald Bay.

## BALDWIN MUSEUM HOURS

**April 30 - November 15**  
Parking and restrooms available 24 hrs/day  
**May 28 - September 18**  
Museum open daily 10am - 4pm

## VISITOR SERVICES PROVIDED

The Baldwin Museum provides visitor information, Pope House tour tickets, exhibits, gifts and books. Programs include self-guided trails, living history programs, and special events.

## VALHALLA ESTATE

The Valhalla Estate is managed by Valhalla Tahoe under a special use permit with the Forest Service. Visit their website for more information.  
[www.valhallatahoe.com](http://www.valhallatahoe.com)

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### VISITOR CENTER PROGRAMS

- Rainbow Walks**  
July and August: Sunday/Tuesday/Friday  
10:30am
- Kids in the Creek:** ages 6-12; must have good water shoes  
July and August: Mondays at 10am
- Jr Forest Ranger:** ages 6-12  
July and August: Wednesdays at 10am
- Smokey Bear**  
July and August: Saturdays at 10am
- Night Walk**  
July and August: Tuesdays at 8pm

### LAKE OF THE SKY AMPHITHEATER

July 1	7:00pm	Evening with Mark Twain
July 8	8:30pm	Best Lake Tahoe Hikes
July 15	8:30pm	Winged Flight at Night
July 22	8:30pm	Astronomy at Taylor Creek
July 29	8:30pm	Beavers of Taylor Creek
August 5	8:00pm	Lake Tahoe Wildflowers Big Year
August 12	7:00pm	Evening with Stephen Mather
August 19	8:00pm	Wildlife of the Tahoe Basin
August 26	8:00pm	Winged Flight at Night

*\*Call the Taylor Creek Visitor Center for more information on summer programs at (530) 543-2674 or visit <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/lbmu/TCVCSummerSeries>*

### TALLAC HISTORIC SITE PROGRAMS

- Pope House Tours\***  
Daily May 28 - Sep. 18; 11am, 1pm, 2:30pm
- Servant's Tour\***  
July - August; Wednesdays & Sundays 2:30pm
- Kitchen Kids\* (ages 6-12)**  
July - August; Wednesdays & Fridays 1pm
- Vintage Vatican \$15/guest**  
Saturdays June 18, July 16, July 23, August 20, September 3; 4pm
- Afternoon with Anita \$10/guest**  
Fridays June 10, June 24, July 29, Aug 19; 1pm
- Tea with Tevis \$10/guest**  
Wednesdays June 29, July 13, August 3; 1pm
- Tea and Scones\* (>12 years old)**  
Saturdays September 10, September 17; 1pm
- Soiree at Sunset\* (>12 years old)**  
Saturdays July 9, August 27; 7:30pm

*\*Please visit [www.tahoeheritage.org](http://www.tahoeheritage.org) for prices, tickets and more information on programs.*

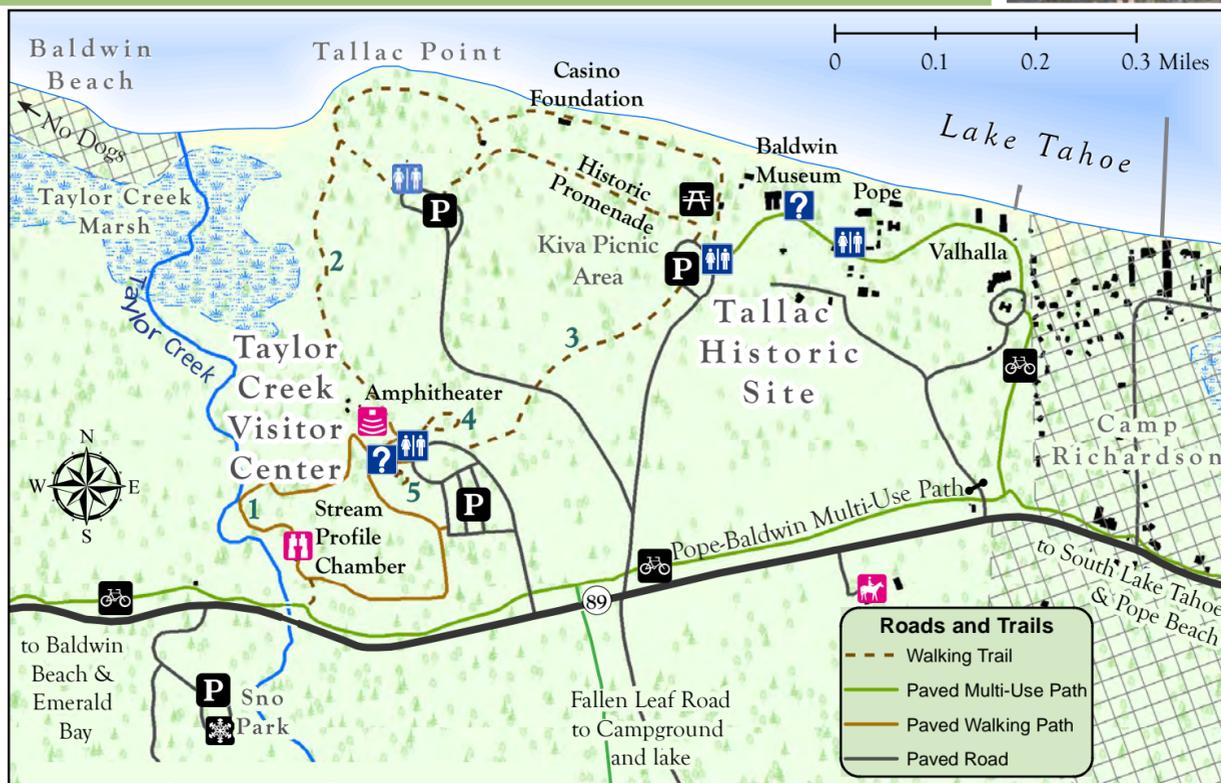
### SPECIAL EVENTS

- Lake Tahoe Bird Festival**  
June 11 at the Taylor Creek Visitor Center
- Native Species Festival**  
June 12 at Taylor Creek Visitor Center
- Great Gatsby Festival**  
August 13 & 14 at Tallac Historic Site
- Great Gatsby Tea** August 14; 2pm-4pm
- Fall Fish Festival**  
October 1 & 2 at Taylor Creek Visitor Center

## FOR MORE INFO

- LTBMU Supervisors Office**  
530-543-2694
- LTBMU North Shore Office (775) 831-0914**  
855 Alder Ave, Incline Village, NV 89542
- California Road Info**  
1-800-427-7623, [www.dot.ca.gov](http://www.dot.ca.gov)
- Nevada Road Info**  
1-877-687-6237, [www.nevadadot.com](http://www.nevadadot.com)
- Emergencies: Police, Fire, Sheriff, Medical**  
911
- BlueGo South Shore buses & Nifty Fifty Trolley**  
530-541-7149, [www.bluego.org](http://www.bluego.org)
- Tahoe Area Regional Transit (TART)**  
West/North shore buses  
530-550-1212 or 1-800-736-6365
- Vikingsholm Castle**  
530-525-3345
- Gatekeeper's Museum**  
530-583-1672
- Lake Tahoe Historical Society Museum**  
530-541-5458
- Tahoe Rim Trail**  
[www.tahoeimtrail.org](http://www.tahoeimtrail.org)
- Valhalla Tahoe**  
[www.valhallatahoe.com](http://www.valhallatahoe.com)
- Lake Tahoe Visitor's Authority**  
[www.ltva.org](http://www.ltva.org)
- California State Parks**  
530-525-7232, [www.cal-parks.ca.gov](http://www.cal-parks.ca.gov)
- Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park**  
775-831-0494, [www.state.nv.us/stparks](http://www.state.nv.us/stparks)
- Explore Tahoe**  
530-542-4637

FOR  
ADDITIONAL  
MAPS:



1. Rainbow Trail 2. Lake of the Sky Trail 3. Tallac Historic Site Trail 4. Forest Tree Trail 5. Smokey's Trail

## TAHOE HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Tahoe Heritage Foundation (THF) strives to preserve and protect the cultural heritage and natural history resources of the Lake Tahoe Basin through restoration, interpretation, and education.

THF proudly sponsors the programs and special events at the Tallac Historic Site and Taylor Creek Visitor Center and provides many recreational, educational and restoration opportunities in cooperation with the Forest Service.

THF was founded in 1996 to enable a public-private partnership with the Forest Service. The Tahoe Heritage Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and is managed by a volunteer Board of Directors.

For more information and volunteer opportunities, visit [www.tahoeheritage.org](http://www.tahoeheritage.org) or call 530-544-7383

