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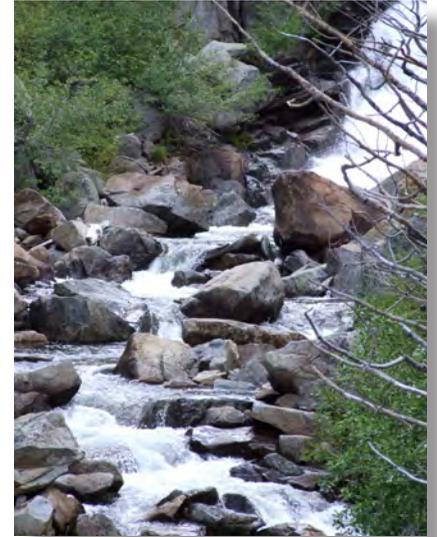
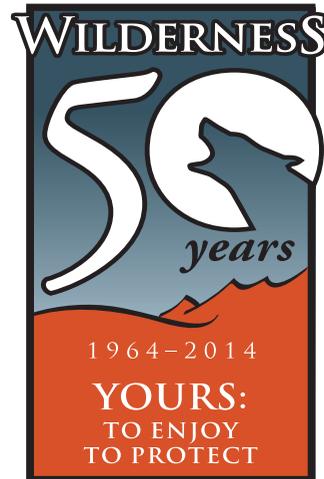
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Celebrate 50 years of Wilderness

Short Hike

A few hours, a few feet,
a grand adventure.

Long Hike

Miles of views, miles of
smiles, a day to remember.

Over Night

After great day, see it all
again under the stars.

Learn More about the
Wilderness Act on page 12

DESOLATION WILDERNESS

Southwest corner of Lake Tahoe
in Eldorado National Forest.

GRANITE CHIEF WILDERNESS

West side of the Lake Tahoe
in the Tahoe National Forest.

MT. ROSE WILDERNESS

Northeast of the Lake Tahoe
in the Humbolt-Toiyabe.

MOKELUMNE WILDERNESS

Southwest of the Lake Tahoe
in Eldorado National Forest.

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TAYLOR CREEK VISITOR CENTER

Taylor Creek Connections



Osprey can often be seen fishing over Taylor Creek. Look for "M" shaped wings.

Taylor Creek has something for everyone. Connect with a naturalist to get answers to your questions or learn new things. Get your maps, books, wilderness permits, and National Recreation Passes. Take a casual walk along any of the four self-guided trails. Spot a butterfly, dragonfly, bird on the fly, or other Watchable Wildlife. Enjoy the beach. Watch the sunset. Attend an evening program (schedules on page 4).

Make the Rainbow Connection

Named for the rainbows that sparkle in the morning dew, the Rainbow Trail is a special place. It loops through the largest meadow/marsh at Lake Tahoe. On the trail, you will discover how the meadow, marsh, and stream are connected to lake clarity. Make an underwater connection with Taylor Creek in the Stream Profile Chamber.

Forest Service naturalists lead [Rainbow Walks](#), Sundays, Tuesdays, and Fridays at 10:30 am

[A Night Walk](#) to discover Taylor Creek's nightlife happens on Tuesdays at 8 pm



Chipmunks have stripes on their heads. Golden mantled ground squirrels do not. Both can be found scurrying around the area.

Mammals, Trees, Birds, Rocks, Bugs and More

A different action-filled project each week teaches kids 6 to 12 years old how the parts of nature are connected as they earn their [Jr. Forest Ranger](#) badges. Wednesdays at 10 am

Wonders of Taylor Creek

Caddisflies, tadpoles, water boatmen, small fish, big fish, frogs, squiggly worms, water plants, and maybe even a small snake. Kids 6 to 12 years old can connect with these creatures and more. Bring sturdy water shoes.

[Kids in the Creek](#) Mondays at 10 am



On the Trail with Smokey

Have you ever connected with a bear? SMOKEY BEAR that is. Follow Smokey's Trail to learn about campfire safety and find a "photo op" with Smokey. Watch for Smokey, as he "sniffs" around the Visitor Center on [Saturdays at 10 am](#). Shake his paw and learn more about wildfire prevention.



Foot steps of those who have gone before

The Lake of the Sky Trail leads to the edge of the lake. Along the way you will find the observations of those who visited Tahoe years before. Do people still feel this way today?

Steller's Jay can be seen and heard almost everywhere at Taylor Creek.

How to Connect with the Visitor Center

(530) 543-2674

Hwy 89, three miles North of South Lake Tahoe/six miles South of Emerald Bay

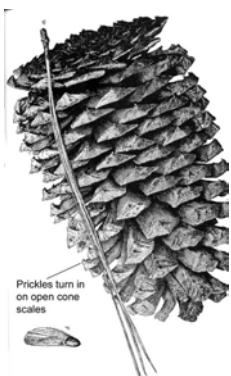
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Weekends: May 24th - June 8^h 8 am to 4:30 pm

Open Daily: June 14th - Oct. 5th 8 am to 4:30 pm

Weekends: Oct. 11th - Oct. 26th 8 am to 4:30 pm

*Stream Profile Chamber closes 30 minutes before Visitor Center.



Jeffrey pine lives on the Forest Tree Trail. Learn its story.



Time at Tallac

Take Time to Learn Something New About Something Old



The Baldwin Museum is the place to start

May 24th & 25th 10 am to 4 pm
May 31st - September 28th 10 am to 4 pm

A Time to Serve

The families brought many servants with them for their summers at the lake: maids, a butler, a nanny, a tutor, cooks, gardeners, a blacksmith, a seamstress, and others. Learn their stories on the SERVANT'S TOUR.

Wednesdays June 25th - Aug 27th
11 am and 2:30 pm
Saturdays June 28th - Aug 30th
3:00pm
\$5.00*



Relaxation Time
The Pope Arboretum was started in 1902. It is a great place for rest and reflection.

Time to Help

Volunteer at Tallac and take part in the historic preservation and interpretation of the Tallac Historic Site. For details e-mail Jackie Dumin at jdumin@fs.fed.us.



Special Tours: All program can be specially arranged for groups of 6 or more. Great for larger families, birthdays, or when your group can't make a specified time. Call the Baldwin Museum for more information.

Step Out of Your Time and Into the Past



The Pope House is the perfect place to see how the rich and famous lived while at Lake Tahoe, from the separate kitchen to the elegantly restored formal dining room.

Pope House Tours: Adult \$8* Child \$3*
May 25th & 25th 1 pm & 2:30 pm
May 31st - June 21st 1 pm & 2:30 pm (except Wednesdays)
June 22nd - Sept. 1st 11 am 1 & 2:30 pm (except Wednesdays)

**Suggested Donations to Tahoe Heritage Foundation further Tallac site programs and restorations. Thank you.*

Time to Cook

If grandma wanted a cookie she had to start from scratch. Come learn how she did it as you make and bake 1920's style.

Kitchen Kids Wed. & Friday
July 2nd ~ Aug. 22nd at 1 pm
\$10.00*



Good Times At Valhalla
The Heller Estate is part of the Tallac Historic Site under special use permit to Valhalla Tahoe. For information call 530-541-4975



Time to Find Tallac

(530) 541-5227

Directions:

Hwy 89, 2.5 miles Northwest of South Lake Tahoe
6.5 miles Southeast of Emerald Bay

GPS Coordinates: Latitude : 38.9378 Longitude : -120.0471

SOMETHING SPECIAL

You are invited to...

Sit under the stars and discover



Lake of the Sky Amphitheater

Taylor Creek Visitor Center
South Lake Tahoe

An Evening with Mark Twain

MacAvoy Layne brings this famous American to life as he tells you of his times at Tahoe.

July 11th 7:00 pm

Aug 23rd 7:00 pm

Winged Flight at Night

Bats are valuable members of nature.

Corky Quirk will have live bats.

July 18th 8:30 pm

Aug. 29th 8:00 pm

Wild Things

Enjoy an educational and exciting look at Sierra Nevada animals LIVE on stage.

July 25th 7:00 pm

Aug. 15th 7:00 pm

Snowshoe Thompson

Steve Hale portrays a local legend of Tahoe's early days.

Aug 1st 7:00 pm

50th year Wilderness Celebration

Discover our local Wilderness: Desolation and visit many other Wildernesses in a special film.

Aug 8th 8:00 pm

Birds of the Sierra Nevada

Will Richardson of the Tahoe Institute of Natural Sciences will lead a virtual Bird walk.

Aug 22nd 8:00 pm

**Suggested donation to the Tahoe Heritage Foundation \$5.00 for all programs. Thank you.*

Join the "families" of the Tallac Estates for...

An Afternoon With Anita

Meet Anita Baldwin for some light refreshments while she tells you stories of the Tallac Casino and Resort, and her life.

July 16th, July 30th and August 20th 1:00 pm

*\$7.50



Tea with Tevis

Join Mrs. Tevis on the porch of the Tevis-Pope Estate to hear about her life, the estate, and explore her arboretum while enjoying light refreshments.

Outdoor program, quiet pets are welcome.

June 25th, July 9th, and Aug.13th 1:00 pm

*\$7.50

Vintage Vatican

Step back in time as you tour the Pope House with Mrs. Pope.

Enjoy the view, sip bubbly, and sample appetizers.

June 28th, July 12th, July 19th,

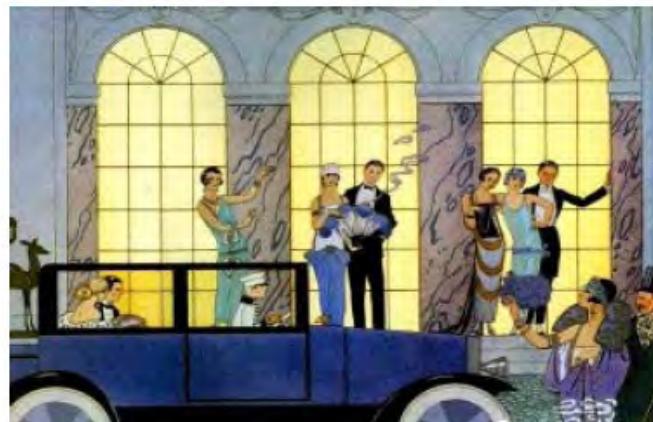
Aug 16th and Aug.23rd

4:00 pm *\$12.50



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Spend a day in the Roaring '20s



29th Great Gatsby Festival
August 9th and 10th, 2014

Come learn our stories and that of our feathered and furry friends.

Wild Tahoe Weekend

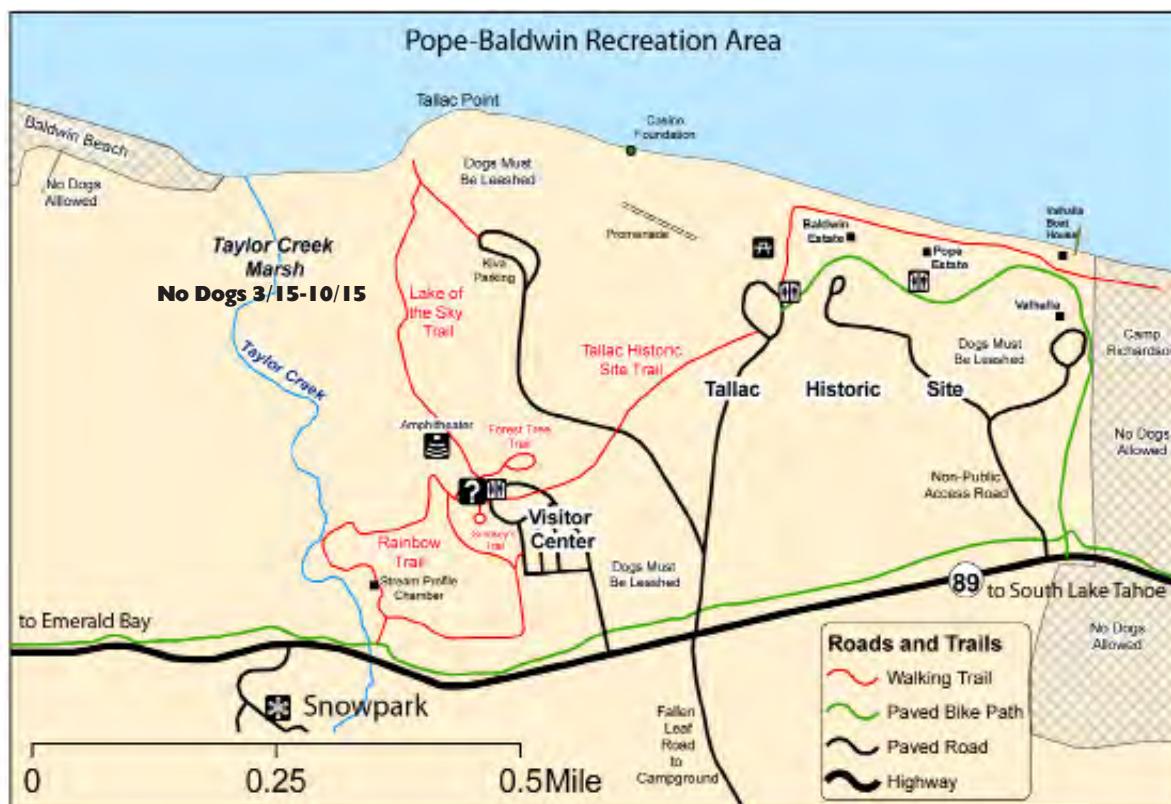
June 7th and 8th



October 4th and 5th
Taylor Creek Visitor Center
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

A Little Help

TALLAC HISTORIC SITE & TAYLOR CREEK VISITOR CENTER



Helpful Links

LTBMU www.fs.usda.gov/ltbmu
Tahoe Heritage Foundation www.tahoeheritage.org
Tahoe Rim Trail www.tahoerimtrail.org
Valhalla Tahoe www.valhallatahoe.com
Tahoe Visitor Authority www.ltva.org

HISTORIC SITES & MUSEUMS

Ehrman Mansion
West Shore
Fee
(530) 525-7232

Gatekeeper's Museum
West Shore
Fee
(530) 583-1762

U.C. Davis Erikson Education Center
(Free)
Tahoe City
(775) 881-7562

Lake Tahoe Historical Society Museum
South Shore
Free
(530) 541-5458

Tahoe Maritime Museum
West Shore
Fee
(530) 525-9253

Thunderbird Lodge
East Shore
Fee
(reservations required)
(800) 468-2463

Vikingsholm Castle
West Shore
Fee
(530) 525-3345

Watson Cabin
North Shore
Fee
(530) 583-8717

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Blue Go
South Shore
(530) 541-7149 www.bluego.org
\$5.00/ Day Pass

Blue Go's Nifty 50 Trolley
Scenic connection between North and South, along the West Shore. From South Lake Tahoe "Y" to Tahoma.
\$5.00/Day Pass (Blue Go Pass)

Tahoe Area Regional Transit (TART)
West Shore- North Shore
(530) 550-1212 OR (800) 736-6365
\$3.50/ Day Pass

Bus services to area airports available.

ROAD INFORMATION

Nevada: NDOT www.nevadadot.com
(877) 687-6237

California: CALTRANS www.dot.ca.gov
(800) 427-7623

Emergencies: Police, Fire, Sheriff, Medical
Dial 911



Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit
Supervisor's Office
35 College Dr
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150
(530) 543-2600
(530) 543-0956 TTY

North Shore Office
855 Alder Ave
Incline Village, NV 89542
(775) 831-0914

Pacific Ranger District
Eldorado National Forest
7887 Highway 50
Pollock Pines, CA 95726
(530) 647-5415

Truckee Ranger District
Tahoe National Forest
10811 Stockrest Springs Road
Truckee, CA 96161
(530) 587-3558

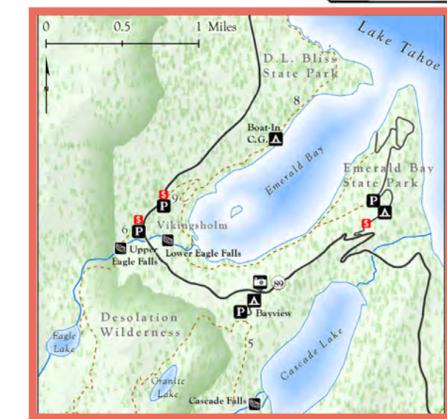
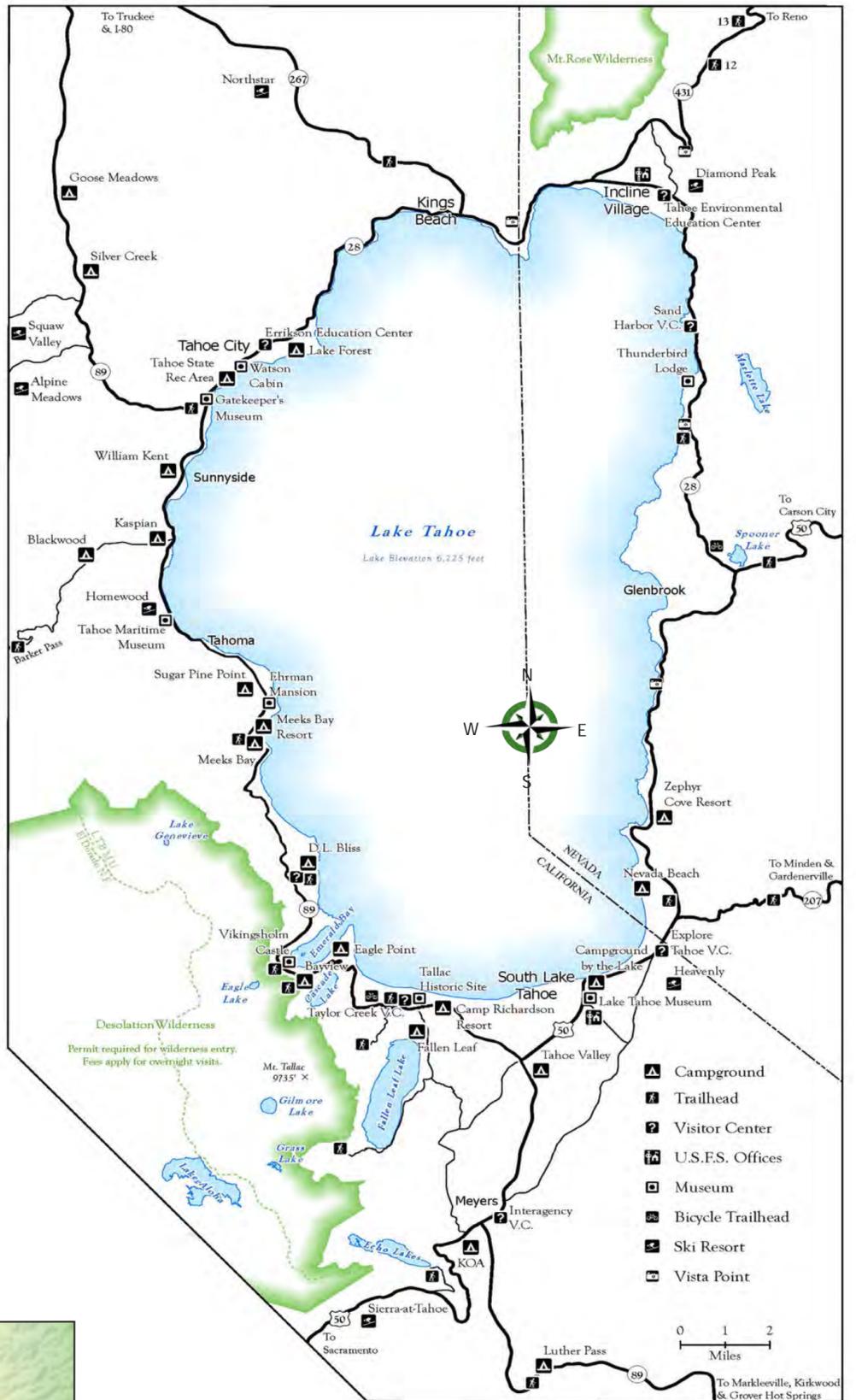
Carson Ranger District
Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest
1536 South Carson St
Carson City, NV 89701
(775) 882-2766

LAKE TAHOE BASIN MAPS



NORTH & EAST SHORE HIKING TRAILS	DIFFICULTY	ELEVATION	ROUNDTRIP MILEAGE	TRAILHEAD
12. Tahoe Meadows Trail** Alpine Meadow . Views of Carson Valley	Moderate	Flat -8705'	2 mi	Tahoe Mdws Parking Lot
13. Mt. Rose Summit** Alpine Meadow . Views of Lake Tahoe, Carson Valley, Mt. Shasta and Mt. Lassen	Strenuous	8700' / 10,7786'	12 mi	Mt. Rose Trailhead
14. Chimney Beach Granite Boulders . Views of Lake Tahoe . Beaches	Moderate	150 ft gain	1.2 mi	Chimney Beach Trailhead
15. Brockway Summit to Martis Peak** Views of Lake Tahoe . Panoramic Views . Sub-Alpine Forests	Moderate	6950' / 8960'	10 mi	TRT Trailhead Hwy 267
16. Secret Cove Granite Boulders . Views of Lake Tahoe, Mt. Tallac & West Shore	Moderate	6423' / 6223'	.5 mi	Secret Harbor Parking Lot
17. Marlette Lake** Alpine Lakes . Aspen Forest . Wildlife Viewing	Moderate	1200 ft gain	10 mi	Spooner Lake State Park
18. Spooner Lake Alpine Lakes . Wildlife Viewing . Picnic Areas . Wildflower Meadows . Aspen Groves	Easy	Flat	2 mi	Spooner Lake State Park
19. Stateline Lookout Views of Lake Tahoe . Granite Patio and Benches	Easy	7017'	1 mi	Lakeshore Ave IUSFS Gate
20. Prey Meadows - Skunk Harbor Mixed Conifer Forest . Wildflower Meadow . Wildlife Viewing . Views of Lake Tahoe	Moderate	6200' / 6800'	3 mi	Skunk Harbor Trailhead
21. TRT - North from Spooner Lake** Views of the Carson Valley . Mixed Conifer Forest . Glimpses of Lake Tahoe	Moderate		10 mi	Spooner Summit North
22. TRT - South to Genoa Peak** Views of the Carson Valley . Aspen Groves . Glimpses of Lake Tahoe	Moderate	7000' / 9150'	8 mi	Spooner Summit Rest Area

* Desolation Wilderness permit required ** Part of the Tahoe Rim Trail (TRT) system.



Higher quality maps and guide books are available at Taylor Creek Visitor Center.

SOUTH & WEST SHORE HIKING TRAILS	DIFFICULTY	ELEVATION	ROUNDTRIP MILEAGE	TRAILHEAD
1. Grass Lake* Alpine Lakes . Waterfalls . Granite Peaks	Moderate	6560' / 7240'	4 mi	Glen Alpine Trailhead
2. Lake Aloha* Alpine Lakes . Granite Peaks	Moderate	7420' / 8430'	12 mi	Echo Lakes Trailhead
3. & 4. Mt. Tallac Summit 3. via Glen Alpine Trail* Alpine Lakes . Waterfalls . Granite Peaks . Views of Lake Tahoe	Strenuous	6560' / 9735'	12 mi	Glen Alpine Trailhead
4. via Mt. Tallac Trail* Alpine Lakes . Waterfalls . Granite Peaks . Views of Lake Tahoe	Strenuous	6480' / 9735'	10 mi	Mt. Tallac Trailhead
5. Cascade Falls Waterfall . Views of Cascade Lake	Moderate	6800' / 6910'	1.5 mi	Bayview Trailhead
6. Eagle Falls to Eagle Lake* Waterfalls . Alpine Lake . Views of Emerald Bay & Lake Tahoe	Moderate	6600' / 7000'	2 mi	Eagle Falls Trailhead
7. Lake Genevieve* Alpine Lakes . Granite Peaks	Moderate	6240' / 8880'	9 mi	Meeks Bay Trailhead
8. Rubicon Point Trail Lighthouse . Views of Lake Tahoe & East Shore	Moderate	6230' / 6580'	6 mi	D.L. Bliss State Park
9. Vikingsholm Trail Historic Estates . Waterfall . Views of Emerald Bay & Lake Tahoe	Moderate	6230' / 6630'	2 mi	Vikingsholm Parking Lot
10. Granite Lake Alpine Lake . Views of Emerald Bay & Lake Tahoe	Strenuous	6800' / 7650'	2 mi	Bayview Trailhead
11. Lam Watah Trail Grinding rocks . Wildflower Meadow . Wildlife Viewing . Views of Lake Tahoe, Mt. Tallac, West & North Shores	Easy	Flat	2 mi	Lam Watah Trailhead

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

LAKE TAHOE BASIN CAMPGROUNDS

CAMPGROUND	Number of Sites	Dump Station	Group Site	RV/Trailer Hook up	Swimming	Showers	Toilets	Potable Water	Fees	Max RV Length	Information	Reservations	Additional Information
South Shore													
1. Bayview (USFS)	13						X	X	Yes	20'	(530)544-5994	No Reservations	Senior and Access Pass 50% discount
2. Campground By The Lake (City)	170	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Yes	42'	(530)542-6096	(530)542-6096	
3. Camp Richardson (USFS)	332	X		X	X	X		X	Yes	35'	(530)541-1801	(800)544-1801	
4. Eagle Point (CA St Parks)	Closed for Summer 2014												
5. Fallen Leaf (USFS)	196				X	X	X	X	Yes	40'	(530)544-0426	(877)444-6777	Senior and Access Pass 50% discount
6. Luther Pass (USFS)	13						X		FREE	NA	(530)543-2694	No Reservations	Calif. Campfire Perimt required
7. KOA (Private)	60	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Yes	40'	(530)577-3693	(800) 562-3477	www.Laketahoekoa.com
8. Tahoe Valley (Private)	413	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Yes	60'	(530)541-2222	(877)717-8737	Year Round Availability
West Shore													
9. Blackwood (USFS)	6						X		FREE	NA	(530)543-2694	No Reservations	Calif. Campfire Perimt required
10. D.L. Bliss (CA St Parks)	168	X	X		X	X	X	X	Yes	18'	(530)525-7277	(800)444-7275	
11. Kaspian (USFS)	9				X		X	X	Yes		(530)583-3642	(877)444-6777	Senior and Access Pass 50% discount
12. Meeks Bay (USFS)	40				X		X	X	Yes	20'	(530)583-3642	(877)444-6777	Senior and Access Pass 50% discount
13. Meeks Bay Resort (USFS)	36	X		X	X	X	X	X	Yes	60'	(530)525-4733	(877)326-3357	Marina; Boat Rentals an Launch
14. Sugar Pine Point (CA St Parks)	175	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Yes	32'	(530)525-7982	(800)444-7275	Year Round Availability
15. Wiliam Kent (USFS)	Closed for Summer 2014												
North Shore													
16. Lake Forest (City)	20				X		X	X	Yes	20'	(530)583-3796	No Reservations	
17. Watson Campground (USFS)	6								FREE	NA	(530) 543-2694	No Reservations	Calif. Campfire Perimt required
18. Tahoe State Rec Area (CA St Parks)	38				X	X	X	X	Yes	21'	(530)583-3074	(800)444-7275	
East Shore													
19. Nevada Beach (USFS)	52				X		X	X	Yes	45'	(775)588-5562	(877)444-6777	Senior and Access Pass 50% discount
20. Zephyr Cove (USFS)	150	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Yes	40'	(775)589-4907	(800)238-2463	Year Round Availability
*** Check with Campground for Fee		USFS Reservations: www.recreation.gov				Calif. State Parks Reservations: www.ReserveAmerica.com							
*** Check with Campground for Pet restrictions													

National Recreation Passes



Annual Pass: \$80 available for anyone.



Senior Pass: \$10 US citizens 62 or older, lifetime.



Access Pass: No charge permanently disabled (documentation required) citizens, lifetime.

These passes allow entry to federal recreation areas such as National Parks.

At Lake Tahoe **Senior** and **Access** passes are good for 50% at many Forest Service campgrounds and beaches (see above) and free parking at Eagle Falls picnic area.

You save money and 95% of the purchase price stays here to help your recreation sites.



Keep a Clean Campsite

Protect yourself and wildlife.

Throw trash away in bear resistant containers.

Lock up food and toiletries in Bear Boxes in campgrounds.

Be Campfire Safe

Keep campfires small.

Be sure it's out before leaving the site or turning in for the night.



SOAK IT



STIR IT



TEST IT

Is the Wilderness calling you?

The Lake Tahoe backcountry offers a variety of adventures. From the shore of Lake Tahoe to a quiet mountain pool, whether walking in the woods or hiking up a mountain, you may find yourself in a wildflower meadow or touring the big trees. While there you may hear the roar of a waterfall or the gurgle of a stream. Wherever you travel you're sure to enjoy sweeping vistas and moments of solitude.



BACKCOUNTRY INFORMATION

Summers (530) 543-2674 Winters (530) 543-2694

During the summer, check with the Taylor Creek Visitor Center about current conditions, to obtain permits and maps, and to learn about staying safe and how you can protect your backcountry.

Desolation Wilderness

Permits Required

Maximum group size is 12 people.

NO CAMPFIRES!

DAY USE: FREE and unlimited
OVERNIGHT USE: \$5 per person for 1 night
\$10 per person for 2 or more nights
Quota season Memorial Day thru Sept.
RESERVATIONS: www.recreation.gov
(877) 444-6777
(Fee: \$6 per permit)

These fees support the Desolation Wilderness.

PRACTICE "LEAVE NO TRACE"

- Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
- Camp 200 feet from water & trails.
- Dispose of waste properly. Bury dog and human waste six inches deep.
 - Use camp stoves.
 - Pack it in. Pack it out.
 - Stay on Trails.
- Do not cut across switchbacks.
- Leave what you find (unless it's litter).
 - Respect wildlife (plants too).
 - Be considerate of other visitors.

BE PREPARED

- Use a water filter and carry plenty of water.
- Bring a map and GPS. Know how to use them.
- Leave travel plans with a responsible party.
 - Know your physical limitations.
 - Weather can change rapidly, pack for all conditions.

Tahoe Rim Trail

The Tahoe Rim Trail is a great way to see all of Lake Tahoe. This 170 mile trail circles Lake Tahoe crossing the highest vistas.

BE A FOREST SERVICE VOLUNTEER

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.

Conservation Education classes, visitor information, historic preservation, tour guides, trails work, gardening, and winter programs for adults and children are but a few of the possibilities.

Contact: (530)543-2600

Visit our website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/ltbmu>



STEWARDSHIP

Everyone can help



Completed Fuels Reduction Project

South Shore Fuels Reduction

Fire has been a natural part of the environment for thousands of years, reducing plant competition, cleaning dead wood from the forest floor and recycling nutrients into the soil. People removed natural fires from this cycle, allowing trees to grow too close together, and dead wood and pine needles (fuels) to accumulate on the forest floor, creating potential for a dangerous wildfire.

Fuels reduction projects thin trees to improve forest health and reduce wildfire danger. With more space between them, trees have room to grow. The sun, water, and nutrients that trees need to be insect and disease resistant will become more available. More space also lessens the chance of wildfire burning from tree to tree.

Fuels reduction on Forest Service lands improves defensible space by reducing wildfire intensity, giving fire fighters a better chance of protecting homes.

There are fuels reduction projects all around the lake: Carnelian, Spooner, Incline. The South Shore Project is the largest one. Some have been completed with the desired openness, while others still have slash piles drying so they can be burned. On others, there are stacks of trees that will be used as biofuels, lumber or firewood.

If you see equipment and crews in the areas of operation, please stay away from the equipment and the workers as they do their job.

Defensible Space

Do you have defensible space on your own property? Rake pine needles and dead limbs in your yard, remove pine needles from your roof, trim lower branches of trees and remove dead shrubs, trees or dried grass around your house. For more information, visit www.livingwithfire.info/tahoe

Stewardship: the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.

The Forest Service has many official partners and volunteers that provide care for and support of a variety of programs and projects. But you, the people that use and enjoy our public lands, are the most important partners. When you share your concerns and knowledge with family, friends, and community, you become a valued steward.

Generation Green

The youth of today is the hope of the future. The Forest Service and the Great Basin Institute (GBI) fund a program for high school students each summer. These students learn leadership skills, how to be a good employee and the fundamentals of resource protection. Thanks to GBI grants many of these students will continue in natural resource fields of study, returning to be stewards on public lands.

Learn about GBI opportunities: www.thegreatbasininstitute.org/

BMPs

Best Management Practices (BMPs) are methods to help developed properties function more like natural, undisturbed forest and meadowland.

Water that is conveyed to a lake by an undisturbed watershed is usually quite pure, because the watershed's soils and plants act as a natural water purification system.

BMPs mimic natural conditions, preventing sediment and nutrients from entering our surface waters and filtering runoff water through the soil. Implementing BMPs can help slow the loss of lake clarity.

The Forest Service is installing BMPs at many recreation sites. BMPs improve all properties including yours!



Help protect Tahoe waters from invasive species.



TahoeBoatInspections.com
888-824-6267



Get on the water faster.

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Things you can do

Forest Service-managed land has always been “A Land of Many Uses” With use comes responsibility. Recreate responsibly. Here are some tips to help you “Care for the Land” as you enjoy the many recreational opportunities at Lake Tahoe and beyond.

Put Litter in its Place

Many recreation sites do not have trash cans.
Be sure to “Pack out what you pack in”

On the Trail...

Many trails are open to multiple use.
Hikers, mountain bikers, and horseback riders
all can **share the trail**.



Ride and walk on hardened surfaces.
Do not cut switchbacks or create new trails.
Please be courteous to others.

At the Beach...



A special plant called Tahoe Yellow Cress only grows on the shores of Lake Tahoe.
This is a tiny plant, be careful where you step or put your blanket.



On Off-Highway and Over-Snow Vehicles..

Free maps will show you all the places you can ride.
Tread lightly. Please respect closed areas.



In a Campground, the Backcountry, a Summer Cabin or a Vacation Rental... **BE BEAR AWARE!**

Bears lose their lives when they become too comfortable around people.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO:

Maintain your distance.

Never feed wildlife.

Throw trash away in bear resistant containers.

Store food and toiletries properly.

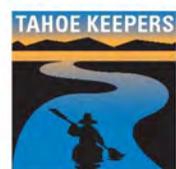
In a Boat...

CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY

The lake’s fragile ecosystems can be upset when outside species invade and take over.
Nonnative plants and animals can kill off native species, increase algae growth,
clog waterways, and damage boats and piers.

Become a Tahoe Keeper.

Protect your favorite place. Protect your favorite pastime.



Tahoekeepers.org
888-824-6267

CLEAN **DRAIN** **DRY**



Welcome to the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit.

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act. On September 3, 1964, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Wilderness Act that established our National Wilderness Preservation System. In 1924, prior to the Wilderness Act, the U.S. Forest Service recognized the importance of wilderness and set aside 500,000 acres of land in New Mexico for Wilderness protection. The Gila Wilderness was the first Wilderness designation in the history of the U.S. Today there are 758 designated Wilderness areas in the country, totaling almost 110 million acres, and arrayed across a broad spectrum of public lands. That's approximately 5% of the total U.S. land area. More than half of these areas are within a day's drive of America's largest cities. This significant anniversary provides an excellent opportunity to strengthen our commitment to Wilderness stewardship, research, connecting with communities, and fostering collaborative partnerships.

The Wilderness Act described Wilderness as primitive land, untrammeled and undeveloped by humankind, where people can find opportunities for solitude and unconfined recreation. The Act directed that Wilderness areas are to be preserved for their ecological, geological, scientific,

scenic, and historical values, for today and for future generations.

Many values are associated with Wilderness including clean air, water, natural settings, critical habitat, solitude, recreation, economic benefits, and spiritual renewal. Wilderness provides opportunities for multi-use recreation including hiking, horseback riding, fishing, exploration, and much more.

We are privileged to have four Wilderness areas located around the Lake Tahoe Basin: the Desolation Wilderness totaling 63,474 acres, the Granite Chief Wilderness totaling 25,079 acres, and the Mt. Rose Wilderness totaling 31,310 acres. To the south, is nearby Mokelumne Wilderness, which encompasses 99,268 acres. That's nearly 220,000 acres of Wilderness available to be enjoyed in the Lake Tahoe Basin and surrounding area.

The Wilderness Act was a monumental step towards preserving our Nation's natural heritage. Yet, we still face challenges such as wildfire, climate change, invasive plants and animals, heavy recreational use, and a lack of understanding the importance of Wilderness. As our population increases, and expanding urbanization consumes more land for homes, highways and industry, the need for preserving Wilderness is more important than ever. Help celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act by learning more about Wilderness and how to help preserve and protect its unique character. To learn more, visit <http://www.wilderness50th.org/>.

During your stay, visit one or more of our Wilderness areas and experience one of our most precious natural resources.

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

THF was founded in 1996 to enable a public/private partnership with the US Department of Agriculture that manages Forest Service restoration projects and interpretive activities at the Tallac Historic Site and the Visitor Center adjacent to the southern shore of Lake Tahoe. The Tahoe Heritage Foundation is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization and is managed by a volunteer Board of Directors.

THF proudly sponsors the programs and special events at Tallac and Taylor Creek Visitor Center and provides many recreational, educational, and restoration opportunities in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service - Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, including college internship positions at Taylor Creek Visitor Center.

If these efforts are important to you, we need your help.

Call or go online to join our mailing list and discover the many ways to become involved

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