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Welcome to your National Forest!

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http://www.fs.usda.gov/ltbmu

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Welcome to the Lake Tahoe Basin

It's ALL YOURS. Go Play!

Discover the Jewel of the Sierra

TRAVEL BACK IN TIME

Tallac Historic Site
www.tahoeheritage.org

Visit the State Parks
www.parks.ca.gov www.parks.nv.gov

Paddle Boat Rides
http://www.zephyrcove.com/cruises.aspx

TAKE A HIKE

Rainbow Trail
Taylor Creek Visitor Center (530) 543-2674

Tahoe Rim Trail
www.tahoerimtrail.org

Day Hikes
www.fs.usda.gov/activity/ltbmu/recreation/hiking

DROP YOUR JAW

Lake Tahoe Beaches
www.tahoebeaches.com
Download the App

Lake Tahoe Water Trail
www.laketahoewatertrail.com

Ski Area Summer Activities
Gondola, Zip Line, Ropes Courses, Etc.
www.skiheavenly.com

GO FOR A RIDE

Paved Trails
Pope-Baldwin, Rabe Meadow, West Shore
www.fs.usda.gov/activity/ltbmu/recreation/bicycling

Mountain Biking
Miles and Miles of Trails
www.tamba.org/trails

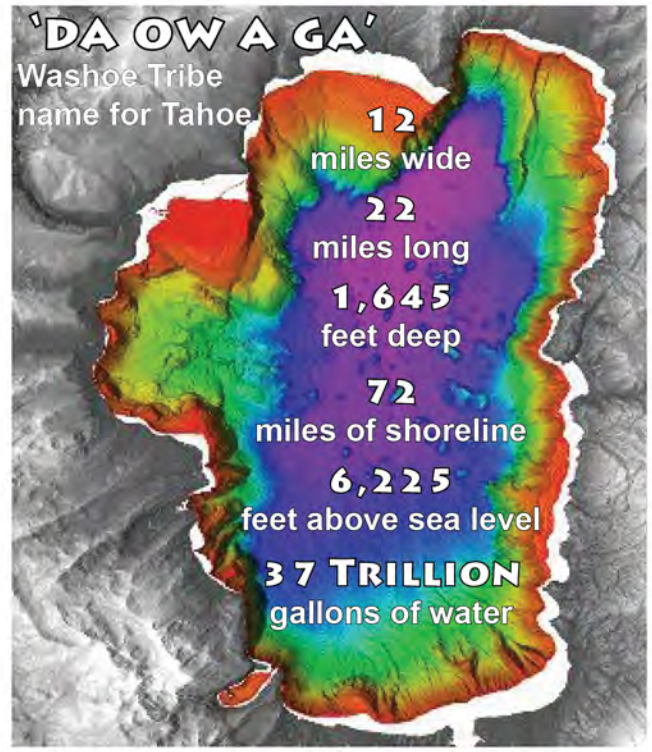
Fun Facts

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.

Taylor Creek Visitor Center

Visitor Center General Info

(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 15 - October 30
Parking and restrooms available
May 23 - June 14
Weekends only 8:00am- 4:30pm
June 17 - September 30
Daily 8:00am- 4:30pm
October
Weekends 8:00am- 4:30pm

Stream Profile Chamber Hours

May 23 – Oct 30
Open daily 9:00am – 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 Info

(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 1 - November 15
Parking and restrooms available
May 23 - September 20
Daily 10:00am- 4:00pm

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 special use permit with the Forest Service. Visit their website for more information.
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

June 26	8:30pm	Wildflowers of the Tahoe Basin
July 10	7:00pm	Evening with George Whittell Jr.
July 17	7:00pm	Evening with Mark Twain
July 24	8:30pm	Winged Flight at Night
July 31	8:30pm	Beavers of Taylor Creek
August 7	7:00pm	Evening with Mark Twain
August 14	8:00pm	Birds of Lake Tahoe
August 21	8:00pm	Winged Flight at Night
August 28	7:00pm	Wild Things

Tallac Historic Site Programs

Pope House Tours: $10/adult, $5/child
May 23 - June 19 and September 8-13: Daily except Wednesday at 1pm and 2:30pm
June 20 - Sept 7: Daily except Wednesday 11am, 1pm, 2:30pm

Servant's Tour: $5/guest
June 24-August 29, Wednesdays 11am, 2:30pm
Saturdays 2:30pm

Kitchen Kids: $10/child
June 24-August 21 Wednesdays & Fridays, 1pm

Vintage Vatican: $15/guest
Saturdays June 27, July 11, July 18, August 1, August 15; 1pm

Afternoon with Anita: $10/guest
Wednesdays July 15, July 29, August 19, 1pm

Tea with Tevis: $10/person
Wednesdays June 24, July 8, August 12, 1pm

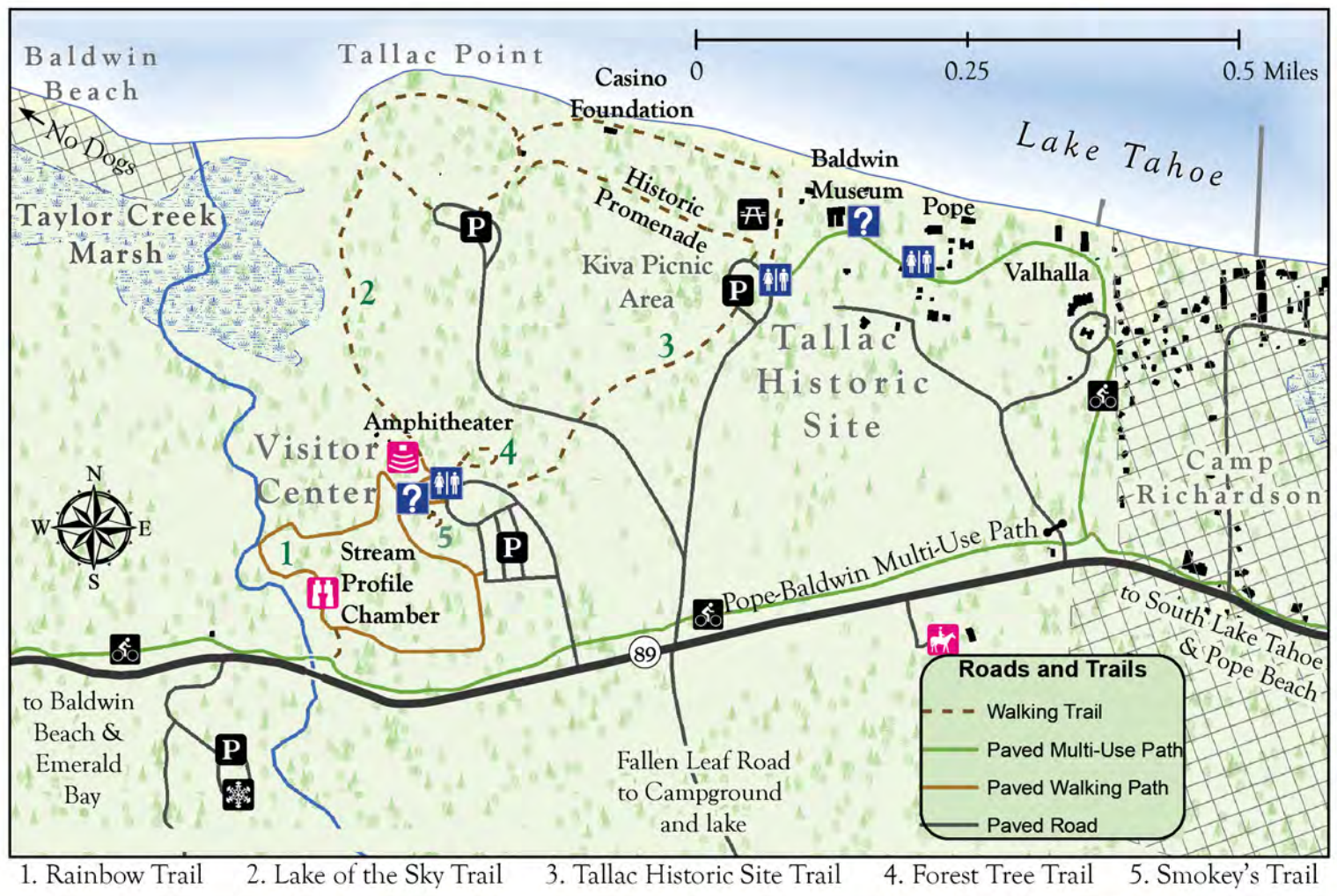
Special Events

Native Species Festival
May 30 at Taylor Creek Visitor Center
Lake Tahoe Bird Festival
June 13 at the Taylor Creek Visitor Center
Great Gatsby Festival at Tallac Historic Site
August 8 & 9
Fall Fish Festival at Taylor Creek Visitor Center
October 3 & 4

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
Nevada Road Info
1-877-687-6237, www.nevadadot.com
Emergencies: Police, Fire, Sheriff, Medical
911
BlueGo South Shore buses & Nifty Fifty Trolley
530-541-7149, 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.tahoerimtrail.org
Valhalla Tahoe
www.valhallatahoe.com
Lake Tahoe Visitor's Authority
www.ltva.org
California State Parks
530-525-7232, www.cal-parks.ca.gov
Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park
775-831-0494, www.state.nv.us/stparks
Explore Tahoe
530-542-2908

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

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 Forest Service to complete restoration projects and interpretive activities at the Tallac Historic Site and the Taylor Creek Visitor Center. The Tahoe Heritage Foundation is 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, education, and restoration opportunities in cooperation with the LTBMU. Mailing: Tahoe Heritage Foundation, PO Box 8586, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96158.

Phone: 530-544-7383
email: info@tahoeheritage.org

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 10 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 Stateline Lookout	1 mile

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

WILDERNESS

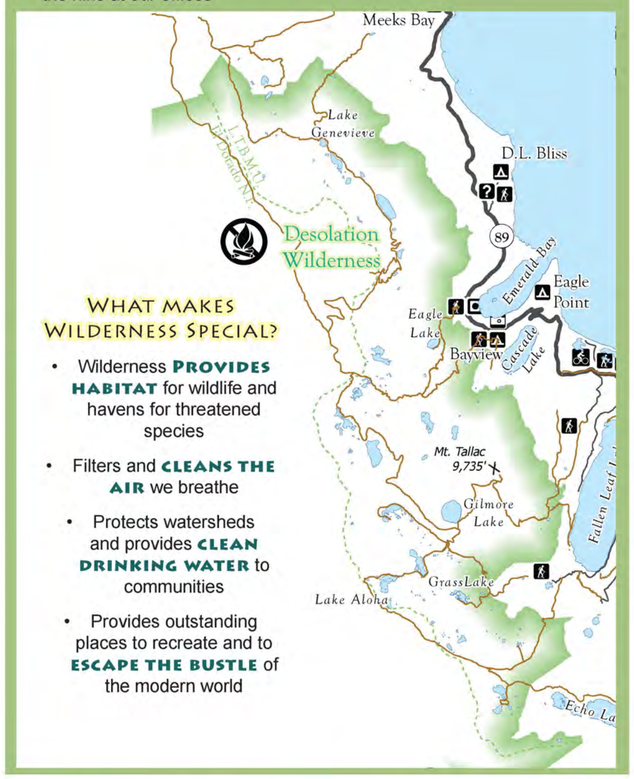
PERMIT REQUIRED FOR ALL TRIPS IN THE DESOLATION WILDERNESS

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**; 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

KEEP TAHOE CLEAN

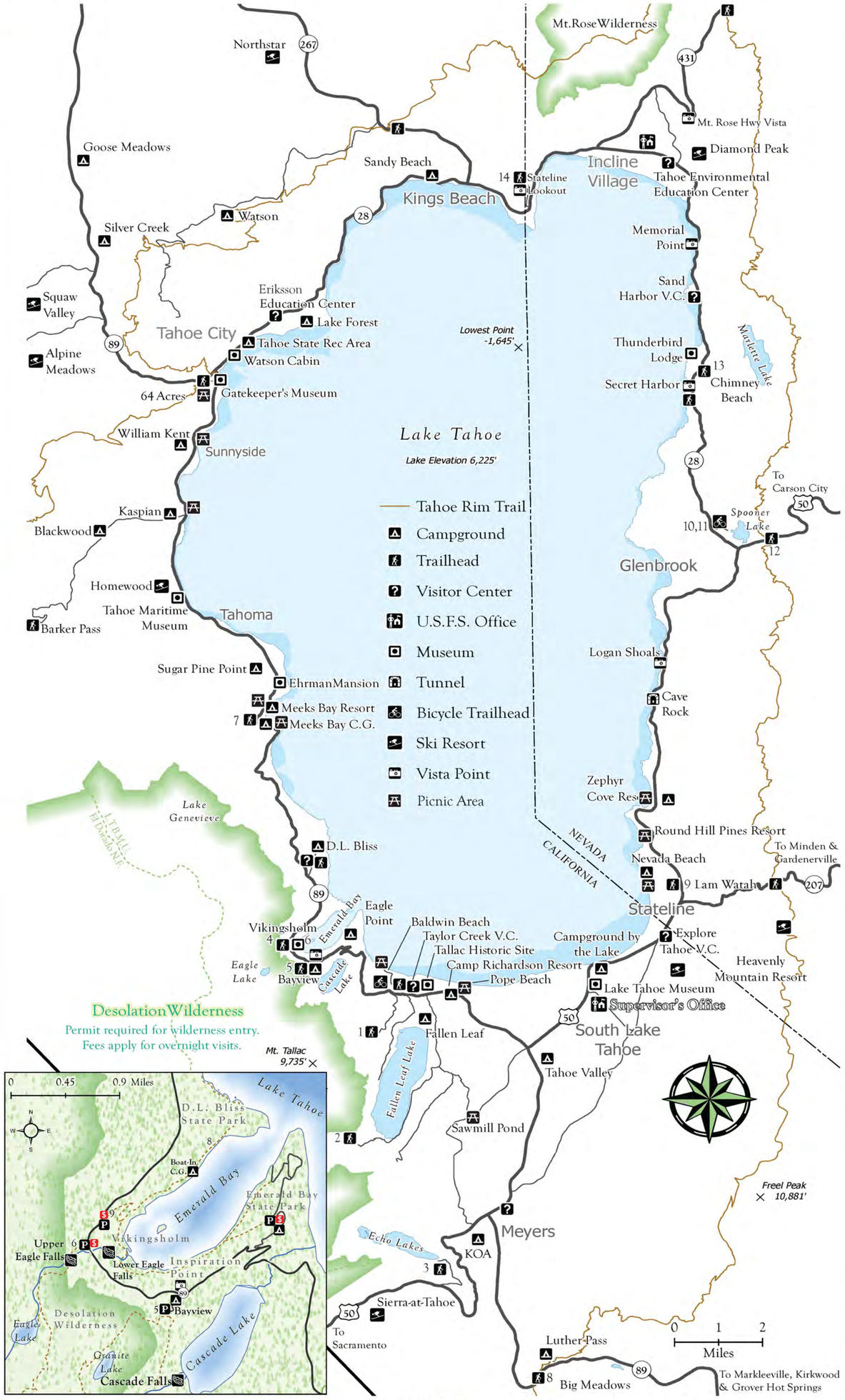
All boats, including canoes, kayaks, and stand-up paddleboards are subject to Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) screening or boat inspection. Boats may be subject to decontamination.

www.tahoeboatinspections.com

1. CLEAN
Remove and wash off all plants, animals, mud.

2. DRAIN
Drain all water before leaving the area, including wells and ballast.

3. DRY
Make sure your boat is completely dry from previous trips in other waters.



NATIONAL RECREATION PASSES

ANNUAL PASS:
$80 available for anyone (good for 12 months)
Does not apply to any 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.

LEAVE NO TRACE

leave no trace
www.LNT.org

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

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

CAMPFIRE SAFETY

Campfires are permitted within developed recreation sites **only if the fire is contained within a metal campfire ring or barbeque grill provided by the Forest Service**, provided there are no fire restricitons 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.**

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
South Shore	Bayview (USFS)*[A]	13						Yes	20'	(530)544-5994
	Campground by the Lake (City)	170	X	X	X	X	X	Yes	42'	(530)542-6096
	Camp Richardson (USFS)	332	X		X	X	X	Yes	35'	(530)541-1801
	Eagle Point (CA State Parks)	100				X	X	Yes	21'	(530)525-7277
	Fallen Leaf (USFS)*	196				X	X	Yes	40'	(530)544-0426
	Luther Pass (USFS)[A]	11						Free	NA	(530)543-2694
	KOA (Private)	60	X	X	X	X	X	Yes	40'	(530)577-3693
	Tahoe Valley (Private)**	413	X	X	X	X	X	Yes	60'	(530)541-2222
West Shore	Blackwood (USFS)[A]	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	X	Yes	32'	(530)525-7982
	William Kent (USFS)	84	X				X	Yes	40'	(530)583-3642
North	Lake Forest (City)[A]	20				X	X	Yes	20'	(530)583-3796
	Watson Campground (USFS)[A]	6						Free	NA	(530)543-2694
	Tahoe State Rec Area (CA St Parks)	38				X	X	Yes	21'	(530)583-3074
East	Nevada Beach (USFS)	52					X	Yes	45'	(530)588-5562
	Zephyr Cove (USFS)**	150	X	X	X	X	X	Yes	40'	(530)589-4907

*Senior & Access Pass 50% discount **Year-Round Availability [A]No Reservations

Reservations for USFS Sites: www.recreation.gov 877-444-6777
Reservations for CA State Parks: www.ReserveAmerica.com

BE BEAR AWARE!

Having a fun and safe season in 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 the following 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/car*
- *Leave food unattended at your picnic table*
- *Use fire rings to burn garbage*
- *Approach or feed a bear*

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
VISITOR INFORMATION
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
TOUR GUIDES
TRAIL WORK
GARDENING
WINTER PROGRAMS

Contact: 530-543-2694
Visit: http://www.fs.usda.gov/ltbmu

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