

Accessible Recreation Facilities

Tahoe National Forest



Welcome

Welcome to the Tahoe National Forest, where you are invited to spend your days enjoying the scenic variety and clean air of the high Sierras. These lands are managed to provide a variety of recreation opportunities while restoring forest ecosystems and producing important goods and services for the American public. The Forest name, taken from the famed Lake Tahoe, is probably from a Washoe Indian word meaning “Big Water.”

The Tahoe National Forest is located northeast of Sacramento in the central Sierra Nevada mountains, west of Lake Tahoe. Federal, State and County Highways and Forest roads provide excellent access to most portions of the Forest.

The Sierra Nevadas offer scenic beauty and an attractive climate that make the area an outstanding year-round center for outdoor recreation. Elevations within the Forest vary from about 1,500 feet in the foothills to over 9,000 feet at the Sierra crest.

Recreation Opportunities

This guide lists facilities and recreation sites by Ranger District with features that are accessible for people with disabilities. Not all locations/facilities listed are 100% accessible.

Because we are continually adding new accessible sites, please call ahead to the Ranger District for more information. The facilities listed meet federal accessibility standards (32-inch minimum width doorways, adequate room for turning, etc.).

We have a continuing commitment to provide everyone access to National Forest lands. Slopes of pathways and trails generally meet outdoor accessibility standards, although some assistance may be required at some locations. Construction of new facilities will include features designed for universal access whenever possible.

The Interagency Access Pass

The Interagency Access Pass is honored at National Parks, U.S. Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation, and Bureau of Land Management sites that charge entrance or standard amenity fees. The Pass is a lifetime permit and is free of charge for citizens and permanent residents of the United States that are legally blind or permanently disabled. It admits the Pass owner and any accompanying passengers in a private vehicle.

In those areas where a per-person fee is charged, the Pass admits the Pass owner and up to 3 adults (16 and older). Persons 15 and under are admitted free.

The Pass provides a 50% discount on some expanded amenity fees like campgrounds (most in the Tahoe National Forest), and covers free use at Tahoe National Forest day use sites that charge an entry fee.

The Interagency Access Pass must be obtained *in person* at any National Park, National Wildlife Refuge, National Forest, Bureau of Reclamation, or Bureau of Land Management site. Proof of medically determined permanent disability must be shown to obtain the Pass. Please call ahead to the Ranger Station to find out which documents you’ll need to bring.



United States
Department of
Agriculture



Forest Service
Pacific Southwest Region
www.fs.usda.gov/r5

Tahoe National Forest
www.fs.usda.gov/tahoe

American River Ranger District

**22830 Foresthill Road
Foresthill, CA 95631
(530) 367-2224
TTY users dial 711 for telecommunication relay**

China Wall Staging Area

Location: Foresthill Divide Road
Elevation: 5,000 feet
Facilities: Restroom and parking

Forbes Group Campground

Location: Sugar Pine Reservoir
Elevation: 3,700 feet
Facilities: Restrooms and campsites

Giant Gap Campground

Location: Sugar Pine Reservoir
Elevation: 3,700 feet
Facilities: Restrooms, some campsites, trail

Manzanita Picnic Area

Location: Sugar Pine Reservoir
Elevation: 3,700 feet
Facilities: Restrooms, some picnic sites, trail

Shirrtail Campground

Location: Sugar Pine Reservoir
Elevation: 3,700 feet
Facilities: Restrooms, some campsites, trail

Onion Valley Campground

Location: Texas Hill Road, Emigrant Gap area
Elevation: 4,400 feet
Facilities: Restroom

North Fork Campground

Location: Texas Hill Road, Emigrant Gap area
Elevation: 4,400 feet
Facilities: Restroom

Talbot Campground

Location: North of French Meadows Reservoir
Elevation: 5,600 feet
Facilities: Restrooms

Ralston Picnic Area

Location: East of Foresthill on Mosquito Ridge Rd
Elevation: 1,300 feet
Facilities: Restroom

Indian Bar Rafter Put-In

Location: East of Foresthill on Mosquito Ridge Rd
Elevation: 1,300 feet
Facilities: Restrooms

Robinson Flat Campground

Location: 27 miles northeast of Foresthill on Foresthill Divide Road.
Elevation: 6,800 feet
Facilities: Restrooms

Big Reservoir Campground

Location: 13 miles northeast of Foresthill on Foresthill Divide Road
Elevation: 4,000 feet
Facilities: Restrooms

French Meadows Campground

Location: French Meadows Reservoir
Elevation: 5,300 feet
Facilities: Restrooms and limited number of campsites.

French Meadows Picnic Site

Location: Adjacent to French Meadows Boat Ramp on south shore of reservoir
Elevation: 5,300 feet
Facilities: Restroom

Lewis Campground

Location: French Meadows Reservoir
Elevation: 5,300 feet
Facilities: Restrooms and limited number of campsites.

Gates Group Campground

Location: French Meadows Reservoir
Elevation: 5,300 feet
Facilities: Restrooms

Coyote Group Campground

Location: French Meadows Reservoir
Elevation: 5,300 feet
Facilities: Restrooms

Ahart Campground

Location: 1 mile east of French Meadows Reservoir
Elevation: 5,400 feet
Facilities: Restrooms

* Recreation sites may not meet accessibility standards except for the facilities listed.

Sierraville Ranger District

**317 South Lincoln (P.O. Box 95)
Sierraville, CA 96126
530-994-3401
TTY 530-994-3521**

East Meadow Campground

Location: Jackson Meadow Reservoir
Elevation: 6,100 feet
Facilities: Restrooms and some campsites. Access from vehicle to campsites requires assistance.

Pass Creek Boat Ramp

Location: Jackson Meadow Reservoir
Elevation: 6,000 feet
Facilities: Restrooms, drinking water access

Little Lasier Meadows Trailhead

Location: Near Jackson Meadow Reservoir
Elevation: 6,200 feet
Facilities: Restrooms

Findley Campground

Location: Jackson Meadow Reservoir
Elevation: 6,200 feet
Facilities: Restrooms and some campsites. Access from vehicle to campsites requires assistance.

Little Truckee Summit Picnic Area

Location: Highway 89 and Fiberboard Road
Elevation: 6,400 feet
Facilities: Restrooms and some picnic sites

Sagehen Campground

Location: 9 miles north of Truckee on Hwy 89, 2 miles west on Sagehen Rd
Elevation: 6,500 feet
Facilities: Restroom

Upper Little Truckee Campground

Location: 12 miles south of Sierraville on Highway 89 and the Little Truckee River
Elevation: 6,100 feet
Facilities: Restrooms, selected campsites, drinking water access

Lower Little Truckee Campground

Location: 11 miles south of Sierraville on Highway 89 and the Little Truckee River
Elevation: 6,000 feet
Facilities: Restrooms

Kyburz Flat

Location: Highway 89 North on Little Truckee River between Truckee and Sierraville
Elevation: 6,300 feet
Facilities: Restrooms, parking & interpretive trail

Silver Tip Group Camp

Location: Jackson Meadow Reservoir
Elevation: 6,100 feet
Facilities: Restrooms, drinking water, picnic tables

Aspen Group Camp

Location: Jackson Meadow Reservoir
Elevation: 6,100 feet
Facilities: Restrooms, drinking water

Aspen Picnic Site

Location: Jackson Meadow Reservoir
Elevation: 6,100 feet
Facilities: Restroom, drinking water

Vista Point Overlook at Jackson Meadow Dam

Location: Jackson Meadow Reservoir
Elevation: 6,050 feet
Facilities: Restroom

Pass Creek Campground

Location: Jackson Meadow Reservoir
Elevation: 6,100 feet
Facilities: Restrooms, selected campsites, drinking water

Woodcamp Picnic Site

Location: Jackson Meadow Reservoir
Elevation: 6,100 feet
Facilities: Restroom & drinking water

Woodcamp Campground

Location: Jackson Meadow Reservoir
Elevation: 6,100 feet
Facilities: Restroom, selected campsites, drinking water

* Recreation sites may not meet accessibility standards except for the facilities listed.

Truckee Ranger District

**10811 Stockrest Springs Road
Truckee, CA 96161
530-587-3558
TTY 530-587-6907**

Emigrant Group Campground

Location: Stampede Reservoir
Elevation: 5,900 feet
Facilities: Restrooms and campsites.

Logger Campground

Location: Stampede Reservoir
Elevation: 5,900 feet
Facilities: Restrooms and several campsites

Granite Flat Campground

Location: Highway 89 South on Truckee River
between Truckee and Tahoe City
Elevation: 5,800 feet
Facilities: Restrooms and several campsites

Captain Roberts Boat Ramp

Location: Stampede Reservoir
Elevation: 6,000 feet
Facilities: Restrooms, boat trailer parking.

Donner Camp Picnic Area

Location: 2 ½ miles north of Truckee on Highway 89
Elevation: 5,900 feet
Facilities: Restroom, picnic area and interpretive trail.
Assistance may be required along some sections.

Prosser Ranch Group Camp

Location: Prosser Reservoir
Elevation: 5,800 feet
Facilities: Drinking water and restroom.

Prosser Campground

Location: Prosser Reservoir
Elevation: 5,800 feet
Facilities: Drinking water and restrooms

Boca Campground

Location: Boca Reservoir
Elevation: 5,900 feet
Facilities: Restrooms and “rustic” campsites. Access from vehicle to campsite may require assistance.

Boca Townsite Interpretive Trail

Location: ¼ mile north of the I-80 Hirschdale exit.
Elevation: 5,600 feet
Facilities: Restroom and paved interpretive trail with challenging slopes.

Lakeside Campground

Location: Prosser Reservoir
Elevation: 5,800 feet
Facilities: Drinking water and restrooms

Silver Creek Campground

Location: Highway 89 South on Truckee River
between Truckee & Tahoe City
Elevation: 6,000 feet
Facilities: Restroom

Goose Meadows Campground

Location: Highway 89 South on Truckee River
between Truckee & Tahoe City
Elevation: 6,068 feet
Facilities: Restroom

* Recreation sites may not meet accessibility standards except for the facilities listed.

Yuba River Ranger District

**5924 Hwy. 49
Camptonville, CA 95922
530-288-3231
TTY 530-288-3656**

Rock Creek Nature Trail

Location: Hwy 20, 7 ½ miles east of Nevada City
Elevation: 2,900 feet
Facilities: Picnic area, restrooms, native-surfaced trail with very challenging grades.

Loney Meadows Nature Trail

Location: Grouse Lakes area, north of Hwy 20
Elevation: 6,500
Facilities: Nature trail with challenging grades

Steephollow Plantation Trail

Location: Highway 20 at Omega Rest Area
Elevation: 5,000 feet
Facilities: Paved trail with challenging grades. Restrooms at east end of rest area.

Big Bend Group Camp & Picnic Sites

Location: Big Bend/Rainbow Road exit from I-80
Elevation: 5,850 feet
Facilities: Group Camps, restrooms and some picnic sites

Chalk Bluff Trailhead

Location: East of Nevada City on Highway 20
Elevation: 5,000 feet
Facilities: OHV unloading ramp and restrooms

Hampshire Rocks Campground

Location: South of Rainbow Road exit from I-80
Elevation: 5,800 feet
Facilities: Restrooms and some campsites.

Indian Springs Campground

Location: East of Hwy 20/I-80 junction
Elevation: 5,600 feet
Facilities: Restrooms

Schoolhouse Campground & Dark Day Boat Ramp

Location: Bullards Bar Reservoir
Elevation: 2,000 feet
Facilities: Restrooms, several campsites, boat ramp, parking, boat trailer parking

Union Flat Campground

Location: Hwy 49 between Downieville & Sierra City
Elevation: 3,400 feet
Facilities: Restroom

Lower Carlton Campground

Location: Highway 49 near Indian Valley Outpost
Elevation: 2,200 feet
Facilities: Restroom

Sand Pond Picnic Area

Location: Gold Lake Hwy near Lower Sardine
Elevation: 5,800 feet
Facilities: Restrooms, picnic area

Packsaddle Trailhead

Location: Packer Lake Rd West of Gold Lake Rd
Elevation: 6,000 feet
Facilities: Restroom

Fiddle Creek Campground

Location: Highway 49 near Indian Valley Outpost
Elevation: 2,200 feet
Facilities: Campsites, restroom, trail to river

Oregon Creek Day Use Area

Location: Highway 49, south of Camptonville
Elevation: 1,500 feet
Facilities: Parking, restrooms and picnic sites

Indian Valley Campground

Location: Highway 49 near Indian Valley
Elevation: 2,300 feet
Facilities: Parking, restrooms, selected campsites, raised tent pad, river overlook

Convict Flat Picnic Area

Location: Hwy 49 between Downieville & Camptonvil
Elevation: 2,500 feet
Facilities: Restroom

Yuba Pass Campground

Location: Highway 49 North of Yuba Pass
Elevation: 6,800 feet
Facilities: Restrooms, some campsites

Upper Salmon Lake Parking Area

Location: Salmon Lake
Elevation: 6,000 feet
Facilities: Restroom

* Recreation sites may not meet accessibility standards except for the facilities listed.

For more information:

Tahoe National Forest Headquarters

631 Coyote Street

Nevada City, CA 95959

(530) 265-4531

TTY users dial 711 for telecommunication relay

www.fs.usda.gov/tahoe

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at

http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

*Recreation sites may not meet accessibility standards except for the facilities listed.