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Hiking Trails: North & East Lake Tahoe

Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit

The information below describes several trails located in the north and east shore of Lake Tahoe Basin. Brief descriptions and an orientation map to the trailheads are included. A topographic map and compass are recommended. Forest maps are helpful and are available for purchase from our office.

Weather conditions can change rapidly. Be prepared with the proper clothing and equipment. Always carry extra water. Hikers, mountain bikes and horses are allowed on most trails, however, mountain bikes and horses are not allowed on the Mt. Rose and Tahoe Meadows trails. Remember, trails are enjoyed by many different types of users. Please show respect and courtesy

1. Mt. Rose Summit: The highest peak on the north shore of Lake Tahoe Basin (10,778'), this strenuous 5.2 each way hike offers excellent views of the lake, the city of Reno and the surrounding area. Take Hwy 431 from Incline Village to Mt. Rose summit. Look for the Tahoe Rim Trail (TRT) sign, park on the north side of the road. Hike through sub-alpine terrain, past a waterfall and spring wildflowers. Caution; the last 2 miles to the summit is steep and can be very windy and cold. Remember to bring water and layer clothing for warmth! Mountain bikes and horses are **NOT** permitted on this trail.

2. Tahoe Meadows Loop Trail: This easy 1.2 mile loop trail is wheelchair accessible and ideal for families with small children! Self guided interpretive signs guide you by wildflowers, granite slabs and picturesque sub alpine terrain. Follow directions from previous hike, park on the south side of the road at Tahoe Meadows. This is also a great hike to pack a picnic lunch and enjoy the beautiful scenery with Lake Tahoe to the south and Slide Mountain to the east! Mountain bikes and horses are **NOT** allowed on this trail.

3. Brockway Summit to Martis Peak:

This moderate to strenuous hike along the Tahoe Rim Trail (TRT) will reward you with exceptional panoramic views. Hike through sub-alpine forest of red fir, western white pine, hemlock, and junipers to exposed volcanic slopes. Take Hwy 267 from Kings Beach 2.7 miles, look for the TRT sign. Park near forest road 16N56. Follow the dirt road up the hill 100 yards to the trailhead sign. After hiking 4 miles you will see dramatic views of Lake Tahoe and peaks to the south. At 4.3 miles you will reach a dirt road. If you go left on the dirt road for .2 miles you will reach Martis Peak Rd. (paved) Walk .7 miles up the paved road to Martis Peak lookout. Or, continue along the TRT by following the dirt road right .25 miles. The trail will continue 300 yards off the road to the left, (north). Continue along the Tahoe Rim Trail 7.6 miles from the trailhead to the Mt Rose Wilderness Boundary and Mt Baldy. Two small lakes can be accessed by taking the .5 side trail to shallow Mud and Gray Lakes.

4. Stateline Lookout: Once a fire lookout, this moderate uphill .5 mile each way hike will reward you with a spectacular birdseye view of Lake Tahoe. There are several side trails to explore, a granite patio and benches to take in the view. From Highway 28 in Crystal Bay (California/Nevada border), Turn on Reservoir Drive, just east of the Tahoe Biltmore Casino. Turn right on Lakeshore Ave. Park adjacent to the forest service gate. (Note; do not block gate.) Parking is very limited!

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5. Prey Meadows-Skunk Harbor: Moderate 1.5 miles each way. Snow free in early spring, this is a great walk through a mixed conifer forest with filtered views of Lake Tahoe along the way. Look for the remains of an old railroad grade along the way, built in the 1870's as part of the network to supply timber to Virginia City. When you reach a fork in the road, you have two options. The left fork leads to Prey Meadows which is blanketed with many varieties of wildflowers in the spring. The right fork leads you to Skunk Harbor, a small picturesque cove which offers great swimming and sunbathing in the summer. Take Hwy 28 south from Incline Village 7 miles. Look for a green forest service gate on the right. Parking is very limited. **Do Not** block gate! (Additional parking just north of the gate is also available.)

6. Tahoe Rim Trail North (Spoooner): This moderate 5 mile each way trail provides wonderful views of the Carson Valley as well as glimpses of Lake Tahoe along a Jeffrey pine forested trail. For a longer and more strenuous hike, follow the steep downhill road to the Flume Trail, then north to Marlette Lake. (Note; watch for mountain bikes along the popular Flume Trail!) Take Hwy 50 east to Spooner Summit, look for the Tahoe Rim Trail (TRT) sign, park on the north side of the road. Remember to take extra water on this ridge top hike, as it is can get hot and dry during summer months.

7. Tahoe Rim Trail South (Genoa): This moderate 4 mile each way hike takes you through aspen stands, pine and fir forests. Great views of the Carson Valley as well as glimpses of Lake Tahoe can be seen along this trail. For a more strenuous hike, try the climb up to climb Duane Bliss Peak (8,658'), South Camp Peak (8,866'), or Genoa Peak (9,150') by travers-ing cross country. (Note: mountain bikes and horses may share these routes. Carry extra water as this trail has little water sources.)

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Dogs on Trails



Dogs are allowed on most Forest Service trails. Pet owners please follow these guidelines:

Keep your pet under control and on a six foot leash.

Control excessive barking and don't allow your pet to chase or harass wildlife.

Clean up after your dog, please pack it out! Don't forget the doggie bags.

Check your pet's paws often, rocky terrain can cause cuts.

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