

# Accessible Recreation Facilities

## Tahoe National Forest



### Welcome

Welcome to the Tahoe National Forest, where each year nearly six million visitor days are spent enjoying the scenic variety and clean air of the high Sierra. These public lands are dedicated to the wise use and production of timber, water, grazing areas, wildlife and recreational opportunities. 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 and extends from Lake Tahoe to north of the prominent Sierra Buttes. Several highways, including Interstate Highway 80; State Highways 20, 49, 89, and 267; and Forest roads, provide excellent access to most portions of the Forest.

The central Sierra Nevada Mountains 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 opportunities 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 for 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, when possible.

### The Interagency Access Pass

The Interagency Access Pass is honored at National Parks, National Wildlife Refuges, National Forests, Bureau of Reclamation, and Bureau of Land Management sites that charge entrance or standard amenity fees. The Passport 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 passport 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 persons; persons under 15 are admitted free. The Pass provides a 50% discount on some expanded amenity fees like campgrounds, highly developed boat launches and swimming sites and for specialized interpretive services.

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 disability must be shown to obtain the Pass.

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## Yuba River Ranger District – North



### Schoolhouse Campground

Location Bullards Bar Reservoir  
Elevation 2,000 feet  
Facilities Restrooms and several campsites



### Dark Day Boat Ramp

Location Bullards Bar Reservoir  
Elevation 2,000 feet  
Facilities Restrooms and restroom parking



### Union Flat Campground

Location Hwy 49 between Downieville and Sierra City  
Elevation 3,400 feet  
Facilities Restrooms and some campsites



### Lower Carlton Campground

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



### Sand Pond Picnic Area

Location Off Gold Lake Highway near Lower Sardine Lake  
Elevation 5,800 feet  
Facilities Restrooms, picnic area and interpretive trail. Swimming allowed at Sand Pond. Gentle, sandy unpaved slope into the pond.



### Packsaddle Trailhead

Location 2 ½ miles west of Gold Lake  
Highway on Packer Lake Road  
Elevation 6,000 feet  
Facilities Equestrian facilities and restrooms



### Fiddle Creek Campground

Location Highway 49 near Indian Valley Outpost  
Elevation 2,200 feet  
Facilities Campsites, restrooms and trail to river overlook



### Upper Salmon Lake Parking Area

Location Salmon Lake  
Elevation 6,000 feet  
Facilities Restrooms and undesignated restroom parking

## American River Ranger District



### China Wall Staging Area

Location Foresthill Divide Road  
Elevation 5,000 feet  
Facilities Restrooms 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, several campsites and paved trail



### Manzanita Picnic Area

Location Sugar Pine Reservoir, between campgrounds  
Elevation 3,700 feet  
Facilities Restrooms, several picnic areas and paved trail



### Shirrtail Campground

Location Sugar Pine Reservoir  
Elevation 3,700 feet  
Facilities Restrooms, several campsites and paved trail



### Sugar Pine Swim Site

Location Sugar Pine Reservoir Day Use Area  
Elevation 3,700 feet  
Facilities Restrooms, several picnic areas and paved trail



### Sugar Pine Boat Ramp

Location Sugar Pine Reservoir, south side  
Elevation 3,700 feet  
Facilities Restrooms and parking



### French Meadows Campground

Location French Meadows campground  
Elevation 5,200 feet  
Facilities Restrooms and several campsites

## Yuba River Ranger District – South



### Rock Creek Nature Trail

Location 7 ½ miles east of Nevada City on Highway 20  
Elevation 2,900 feet  
Facilities Picnic area, restrooms and native surfaced nature trail with very challenging grades.



### Loney Meadows Nature Trail

Location Grouse Lakes area, 11 miles north of Highway 20  
Elevation 6,500 feet  
Facilities 1.5 mile nature trail with challenging grades



### Steephollow Plantation Trail

Location 20 miles east of Nevada City on Highway 20 at the Cal-Trans “Omega” Rest Area  
Elevation 5,000 feet  
Facilities ½ mile of paved nature trail, with some challenging grades. Cal Trans restrooms are at the east end of the rest area.



### Big Bend Visitor Center

Location 18 miles west of Truckee at the Big Bend/Rainbow Road exit off I-80  
Elevation 5,850 feet  
Facilities Visitor Center.  
½ mile of paved trail along South Yuba River.  
Picnic site available.



### Chalk Bluff Trailhead

Location 12 miles east of Nevada City on Highway 20  
Elevation 5,000 feet  
Facilities OHV unloading ramp and restrooms

## Sierraville Ranger District



### East Meadow Campground

Location Jackson Meadow Reservoir, via Highway 89 and Henness Pass Road  
Elevation 6,100 feet  
Facilities Restrooms and a limited number of campsites. Access from vehicle to campsite requires assistance.



### Pass Creek Boat Ramp

Location Jackson Meadow Reservoir, via Highway 89 and Henness Pass Road  
Elevation 6,000 feet  
Facilities Restrooms, restroom parking and water hydrant



### Trailhead

### Little Lasier Meadows

Location near Jackson Meadow Reservoir  
Elevation 6,200 feet  
Facilities Restrooms



### Findley Campground

Location Jackson Meadow Reservoir via Highway 89 and Henness Pass Road  
Elevation 6,200 feet  
Facilities Restrooms and a limited number of campsites. Access from vehicle to campsite requires assistance.



### Little Truckee Summit Picnic Area

Location At the junction of Highway 89 and Fiberboard Road  
Elevation 6,400 feet  
Facilities Restrooms and some picnic sites. Serves as a trailhead for off-road vehicles.

## Truckee Ranger District

### **Emigrant Group Campground**

Location Stampede Reservoir  
Elevation 5,900 feet  
Facilities Restrooms and campsites.  
Fees vary with size of group

 **Logger Campground**  
Location Stampede Reservoir  
Elevation 5,900 feet  
Facilities Restrooms and several campsites

 **Granite Flat Campground**  
Location Highway 89 South on the 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, restroom parking, boat trailer parking.

 **Donner Camp Picnic Area**  
Location two and ½ miles north of Truckee on Highway 89  
Elevation 5,900 feet  
Facilities Restrooms, picnic area and interpretive trail. Assistance may be required along some sections.

 **Boca Boat Ramp**  
Location Boca Reservoir, via Highway 80 and Hirschdale Road  
Elevation 6,000 feet  
Facilities Restrooms

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

 **Boca Rest 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.

 **Boca Fishing Access Trail**  
Location Northeast of Boca Dam  
Elevation 5,600 feet  
Facilities Parking, information, paved trail to lakeshore

### **For more information:**

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