

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 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, 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, boat loading ramp

Union Flat Campground

Location: Hwy 49 between Downieville and 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: Off Gold Lake Highway near Lower Sardine Lake
Elevation: 5,800 feet
Facilities: Restrooms, picnic area
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: Restroom

Fiddle Creek Campground

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

Oregon Creek Day Use Area

Location: Highway 49 and Middle Yuba River, 3 miles south of Camptonville
Elevation: 1,500 feet
Facilities: Parking, restrooms and picnic sites

Indian Valley Campground

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

Dark Day Boat Ramp Parking Overflow

Location: Bullards Bar Reservoir
Elevation: 2,000 feet
Facilities: Parking, restrooms, boat trailer parking

Convict Flat Picnic Area

Location: Highway 49 between Camptonville and Downieville
Elevation: 2,500 feet
Facilities: Restrooms

Yuba Pass Campground (improvements planned summer 2011)

Location: Highway 49 North of Yuba Pass
Elevation: 6,800 feet
Facilities: Restrooms, selected campsites and drinking water

Upper Salmon Lake Parking Area

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

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

Onion Valley Campground

Location: Emigrant Gap/Texas Hill area. Take 158B exit off I-80, proceed south on Texas Hill Road 19
Elevation: 4,400 feet
Facilities: Restroom

North Fork Campground

Location: Emigrant Gap/Texas Hill area. Take 158B exit off I-80, proceed south on Texas Hill Road 19
Elevation: 4,400 feet
Facilities: Restroom (restroom planned summer 2011)

Talbot Campground

Location: On American River 5 miles north of French Meadows Reservoir
Elevation: 5,600 feet
Facilities: Restrooms

Ralston Picnic Area

Location: 12 miles east of Foresthill on Mosquito Ridge Road. One mile south on Forest Road 23.
Elevation: 1,300 feet
Facilities: Restroom

Indian Bar Rafter Put-In

Location: 12 miles east of Foresthill on Mosquito Ridge Road. One mile south on Forest Road 23.
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

(National Forest Land)
Location: 13 miles Northeast of Foresthill off Foresthill Divide Road
Elevation: 4,000 feet
Facilities: Restrooms

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. Rest-Area 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 drinking water

Little Lasier Meadows Trailhead

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 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

Lower Little Truckee Campground

Location: Highway 89 North on Little Truckee River between Truckee and Sierraville
Elevation: 6,200 feet
Facilities: Restrooms

Upper Little Truckee Campground (improvements planned summer 2011)

Location: Highway 89 North on Little Truckee River between Truckee and Sierraville
Elevation: 6,200 feet
Facilities: Restrooms, selected campsites & drinking water

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

Truckee Ranger District

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 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.

Prosser Ranch Group Camp

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

Prosser Campground

Location: Prosser Reservoir
Elevation: 5,800 feet
Facilities: Drinking water and restrooms
(Restrooms planned summer 2011)

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

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