

LAKE OF THE SKY JOURNAL

Tahoe Outdoor Recreation Guide



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Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit
www.fs.usda.gov/ltbmu

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Where are you going today?

May we suggest.....

Mountains

Day hike or backpack....
small lakes, open spaces, mountain top views



Beaches

Swim, sun or picnic....
unique sites all around the lake

Historic Sites

Walk the trails from the forest to the shore....
The Washoe and early settlers used these areas.



Vista Points

Photos and facts.....
about nature and history

Special Places

Interpretive centers.....
have many fun events for all ages

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TAYLOR CREEK VISITOR CENTER

easy level trails . tours . underwater viewing area . information

(530) 543-2674

Located on Hwy 89 (See Map on Page 12)

3 miles North of South Lake Tahoe

6 miles South of Emerald Bay

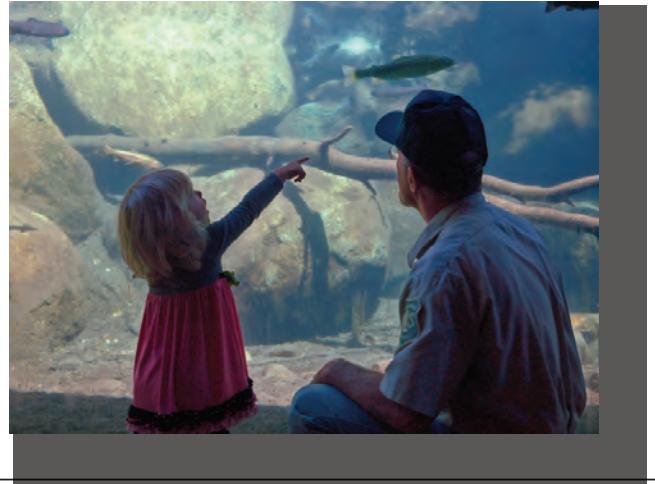
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Open Daily: May 28th - June 10th 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

June 11th - Sept. 30th 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Oct. 1st - Oct. 31st 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Stream Profile Chamber closes 30 minutes before Visitor Center.



Take a Hike



The Rainbow Trail, our most popular trail winds through the meadow on its way to Taylor Creek and the Stream Profile Chamber.



Smokey's Trail teaches children about campfire safety and they will find Smokey at the end of the trail waiting for a photo.

The Forest Tree Trail introduces you to the Jeffrey Pine and the animals that live beneath its branches.



The Lake of the Sky Trail recounts early visitor's impressions of Lake Tahoe as it leads to the edge of the lake.

Lake of the Sky Amphitheater
presents
SUMMER SPECIAL SPEAKER SERIES
Schedule at Visitor Center

July & August Ranger Programs DAILY

RAINBOW WALK - 10:30 a.m.

Explore the Rainbow Trail at Taylor Creek.

PATIO TALK - 2:00 p.m.

Learn about natural and cultural history.

New topics daily

TUESDAY

NIGHT WALK - July 8:30 p.m./ August 8:00 p.m.

Discover Taylor Creek's nightside.

WEDNESDAY

Be a JR. RANGER - 10:00 a.m.

Kids! Have fun while earning your ranger badge.

SUMMER SPECIAL SPEAKER SERIES

July 8:30 p.m./ August 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

*KIDS IN THE CREEK - 10:00 a.m.

Caddisfly! What's that? Explore the creek with a forest naturalist. Wear sturdy water shoes.

Ages 6 -12

SUMMER SPECIAL SPEAKER SERIES

July 8:30 p.m./ August 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY

ONLY YOU! - 10:00 a.m.

Smokey Bear says "Only you can prevent wildfires." Meet him LIVE!

INTERNATIONAL FOREST FILM FESTIVAL -

July 8:30 p.m./ August 8:00 p.m.

Films vary each week at the amphitheater.

*All Programs Are Accessible Except "Kids in the Creek"



Free Family Events: Includes Fish Viewing, Family Activities, Food, and Facts!

baldwin museum . pope house . valhalla . boathouses . picnic area . beaches . easy level trails

PROGRAMS

All program tickets can be obtained at the Baldwin Museum.

*Suggested donations help the Tahoe Heritage Foundation support programs and materials.

DAILY

(Except Wednesdays)

POPE HOUSE TOUR

11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:30 p.m.

Take a guided tour through the Pope House.

Suggested Donation

*\$5.00 Per Person / \$3.00 Children (Ages 6-12)

05/28 - 06/12 & 09/6 - 09/11

1:00 p.m., 2:30 p.m. tours only.

LUCKY'S LEGACY

SELF GUIDED CELL PHONE TOUR!

Available on demand, ask for the tour phone number and guide booklet in the Baldwin museum. *\$2

WEDNESDAY

TALLAC SITE STROLL - 11:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Stroll across all three estates of the Tallac Site while hearing stories of the buildings, and the families that lived in them. Outdoor program, leashed pets are welcome.

*\$5.00, June 22nd - Sept. 7th

KITCHEN KIDS - 1:00 p.m.

Cook up a storm in the Pope Estate kitchen using old fashioned recipes.

June 22nd - August 31st

*\$10.00 Per Child (Ages 6-12) 1 1/4 hr

FRIDAY

KITCHEN KIDS - 1:00 p.m.

Cook up a storm in the Pope Estate kitchen using old fashioned recipes.

July 8th - August 26th

*\$10.00 Per Child (Ages 6-12) 1 1/4 hr

SATURDAY

TALLAC SITE STROLL - 3:00 p.m.

Stroll across all three estates of the Tallac Site while hearing stories of the buildings, and the families that lived in them. Outdoor program, leashed pets are welcome.

*\$5.00 Per Person, June 25th - August 27th

All programs can be specially arranged for groups of 6 or more, *\$7 per person. Great for larger families, kid or adult birthdays, or when your group can't make a specified time.

Call the Baldwin Museum for more information.



(530) 541-5227

Directions:

Located on Hwy 89 (See Map on Page 12)

2.5 miles North of South Lake Tahoe

6.5 miles South of Emerald Bay

GPS Coordinates: Latitude : 38.9378 Longitude : -120.0471

Museum Hours:

Weekends May 28th - June 12th 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Daily June 18th - Sept. 5th 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 6th - Sept. 11th 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

VOLUNTEER!

Join the Tallac Team and take part in the historic preservation and interpretation of the Tallac Historic Site. For details email Jackie Dumin at jdumin@fs.fed.us.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAYS - June 29th, July 27th, & August 24th

AFTERNOON WITH ANITA- 1:00 p.m.

Join Anita Baldwin for some light refreshments while she tells you stories of the Tallac Casino and Resort, and her life. Outdoor program, quiet pets are welcome.

*\$7.50 Per Person/\$5 Children (Ages 6-12)

WEDNESDAYS - July 13th, August 3rd, & August 31st

TEA WITH TEVIS - 1:00 p.m.

Join Mrs. Tevis in her arboretum to hear about her life and estate while enjoying some light refreshments. Outdoor program, quiet pets are welcome.

*\$7.50 Per Person/ \$5 Children (Ages 6-12)

SATURDAYS - June 25th, July 16th, & August 20th

VINTAGE VATICAN - 4:00 p.m.

Step back in time and tour the Pope House with Mrs. Pope.

Enjoy the view, sip bubbly, and sample appetizers.

*\$12.50, Ages 12 & up



GREAT GATSBY FESTIVAL

August 13th & 14th

The roaring twenties come to life with music, food, fun, and costumes.

programs . events . guest speakers . ohvs . bikes

RIDE THE GONDOLA



HIT THE ROAD



The Lake Tahoe Basin offers several scenic OHV routes for 4x4's, quads, or dirt bikes. Ask for our new Motor Vehicle Use Map.



For non-motorized use there are miles of trails for both mountain bikes and street bikes.

Lake of the Sky Amphitheater

presents

Summer Special Speaker Series

Wednesdays and Thursdays Nights

Mark Twain

BATOPIA

WILD THINGS

Geology

Tahoe History

ECOLOGY

Complete schedule available
at Taylor Creek Visitor Center



WILD TAHOE WEEKEND

Saturday June 4th - International Bird Migration Day

Sunday June 5th - Native Species Festival

10AM TO 4PM

Join local school kids and nature experts
for fun educational family activities at Taylor Creek

GO WILD GO BIRDING!
INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY 2011



The Tahoe Heritage Foundation (THF) proudly sponsors the programs and special events at Tallac and Taylor Creek and provides many recreational, educational, and restoration opportunities in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service - Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit. THF also publishes the **Lake of the Sky Journal**.



The Tahoe Heritage Foundation is a non-profit organization formed in 1996. The Foundation's mission is "to help preserve and protect cultural heritage and natural history resources of the Lake Tahoe Basin through restoration, interpretation, and education."

If these things are important to you, we need your help. Call or go online to join our mailing list and discover the many ways to be involved. <http://www.tahoheritage.org> or (530) 544-7383.

LAKE TAHOE BASIN MAP

campgrounds . trailheads . visitor centers . historic sites . museums .

VISITOR CENTERS

D.L. Bliss State Park
West Shore
(530) 525-7277

Explore Tahoe: An Urban Trailhead
(@ Heavenly Village)
South Shore
(530) 542-2908

U.C. Davis
Tahoe Environmental Education Center
Incline Village Lab
(775)-881-7560
Tahoe City Field Station
530-583-3279

Meyers Interagency Visitor Center
South Shore
(530) 573-1804

Sand Harbor Visitor Center
East Shore
(775) 831-0494

Taylor Creek Visitor Center
South Shore
(530) 543-2674

HISTORIC SITES & MUSEUMS

Ehrman Mansion
West Shore
(tours \$5 adult/ \$3 child)
(530) 525-7232

Gatekeeper's Museum
West Shore
(\$5 adult/\$4 senior)
(530) 583-1762

U.C. Davis Erikson Education Center
Tahoe City
(775)-881-7562

Lake Tahoe Historical Society Museum
South Shore
(free)
(530) 541-5458

Tahoe Maritime Museum
West Shore
(\$5.00 - suggested donation)
(530) 525-9253

Tallac Historic Site
South Shore
(free, tours \$5 adult/ \$3 child)
(530) 541-5227

Thunderbird Lodge
East Shore
(tours \$39 adult, \$19 child,
reservations required)
(800) 468-2463

Vikingsholm Castle
West Shore
(tours \$5 adult/ \$3 child)
(530) 525-3345

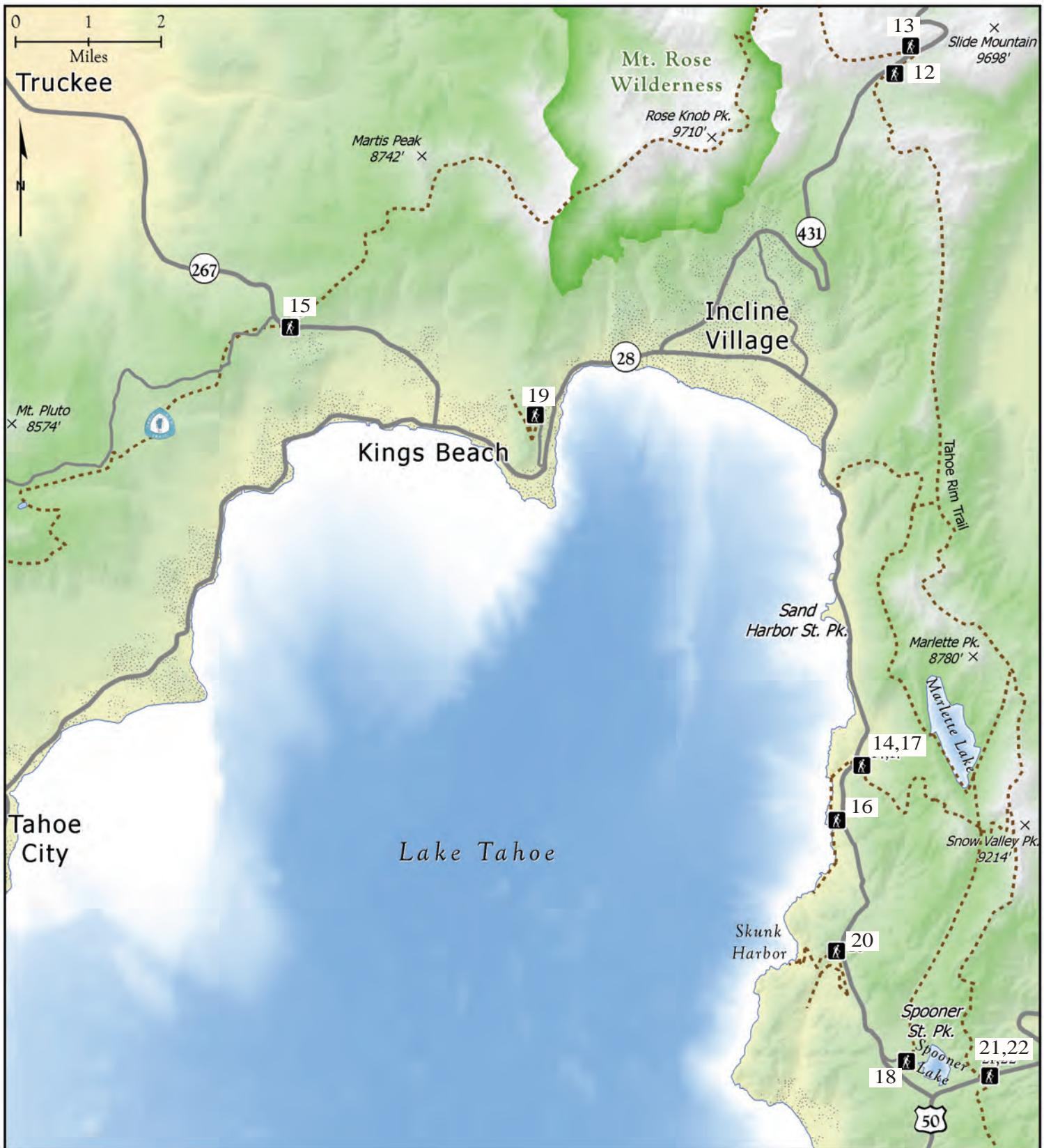
Watson Cabin
North Shore
(\$3 adult/ \$1 child/\$2 senior)
(530) 583-8717



SOUTH & WEST SHORE HIKING TRAILS	DIFFICULTY	ELEVATION	ROUNDRIP MILEAGE	TRAILHEAD
1. Grass Lake*	Moderate	6560'/7240'	4 mi	Glen Alpine Trailhead
2. Lake Aloha*	Moderate	7420'/8430'	12 mi	Echo Lakes Trailhead
3. Mt. Tallac via Glen Alpine Trail*	Strenuous	6560'/9735'	12 mi	Glen Alpine Trailhead
4. Mt. Tallac Trail*	Strenuous	6480'/9735'	10 mi	Mt. Tallac Trailhead
5. Cascade Falls	Moderate	6800'/6910'	1.5 mi	Bayview Trailhead
6. Eagle Falls to Eagle Lake*	Moderate	6600'/7000'	2 mi	Eagle Falls Trailhead
7. Lake Genevieve*	Moderate	6240'/8880'	9 mi	Meeks Bay Trailhead
8. Rubicon Point Trail	Moderate	6230'/6580'	6 mi	D.L. Bliss State Park
9. Vikingsholm Trail	Moderate	6230'/6630'	2 mi	Vikingsholm Parking Lot
10. Granite Lake	Strenuous	6800'/7650'	2 mi	Bayview Trailhead
11. Lam Watah Trail	Easy	Flat	2 mi	Lam Watah Trailhead

* Desolation Wilderness Day Use permit required. Available at trailheads





NORTH & EAST SHORE HIKING TRAILS

12. Tahoe Meadows Trail**	Moderate	Flat -8705'	2 mi	Tahoe Mdws Parking Lot
13. Mt. Rose Summit**	Strenuous	8700'/10,7786	12 mi	Mt. Rose Trailhead
14. Chimney Beach	Moderate	150 ft gain	1.2 mi	Chimney Beach Trailhead
15. Brockway Summit to Martis Peak**	Moderate	6950' / 8960'	10 mi	TRT Trailhead Hwy 267
16. Secret Cove	Moderate	6423'/6223'	.5 mi	Secret Harbor Parking Lot
17. Marlette Lake**	Moderate	1200 ft gain	10 mi	Spooner Lake State Park
18. Spooner Lake	Easy	Flat	2 mi	Spooner Lake State Park
19. Stateline Lookout	Easy	7017'	1 mi	Lakeshore Ave USFS Gate
20. Prey Meadows - Skunk Harbor	Moderate	6200'/6800'	3 mi	Skunk Harbor Trailhead
21. TRT - North from Spooner Lake**	Moderate		10 mi	Spooner Summit North
22. TRT - South to Genoa Peak**	Moderate	7000'/9150'	8 mi	Spooner Summit Rest Area

** Part of the Tahoe Rim Trail (TRT) system.

CAMPGROUND GUIDE

south shore . west shore . north shore . east shore . tent . rv . primitive

CAMPGROUNDS	# SITES									RV FEES	LNTH	INFORMATION	RESERVATIONS
SOUTH SHORE													
1. Bayview (7day limit) (USFS) ★	13						X			\$15	20'	(530) 544 - 5994	No Reservations
2. Campground By The Lake (City)	170	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	\$27 - \$38	43'	(530) 542 - 6096	(530) 542 - 6096
3. Camp Richardson (USFS)	332	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	\$35 - \$50	35'	(800) 544 - 1801	(800) 544 - 1801
4. Eagle Point (CA St Pk)	100				X	X	X	X	X	\$35	21'	(530) 525 - 7277	(800) 444 - 7275
5. Fallen Leaf (USFS) ★	206				X	X	X	X	X	\$28 - \$30	40'	(530) 544 - 0426	(877) 444 - 6777
6. Luther Pass (USFS)	13							X		FREE	NA	(530) 543 - 2600	No Reservations
7. KOA (Private)	60	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	\$39 - \$71	40'	(800) 562 - 3477	(800) 562 - 3477
8. Tahoe Valley (Private)	413	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	\$38 - \$58	60'	(530) 541 - 2222	(530) 541 - 2222
WEST SHORE													
9. Blackwood (USFS)	6						X			FREE	NA	(530) 643 - 2600	No Reservations
10. D.L. Bliss (CA St Pk)	168	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	\$35 - \$45	18'	(530) 525 - 7277	(800) 444 - 7275
11. Kaspian (USFS) ★	9				X		X	X		\$15	20'	(530) 583 - 3642	(877) 444 - 6777
12. Meeks Bay (USFS) ★	40				X		X	X		\$23	20'	(530) 583 - 3642	(877) 444 - 6777
13. Meeks Bay Resort (USFS)	28	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	\$25 - \$30	60'	(530) 525 - 6946	(877) 326 - 3357
14. Sugar Pine Point (CA St Pk)	175	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	\$25	32'	(530) 525 - 7982	(800) 444 - 7275
15. William Kent (USFS) ★	95	X			X		X	X	X	\$23	40'	(530) 583 - 3642	(800) 444 - 7275
NORTH SHORE													
16. Lake Forest (City)	20				X		X	X		\$15	20'	(530) 583 - 3440	No Reservations
17. Sandy Beach (Private)	44	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	\$25 - \$30	40'	(530) 546 - 7682	(530) 546 - 7682
18. Watson Campground (USFS)	6									FREE	NA	(530) 543-2600	No Reservations
19. Tahoe State Rec Area (CA St Pk)	38				X	X	X	X		\$35	21'	(530) 583 - 3074	(800) 444 - 7275
EAST SHORE													
20. Nevada Beach (USFS) ★	54				X		X	X	X	\$28 - \$34	45'	(775) 588 - 5562	(877) 444 - 6777
21. Zephyr Cove (USFS)	150	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	\$29 - \$65	40'	(775) 589 - 4907	(775) 589 - 4907

Check with Campground for pet restrictions and fees.

All fees subject to change.

USFS reservations: www.recreation.gov

★ Senior and Access Pass holders receive 50% discounts

CA St Pk: www.ReserveAmerica.com

dump station
 group site
 hook up
 swimming
 showers
 toilets
 water

YOUR CAMPFIRE . . . YOUR RESPONSIBILITY



SOAK IT



STIR IT



TEST IT

Never Leave Any Campfire Unattended
..... even in a campground!

BE BEAR AWARE!

Each year about 50 bears are killed in the Tahoe Basin due to collisions with motorists or because they became too comfortable around people.

- Maintain Your Distance.
- If Threatened: Get Loud and Large, Never Run From a Bear.
- Throw Trash Away in Bear Proof Trash cans.
- Lock Up Food and Toiletries in Food Boxes in Campgrounds.
- Drive Cautiously While Traveling Throughout the Lake Tahoe Basin.

NATIONAL RECREATION PASSES



Senior Pass

Ages 62+ US Citizens \$10 Lifetime discounts and entry to federal recreation areas.

Available at Forest Service Offices

Annual Pass

\$80 1 year entry to federal recreation areas.



Access Pass

Free to permanently disabled US Citizens, documentation required. Lifetime discounts and entry to federal recreation areas.



tahoe rim trail . walk . hike . photograph . backpack . pacific crest trail

The Lake Tahoe Backcountry offers a variety of adventures

- From the shore of Lake Tahoe to a quiet mountain pool
- Walk in the woods or scale a mountain
- Visit a wildflower meadow or tour the Big Trees
- Hear the roar of a waterfall or the gurgle of a stream
- Enjoy sweeping vistas and moments of solitude



BACKCOUNTRY INFORMATION CENTER

Summers (530) 543-2736 Winters (530) 543-2694

Speak with a ranger at the Taylor Creek Visitor Center about current conditions.

Obtain permits and maps. Learn about staying safe while enjoying and protecting your backcountry.

Desolation Wilderness - A Special Place

Maximum group size is 12 people

Permits Required

NO Campfires

DAY USE- FREE and unlimited

OVERNIGHT USE- \$5 per person for 1 night

\$10 per person for 2 or more nights

Quota season Memorial Day thru Sept.

RESERVATIONS: www.recreation.gov

(877) 444-6777

(Fee: \$6 per permit)

These fees support the Desolation Wilderness.

BE PREPARED

- Use a water filter and carry plenty of water.
- Bring a map and GPS. Know how to use them.
- Leave travel plans with a responsible party.
- Know your physical limitations.
- Weather can change rapidly, pack for all conditions
- Be Bear Aware. Protect your food from wild animals. Bear canisters are loaned FREE of charge at the Taylor Creek Visitor Center and the LTBMU Supervisor's Office.

PRACTICE "LEAVE NO TRACE"

- Travel and Camp on durable surfaces.
- Camp 200 Feet From Water & Trails.
- Dispose of Waste Properly. Bury dog and human waste six inches deep.
- Use camp stoves.
- Pack It In. Pack It Out.
- Stay On Trails. Do not cut across switchbacks.
- Leave what you find (unless it's litter)
- Respect Wildlife (plants too)
- Be considerate of other visitors

Be A Forest Service Volunteer

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.

Conservation Education classes, visitor information, historic preservation, tour guides, trails work, gardening, winter programs for adults and children, are but a few of the possibilities.

Contact: Jackie King (530) 543-2600 Visit our website <http://fs.usda.gov/lbmu>



12 miles wide . 22 miles long . 1,645 feet deep . 6,225 feet above sea level

Even though the 39,000,000,000,000 gallons of water in Lake Tahoe is 99.9 % pure and the clarity that lets you see a secchi dish 70 feet down, there are still many threats to the Lake of the Sky. 63 alpine streams run over granite and are filtered through wetlands before reaching the lake. Natural filters cannot do the whole job, they need your help.

Lake Natives



Lahontan Cutthroat Trout

Lake Tahoe was once home to many native plant and animal species that evolved naturally into a balanced community. Some like the Tahoe Yellow Cress are found nowhere else in the world, others like the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout are found only in limited areas. Non-native species are slowly pushing out many natives and making major changes in the lake.

The balance is changing.

Please join the 59 area agencies and stewards as we battle these **Invasive non-natives**.

Tahoe Yellow Cress

This small plant with tiny yellow flowers lives on Tahoe's sandy beaches the same beaches where people like to spread their towels and relax. Look for the Yellow Cress protection areas and help stop the decline of this tiny Tahoe native.



Tahoe Yellow Cress

Lake Tahoe's beauty has always drawn people to its shores, but now that beauty is threatened. Human activities are changing the lake's waters and shores.

Lake Invaders



We're All In This Boat Together.

✓ CLEAN ✓ DRAIN ✓ DRY

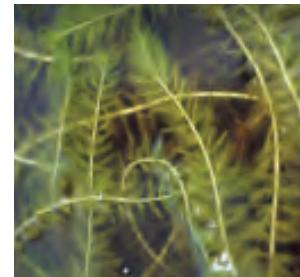
Plan ahead for mandatory Tahoe boat inspections.

This year, **ONLY** boats with inspection seals are permitted to launch at boating ramps and marinas. For roadside inspection locations, hours and more information, please visit:

TahoeBoatInspections.com
1-888-824-6267



Quagga Mussels



Eurasian Watermilfoil

The lake's fragile ecosystems can be upset when outside species invade and take over. Non-native plants and animals can kill off native species, increase algae growth, clog waterways, and damage boats and piers.

Quagga shells on beach



Naturalists keep journals of what they discover along the way: Jr. Ranger to Sr. Scout start yours today!

Oh me, I smell a tree!

Most of the big trees are Jeffrey Pines. They have long needles in groups of threes, large pine cones and if you sniff the bark it smells like vanilla (some people think butterscotch).

Count to three, can your nose find this tree?



I heard it from a little birdie

Birds at Tahoe come in all sizes and shapes from the Bald Eagle to the Hummingbird.

In the sky, on the water, in a tree, or on land they all have a song that says "Look at me." You might see one and have to listen for their song or after being called, look around for the singer.

Can you sing like your favorite bird?



Without water what would Tahoe be?

The lake has most of the water in the basin, but there is water everywhere. Maybe in a big waterfall, a flowing stream, or a drop of dew. Where have you seen water today? Who might live in the water? How do you use water? How can we keep water clean and clear?



I know you were here because I see.....

There are many clues to plants, animals, minerals or other things that have been here at Lake Tahoe. A plant may leave a flower, a seed, a stick, a leaf, or a log. An animal might drop a feather, scratch a tree, step in mud or snow, leave a shell or bone, or the site of its home. What clues have you seen? Do not forget to look for signs that people were here, today, yesterday and way back when.



This Place Rocks, with Geology

Earthquakes, volcanoes, and glaciers all help form Lake Tahoe. The rounded valleys were made as glaciers crushed mountain top boulders into small pebbles. Rocks of all shapes and sizes can be found.... Look for your special rock.



BLOCK FAULTING
caused a valley to drop.

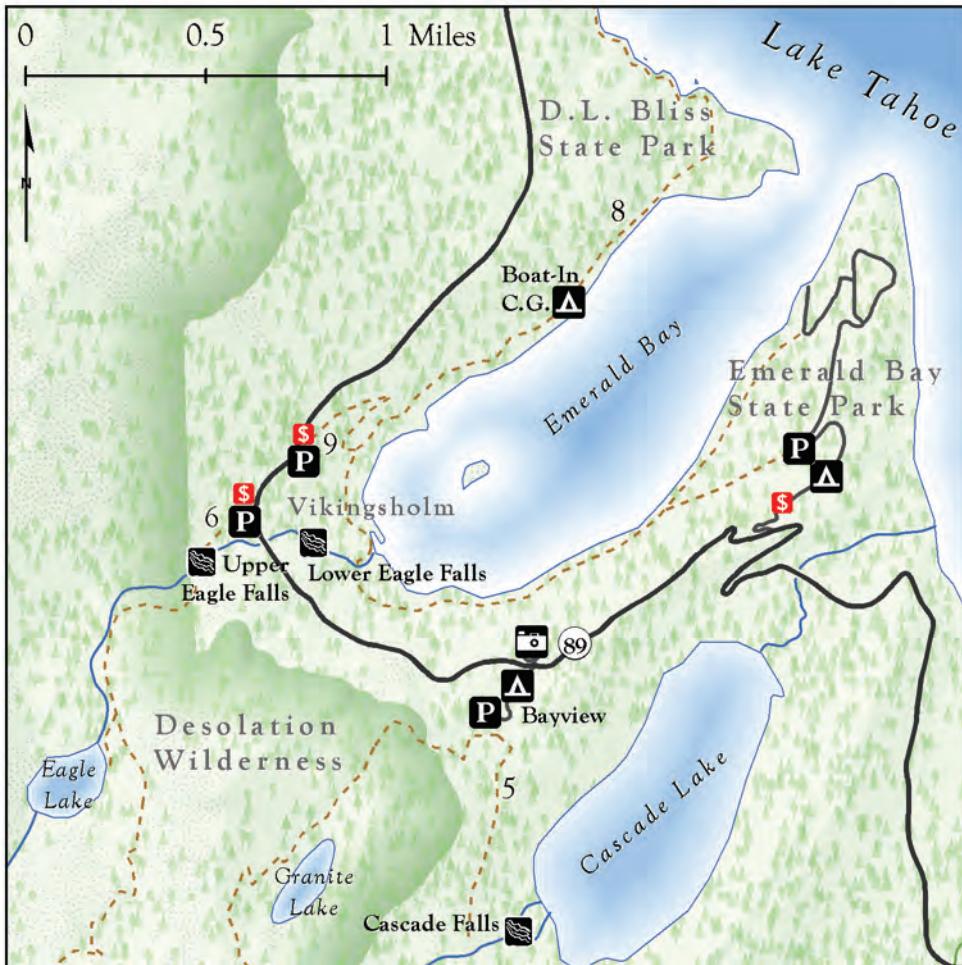


VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS
blocked exits creating a lake.



GLACIERS
sculpted and polished
the landscape.





BUS TRANSPORTATION

Blue Go

South Shore

(530) 541-7149 www.bluego.org

\$5.00/ Day Pass

Blue Go's Nifty 50 Trolley

Scenic connection between North and South, along the West Shore. From South Lake Tahoe "Y" to Tahoma.

\$5.00/Day Pass (Blue Go Pass)

Tahoe Area Regional Transit (TART)

West Shore- North Shore

(530) 550-1212 OR (800) 736-6365

\$3.50/ Day Pass

Bus services to area Airports available.

ROAD INFORMATION

Nevada: NDOT www.nevadadot.com (877) 687-6237

Calif.: CALTRANS www.dot.ca.gov (800) 427-7623

Emergencies: Police, Fire, Sheriff, Medical - Dial 911

Emerald Bay Area

Tallac Historic Site - Taylor Creek Visitor Center



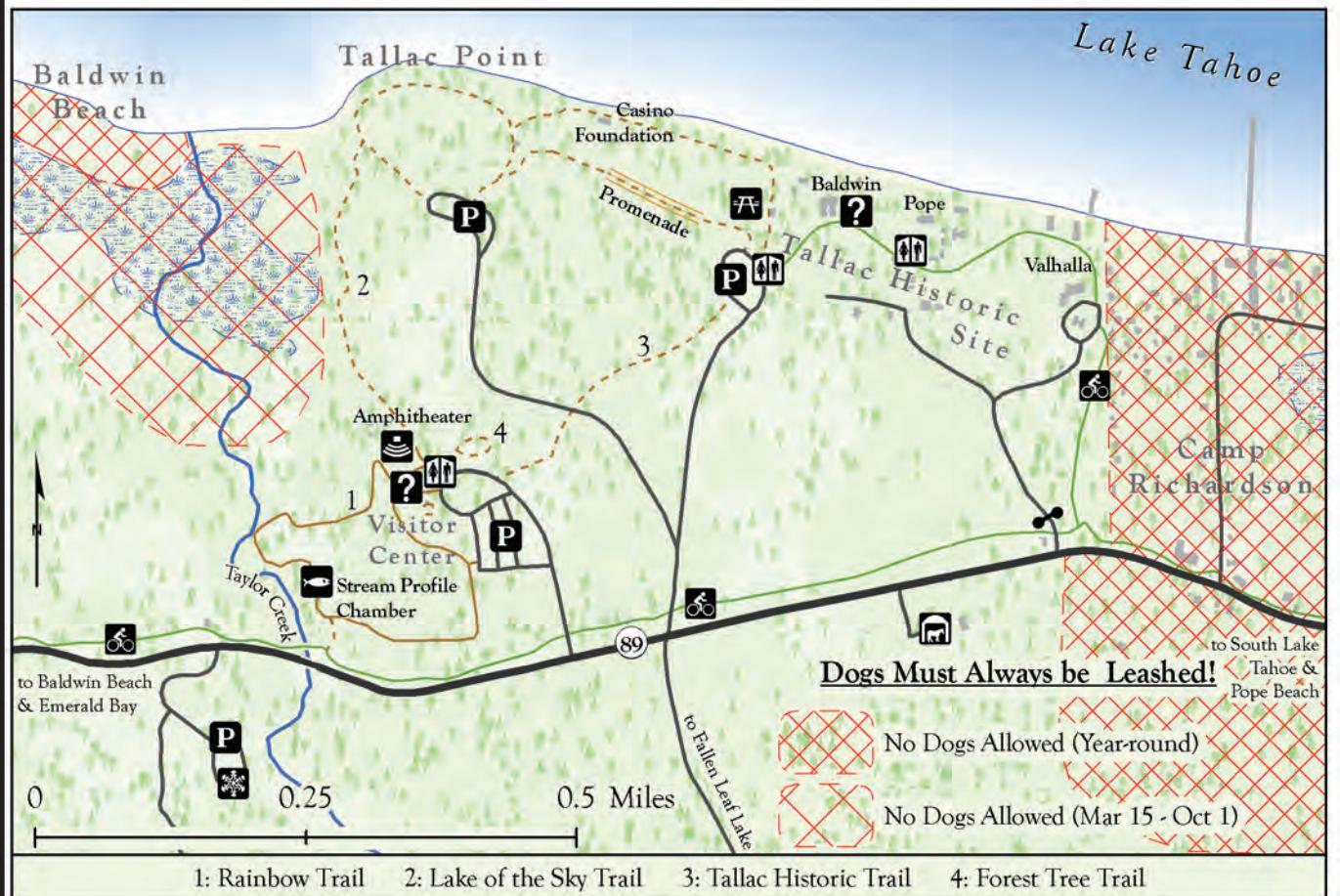
Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit
Supervisor's Office
35 College Dr
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150
(530) 543-2600
(530) 543-0956 TTY

North Shore Office
855 Alder Ave
Incline Village, NV 89542
(775) 831-0914

Pacific Ranger District
Eldorado National Forest
7887 Highway 50
Pollock Pines, CA 95726
(530) 647-5415

Truckee Ranger District
Tahoe National Forest
10811 Stockrest Springs Road
Truckee, CA 96161
(530) 587-3558

Carson Ranger District
Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest
1536 South Carson St
Carson City, NV 89701
(775) 882-2766



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