

# Camping & Picnicking

## Truckee Ranger District

### Tahoe National Forest



## Welcome

Welcome to the Tahoe National Forest, where each year over six million visitors spend and enjoy the scenic variety and clean air of the high Sierra Nevada Mountains. These public lands are dedicated to the wise use and production of timber, water, grazing, wildlife, and recreation uses. The Forest name, taken from famous Lake Tahoe, is probably from a Washoe Indian word meaning “Big Water”.

The Truckee Ranger District is located northeast of Sacramento in the Northern Sierra Nevada mountains. Several highways, including Interstate 80, State Highways 89 and 267, and Forest Roads, provide excellent access to most portions of the Forest. The Northern Sierra Nevada mountains offer scenic beauty and an attractive climate that have made the area an outstanding year-round center for outdoor recreation. Elevations within the Forest vary from about 1,500 feet to over 9,000 feet at the Sierra crest.

The Forest maintains many public campgrounds. Their locations and descriptions are listed in this guide. Boat ramps are available at Prosser, Boca, and Stampede Reservoirs. OHV trails are accessible from some of our campgrounds. These include: Boca Spring, Boca Rest, Boyington Mill, and Lakeside Campgrounds. Please check the Tahoe National Forest designated route before you go. Anglers and hunters use the campgrounds in season. Anglers frequent the many rivers, streams, lakes, and reservoirs on the forest in quest of rainbow, brown and brook trout. There are also numerous deer, black bear, and upland game birds of interest to the hunters who visit the forest.

Enjoy your visit to the Tahoe National Forest. Please help us prevent forest fires and keep recreation areas clean. The Forest is yours to explore, enjoy, and protect.

## Use of National Forest

### Recreation Sites and Areas

#### Family Recreation Sites

All picnic areas are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Most family and group campgrounds can be reserved at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or 877-444-6777.

Unless otherwise indicated, each campsite has a table, a fireplace, fire ring, or cooking stove/grill.

#### Campground Time Limitations

Camping is limited to 14 days per year within each family campground, per individual or family group. *Exception:* In the Truckee River Corridor, State Route 89 South, there is a limit of 14 days' stay per year for the *entire* Corridor (three campgrounds) between I-80 and Tahoe City.

Camping and campfires outside developed campgrounds is not permitted within the Truckee and Little Truckee Restricted use areas. Camping is limited to 14 days per year in areas outside the Restricted Use area.

#### Season

The main camping season in the Truckee Ranger District is from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Although some campgrounds remain open for public use after the regular season, water systems are shut down to prevent freeze damage, and garbage service is discontinued. Snow pack may inhibit vehicle access to open campgrounds during the winter, and care must be taken to park off roadways where snow removal equipment operates. Contact our office in Truckee for snow and parking conditions.



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## **Trailers**

Many of the district's campgrounds will accommodate travel trailers up to 26 feet in length. There are no provisions for utility connections. Please plug your toilet drains. Sink waste water may be drained into a container and disposed of as directed in the campground. Pickup campers and other single vehicle campers are permitted in any car space.

## **Group Campgrounds**

Group camps are available for use by advance reservation only. See individual site descriptions for size, location, and information on reservations.

## **Garbage and Sanitation**

Most developed sites have garbage containers and we ask you to please use them. When garbage containers are not available please take all your garbage with you. Leave a clean camp!

## **Campfire Permits**

Campfire permits are not required in designated campgrounds; however a permit is required for all camping and cooking fires on undeveloped National Forest land. In periods of high fire danger other restrictions may be in effect. Check with the Truckee Ranger District office before your outing. For a safer and more enjoyable outing, carefully follow the regulations and safety guidelines outlined in your campfire permit and/or posted in the campground

## **Number of Campers per Camp Unit**

In order to help protect soil and vegetation, the number of campers is limited to six persons per camp unit (except in group campgrounds). This restriction does not apply to a single family composed of parents/guardians and dependent children.

## **Pets**

Pets are allowed in developed sites, but must be on a leash or under some physical control only. Please be considerate of your pet as well as other campers.

## **Firearms**

You may bring firearms into developed camp and picnic grounds; however you may not discharge them near any developed sites or within 150 yards of an area of concentrated public use.

## **Landownership**

Within the boundaries of the Tahoe National Forest roughly 800,000 acres are public land and 400,000 acres are privately owned. Please respect the rights of private landowners.

## **Motor Vehicles**

The operation of all motor vehicles in recreation sites, including ATVs and motorcycles, is permitted only on designated routes. Vehicles are to be used only for entering and leaving recreation sites.

The operation of motor vehicles in such a manner as to create excessive noise is prohibited. Please drive carefully and observe all posted speed limits.

## **Horses**

Horses are only allowed at Boca Spring. A trough and hitch for horses is available. Please contact the Truckee Ranger District office for the area in which you are interested or for other suggested use areas away from developed sites. Horses are not allowed in most campgrounds.

## **Water**

Only water from developed systems at recreation sites is maintained safe to drink. Open water sources are easily contaminated by human or animal waste. Water from springs, lakes, ponds, and streams should be properly treated before drinking. One recommended method of treatment is to bring the water to a rolling boil for at least five minutes.

## **For More Information Contact:**

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530-587-6907 (TDD)

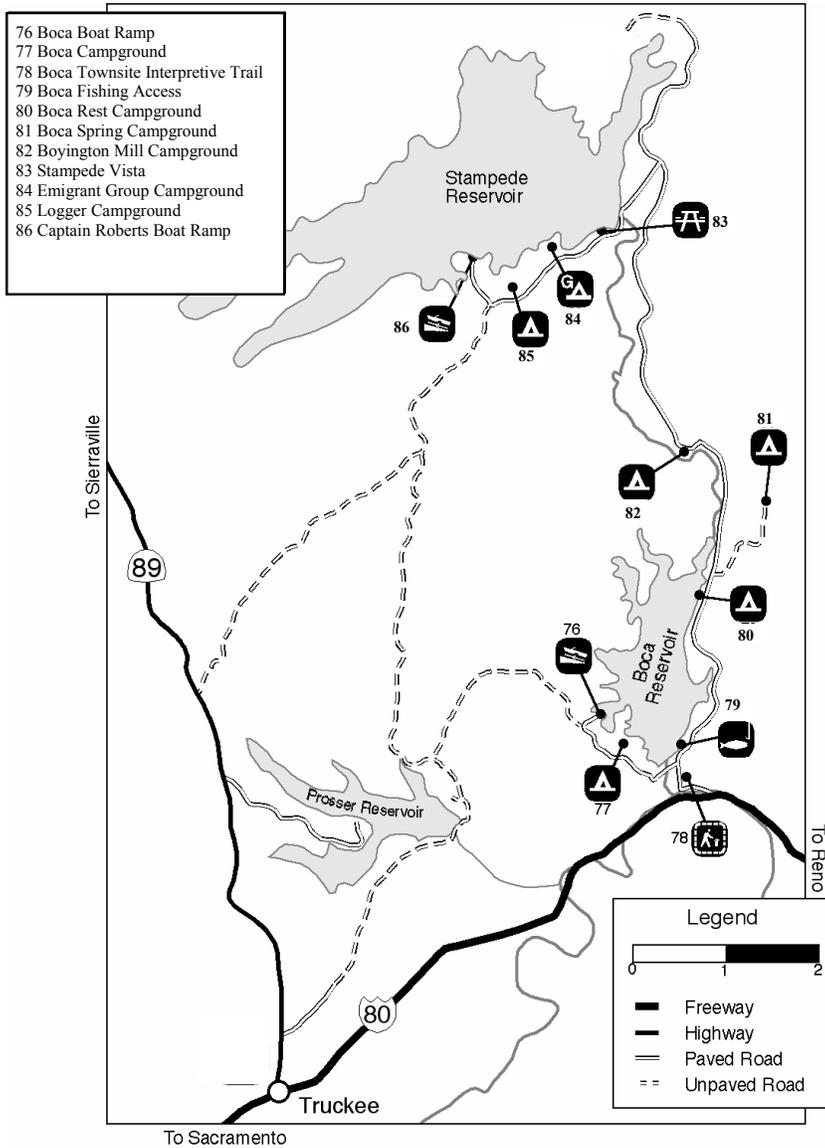
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## Stampede/Boca Reservoir Area

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#### Stampede/Boca Reservoir Areas

Both Reservoirs are located on the Little Truckee River. Take the Hirschdale ramp off Interstate 80, seven miles east of Truckee. Overnight camping is permitted only in the developed campgrounds. Normal use season is June through October. Many of the campgrounds in this area are operated by a private Concessionaire for the USDA Forest Service. Thank you and enjoy your stay in your National Forest. Prices listed here are subject to change and do not include taxes and reservation fees.

#### 76 Boca Boat Ramp

Located on the southwest shore of Boca Reservoir.

##### Facilities:

- Vault toilets
- Paved boat ramp, not useable in low water

#### 77 Boca Campground

Located on the southwest shore of Boca Reservoir.

##### Facilities:

- 26 campsites
- Picnic tables
- Vault toilets
- Fire rings
- No water

#### 78 Boca Townsite Interpretive Trail

This trail tells the story of the old town that used to be on this site. The trail is still under construction. Please come back again and view this areas history.

#### 79 Boca Fishing Access

Located right at the dam allows for wheelchair access to the water for fishing. Come on down and throw in your pole.

#### 80 Boca Rest Campground

Located on the northeast shore of Boca Reservoir, two miles north of the dam.

##### Facilities:

- 39 campsites
- Piped water
- Vault Toilets
- Tables
- Fire rings

#### 81 Boca Springs Campground

A small campground that is located above Boca Reservoir. Turn right on Forest Road 72 when you reach the Boca Rest Campground.

##### Facilities:

- 16 campsites
- 1-25 person group site (space for 6-8 vehicles)
- Fire rings
- Tables
- Vault toilets
- Horses allowed, trough and hitch
- Piped water

#### 82 Boyington Mill Campground

Located on the Truckee River, four miles north of the Boca Dam.

##### Facilities:

- 13 campsites
- Vault toilet
- Tables
- Fire rings
- BBQs
- No water

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#### 83 Stampede Vista

Scenic overlook of the Stampede Reservoir. Perfect place to visit for a picnic. Good opportunities to view wildlife.

##### Facilities:

- 3 BBQs
- 3 Picnic tables
- Piped water
- Vault Toilets

#### 84 Emigrant Group Campground

Located on the southeast shore of Stampede Reservoir, one-half mile west of the Stampede Dam.

This group camp is available by reservation only.

##### Facilities:

- 2-25 person campsites
- 2-50 person campsites
- Tables
- Fire rings
- BBQs
- Vault toilets
- Piped water

#### 85 Logger Campground

Located on the south side of Stampede Reservoir, one mile west of Stampede Dam.

##### Facilities:

- 252 campsites
- Piped water
- Vault toilets
- Toilets
- Tables
- Fire rings
- BBQs
- Trailer dump station (located south of east Logger entrance, 2/10 of a mile.)

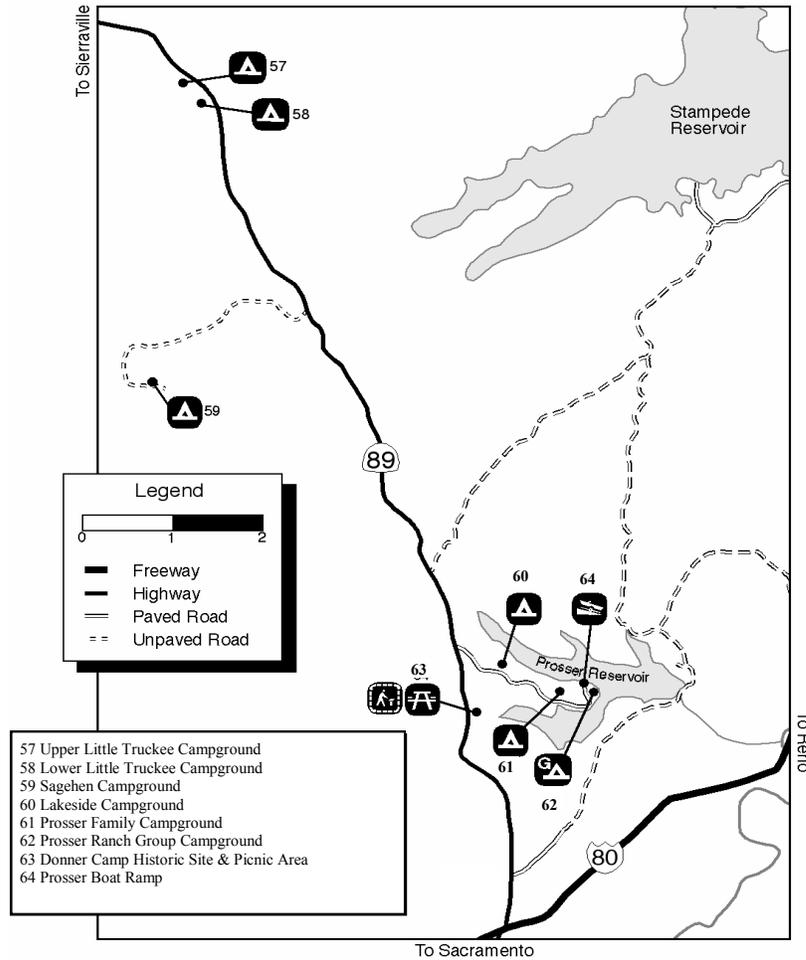
#### 86 Captain Roberts Boat Ramp

Located two miles west of Stampede Dam.

##### Facilities:

- Three lane concrete boat ramp
- Vault toilets
- Piped water

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## Highway 89 North

The campgrounds and picnic areas are located north of Truckee on State Highway 89. To access these areas, exit Interstate 80 at highway 89, as it goes north to Sierraville. Camping and campfires are only allowed in developed campgrounds in this corridor. Normal use season is June through October. Many of the campgrounds in this area are operated by a private company, California Land Management.

### 57 Upper Little Truckee Campground

Located 11.5 miles south of Sierraville on the Little Truckee River.

**Elevation:** 6,100 feet

**Facilities:**

- 22 campsites
- 1-25 person site (space for 10 vehicles or 5 RVs)
- Piped water
- Vault toilets
- Tables
- Fire rings

### 58 Lower Little Truckee Campground

Located 12 miles south of Sierraville on the Little Truckee River.

**Elevation:** 6,000 feet

**Facilities:**

- 15 campsites
- Piped water
- Vault toilets
- Tables
- Fire rings

### 59 Sagehen Campground

Located nine miles north of Truckee and two miles west of Highway 89. Turn left at the Sagehen Summit turnoff. A rough road in. This is a free campground.

**Elevation:** 6,000 feet

**Facilities:**

- 11 campsites
- Vault toilets
- Tables
- Fire rings
- Pack-in/pack-out (no garbage containers)
- No water/No Fee

### 60 Lakeside Campground

Located four miles north of Truckee on Highway 89 on the northwest shore of Prosser Reservoir.

**Elevation:** 5,700 feet

**Facilities:**

- 41 undesignated campsites
- Piped water
- Vault toilets
- Tables
- Fire rings
- Concrete boat landing nearby

### 61 Prosser Campground

Located four miles north of Truckee on Highway 89 on the west shore peninsula of Prosser Reservoir.

**Elevation:** 5,800 feet

**Facilities:**

- 29 campsites
- Tables
- Fire rings
- BBQs
- Piped water
- Vault toilets
- Concrete boat landing nearby

## **62 Prosser Ranch Group Campground**

Located four miles north of Truckee on Highway 89, on the west shore peninsula of Prosser Reservoir. This group campground is available by reservation only.

**Elevation:** 5,800 feet

**Facilities:**

- 1-50 person site
- 5 tables
- Three fire rings
- One large BBQ
- Piped water
- Vault toilets
- Garbage collection
- Large parking area - up to 40 trailers

## **63 Donner Camp Historic Site and Picnic Area— Day Use Only**

Located 2-1/2 miles north of Truckee on Highway 89

**Elevation:** 5,900 feet

**Facilities:**

- Four picnic sites
- Tables
- BBQs
- Vault toilets
- Wheelchair accessible
- No water

**Special Attraction:**

This is the site of the George and Jacob Donner Camp in the tragic winter of 1846 - 1847. A short interpretive trail is located at the site. The trail is wheelchair accessible.

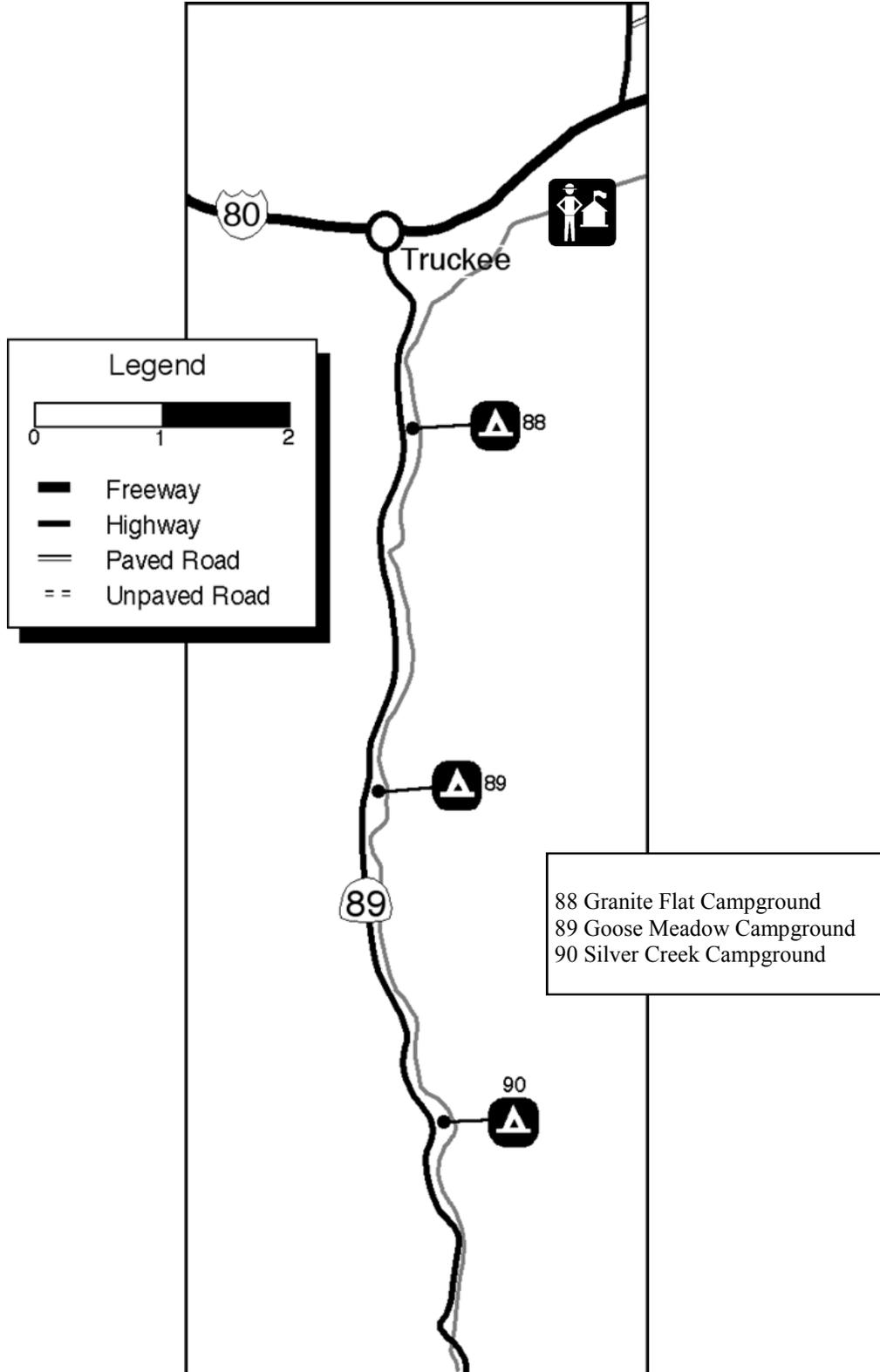
## **64 Prosser Boat Ramp**

Located four miles north of Truckee on Highway 89 on the west shore peninsula of Prosser Reservoir

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## Highway 89 South

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## Hwy 89 South—Truckee River Corridor

The Highway 89 south areas are located south of Truckee along Highway 89 and the Truckee River. Take the Highway 89 South Lake Tahoe exit off Interstate 80 and go south to access these sites. Camping and campfires are only allowed in developed campgrounds in this corridor. Normal use season is June through October. Many of the campgrounds in this area are operated by a private company for the USDA Forest Service. All California Land Management campgrounds have dumpsters. Bear proof dumpsters are provided at Goose Meadows, and Silver Creek.

### 88 Granite Flat Campground

Located 1 1/2 miles south of Truckee on Highway 89. There is also an accessible fishing trail along the Truckee River

**Elevation:** 5,800 feet

**Facilities:**

- 75 tent or RV campsites (16 wheelchair accessible campsites, 7 walk-to campsites)
- Tables
- Fire rings
- BBQs at the handicap sites
- Vault toilets
- Piped water
- Limited parking

### 89 Goose Meadows Campground

Located on Highway 89, four miles south of Truckee.

**Elevation:** 5,800 feet

**Facilities:**

- 24 campsites
- One well and one faucet
- Vault toilets
- Fire rings
- Tables
- BBQs

### 90 Silver Creek Campground

Located on Highway 89, six miles south of Truckee.

**Elevation:** 5,800 feet

**Facilities:**

- 21 campsites
- 7 walk-to sites
- One well, one faucet
- Vault toilets
- Limited parking
- Tables,
- Fire rings
- BBQs