

North Lake Tahoe Boat Rental

Your Guide to The Best of the Best at Lake Tahoe

Perfect for first time visitors or seasoned locals

Help us “Keep Tahoe Blue” by following these simple steps:

- Pack in, Pack out- leave no trace. Take all of your garbage with you including natural products like fruit and vegetable scraps
- No styrofoam coolers! Consider replacing it with green alternatives that use biodegradable materials or are reusable
 - Safeway sells coolers that fit these guidelines
- Store trash in closed compartments/bags to prevent it from flying out
- Ensure all trash and belongings are secured before going to full speed
- Swap plastic water bottles for reusable ones to minimize plastic waste
- Properly dispose of small trash: cigarette butts, bottle caps and tabs, small pieces of plastic, etc.

Check out these organizations that work hard to clean and purify Lake Tahoe and other regional alpine lakes:

Clean Up the Lake

cleanupthelake.org

Instagram: @cleanupthelake



“Our mission is to fight back against plastic and all forms of pollution in our global environment, both on land and under the surface, starting with Lake Tahoe and the Cayes in Belize.”

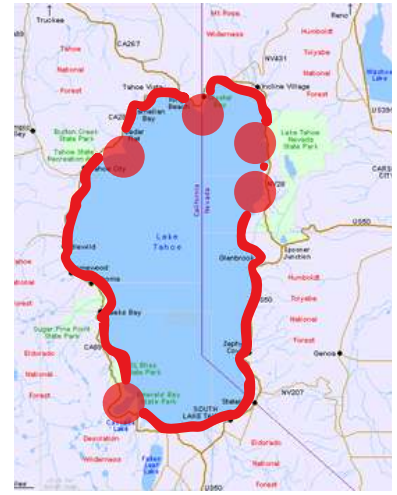
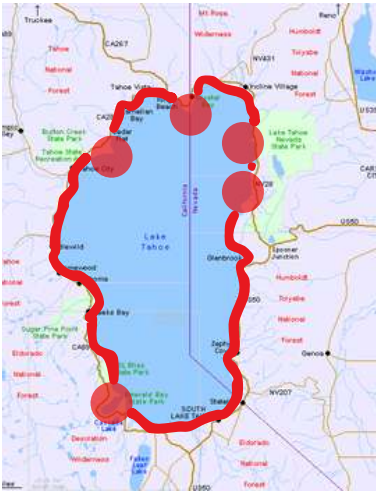


Keep Tahoe Blue

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“The League to Save Lake Tahoe protects and restores the environmental health, sustainability and scenic beauty of the Lake Tahoe Basin. We focus on water quality and its clarity for the preservation of a pristine Lake for future generations.”



Disclaimer:
Please remember to stay 200 yards away from shore at all times. This guide is to be used ON and OFF shore, but during your rental DO NOT dock, beach, or come within 200 yards of the shoreline unless you have hired a captain. All hiking, activities and restaurants are to be visited after your rental.

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Helpful QR Codes



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Tahoe Vista Inn & Marina



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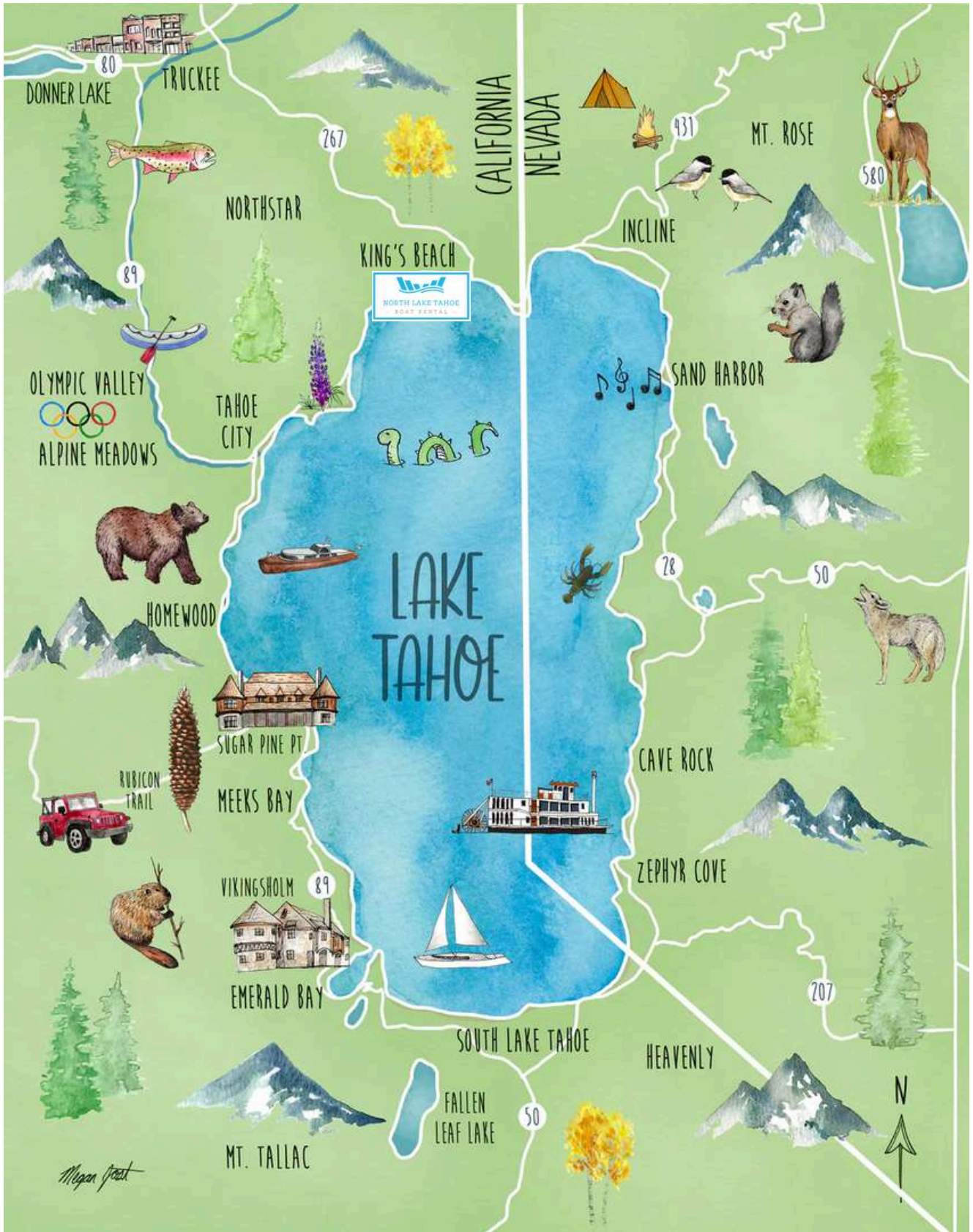
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USCG Boater Safety



MAP



Best of Tahoe

Looking for the best of the best? Here's our guide to the most popular and local favorite activities within the Tahoe Basin.



Beaches: The east shore has the most concentrated stretch of beautiful beaches Lake Tahoe has to offer. Remember to wear good walking shoes as these beaches are primarily accessible by a short hike down. Please keep Tahoe beautiful and carry out all trash - "Pack it in, Pack it out".

- Secret Cove
- Whale Beach
- Hidden Beach
- Meeks Bay

Hiking: Our compiled list of favorite hikes around Lake Tahoe that we believe are must-sees from experience!

- Eagle Rock Trail (Easy, Homewood, 0.7 Miles)
- Winnemucca Lake Trail (Moderate, Kirkwood, 5.1 Miles)
- Eagle Lake (Moderate, South Lake, 1.9 Miles)
- Marlette Lake (Moderate, Carson City, 6.0 Miles)
- Jake's Peak (Moderate, Homewood, 2.8 Miles)
- Rifle Peak (Hard, Incline Village, 3.7 Miles)
- Rubicon Peak (Hard, Tahoma, 4.0 Miles)

Want to catch a good sunrise or sunset but don't know the best spot? Stateline Lookout on the east shore is a great place to start for sunset. For sunrise, go to Eagle Rock on the west shore!

Truckee

Beaches/Activities

Donner Lake

Truckee Thursdays (small vendors, live music, local eats)

Piping Rock Equestrian Center
(horseback riding)

Alpenswing (indoor golf & axe throwing)

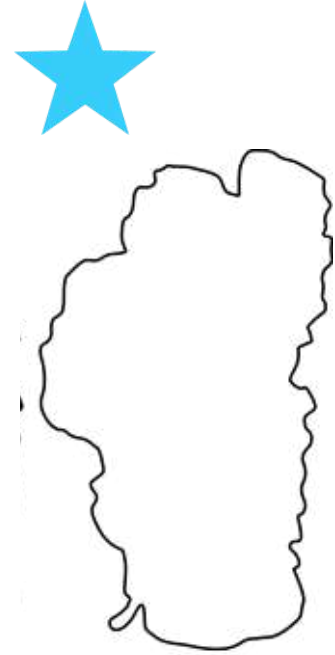
Fishing

Donner Museum

Legacy Trail Hike

Donner Summit Hike

Donner Tunnels Hike



Shopping

Historic Downtown (walk the street!)

Food & Bars

Pianeta

Tangerine Bistro

Alibi Ale Works

Little Truckee Ice Creamery

Drunken Monkey

Red Truck

Whole Treats

Uncommon Kitchen

Dopo



Tahoe City

Beaches/Activities

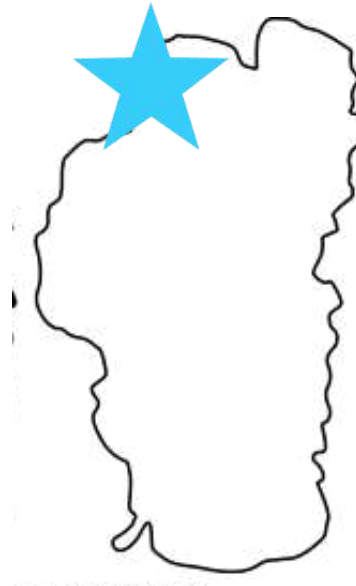
Commons Beach
Tahoe Trunk Show (in Cobblestone Center)
Shirley Canyon Hike
Olympic Bike Shop (bike rentals)
Truckee River Rafting
Tahoe Treetop Adventures

Shopping

Tahoe Trunk Show (local art)

Food & Bars

Pete 'n Peters
Mountain Slice
Tahoe Tap House
Sierra Surf Club
Fat Cat Bar and Grill
Bridgetender
Sylva



Carnelian Bay

Beaches/Activities

Waterman's Landing (kayak, SUP)

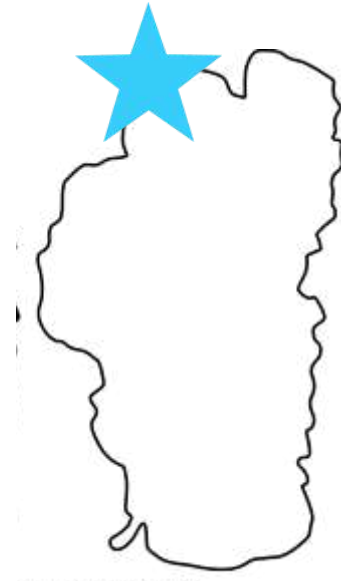
Food & Bars

Waterman's Landing

Old Post Office Cafe

Gar Woods Grill & Pier

CB's Bistro



Tahoe Vista

Beaches/Activites

Moon Dunes Beach

Tahoe Vista Recreation Beach

Tahoe Adventure Company

Tahoe E-Bikes

Agate Bay

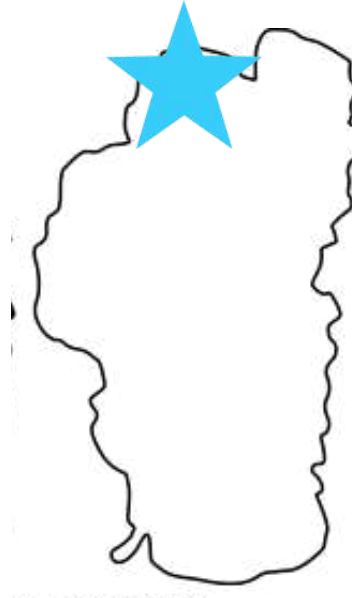
North Tahoe Regional Park (hike, treetop tour, sport field, disc golf)

Food & Bars

Pep's

Jiffy's Pizza

Old Range Steakhouse



Kings Beach

Beaches/Activities

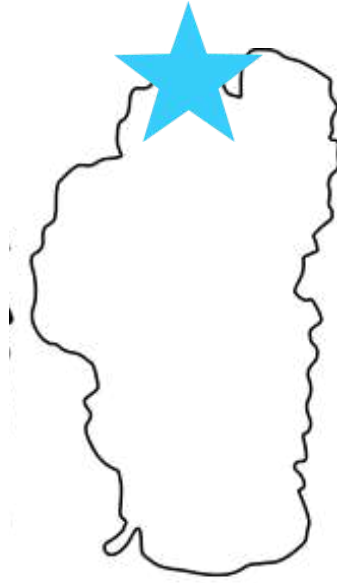
Kings Beach
Secline Beach
North Tahoe Beach
Wild Society Clear Kayak and
Paddleboard Rentals
Stateline Lookout Hike
Picnic Rock Hike

Shopping

Chickadee Art Collective
The Robin's Nest

Food & Bars

La Mexicana
Whitecaps Pizza
The Grid Bar and Grill
Log Cabin Ice Cream
Jason's Beachside Grille
Tree House Cafe
Java Hut Cafe
Tahoe Central Market



Crystal Bay

Beaches/Activites

Crystal Bay Casino

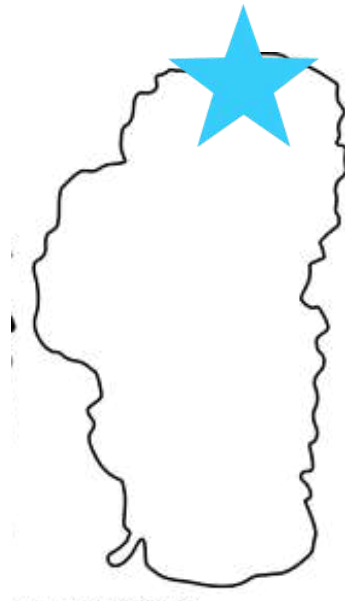
The Nugget Casino

Stateline Lookout Hike

Food & Bars

Soule Domaine

Smoke Door/Saryo



Incline Village

Beaches/Activities

Speedboat Beach

Diamond Peak via North Flume Trail (Moderate, 7.8 miles)

Marlette Lake (Moderate, 6 miles)

Trippy Rock

Stream Environment Nature Trail

Hidden Beach

Food & Bars

Inclined Burgers & Brews

FUMO Cafe

Alibi Ale Works

Sage Leaf Cafe

Tunnel Creek Cafe

Rosewood Tahoe

Village Pub

Thai Recipe

Bite

Bar La Loca

Drink Coffee Do Stuff



Sand Harbor

Beaches/Activities

Sand Harbor

Thunderbird Lodge

Bonsai Rock

Food & Bars

Kokanee Bar & Grill



Chimney Beach, Secret Cove, & Whale Beach

Chimney Beach

Secret Cove

****ATTENTION: Nude Beach****

Whale Beach

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These beaches are easily accessible by the short hike down. Parking on the side of the highway is available if the parking lot to Secret Cove is full, but please remember not to park over the line to avoid fines. The hike down ranges from .25 miles to 1 mile, depending on where you park, and it's quite steep so walking shoes are recommended.

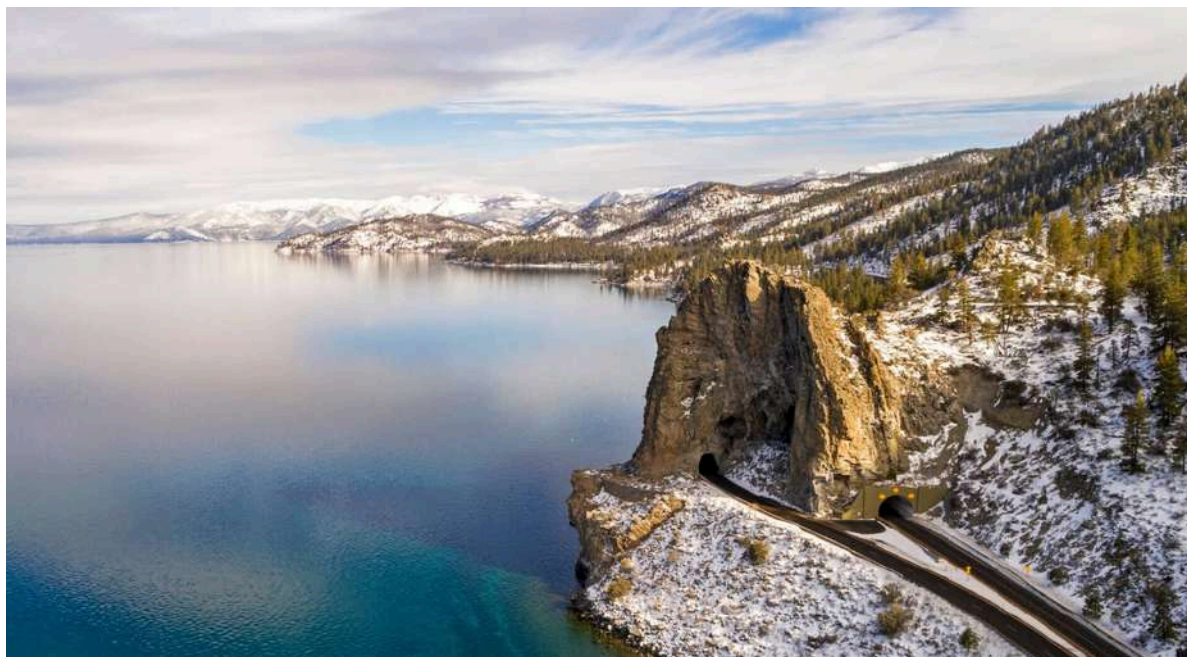


Cave Rock

Welcome to Cave Rock, one of the most prominent features on the lake. This is a place of history and spirituality with roots dating back to a volcanic vent about 5 million years ago. Its caves were carved out by waves 70,000 to 120,000 years ago when the lake's water level was hundreds of feet higher. For Lake Tahoe's original locals, the Washoe Tribe, Cave Rock is a sacred site charged with spiritual energy and was once the site of religious ceremonies. A beautiful sight to see from the lake, you can also enjoy the rock by car from below at the State Park and boat ramp, or by hiking the 0.8 mile trek to the top, but tread lightly.

Hikes near here:

- Cave Rock Trail (Easy, 0.8 Miles)



Zephyr Cove

Beaches/Activities

Fishing

Sailing, parasailing, & jet skiing

Logan Shoals Vista Trail

Zephyr Cove Stables (horseback riding)

Lake Tahoe Balloons (hot air balloon ride)

Heavenly Ski Resort gondola

Zephyr Cove Loop Hike

Eagle Ridge Trail Hike



Food & Bars

Casey's

Tahoe Tavern & Grill

Zephyr Cove Restaurant



Round Hill

The trademark rounded top gives this hill its name, but the real beauty is the beach below with a full bar and grill, activity rentals, and beach volleyball! This beach is a hidden gem, because although it's not as popular as the other renowned coves and beaches around Lake Tahoe, it offers smaller crowds and amazing views of South Lake. Come back and check out the sights after you return your boat! If you hired a captain with us, it has a couple great places to get a quick bite to eat and drink - Beach Bums or The Rum Bar.



South Lake

Beaches/Activities

Horsetail Falls Hike

Angora Lake Tail Hike

Big Meadow to Round Lake Hike

Heavenly Ski Resort (gondola,
alpine slide, hike, shopping)

Shopping

Wildwood Makers Market

Sealed with a Kiss

Earthbound Trading Company

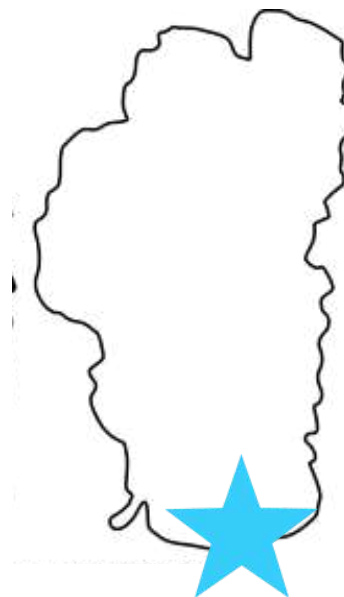
Food & Bars

Base Camp Pizza

Sprouts Cafe

Verde

The Grove

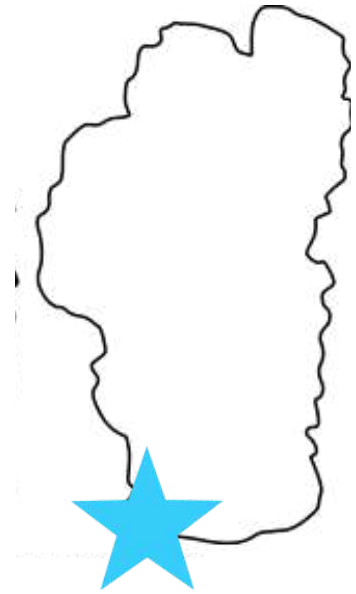


Emerald Bay

Right next to Mt. Tallac lies the crown jewel of South Lake Tahoe, Emerald Bay! Stop in and view Fannette island, the only island on Lake Tahoe, and the iconic Vikingsholm Castle. Vikingsholm was built in 1929 by a Swedish architect for Mrs. Lora Josephine inspired by her travels around Scandinavia. Take a tour and see it yourself and on your way out don't miss the tea house on top of the island!

Hikes near here:

- Vikingsholm (Moderate, 1.0 Miles)
- Eagle Falls (Easy, 0.6 Miles)
- Lake Aloha (Hard, 12.5 Miles)
- Maggies Peak, Eagle Lake, Granite Lake Loop (Moderate, 7.5 Miles)

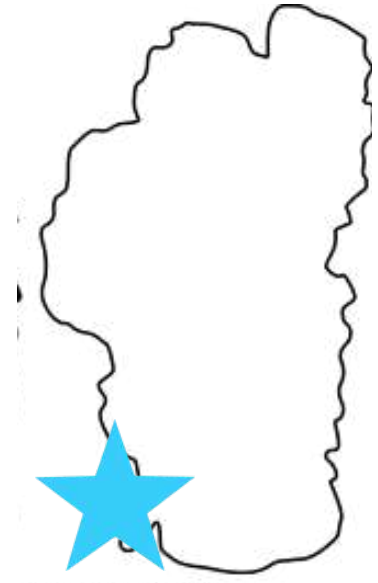


DL Bliss State Park

Head north up the west shore and soon enough you'll run into DL Bliss State Park, where you can find Calawee Cove Beach and Rubicon Point Lighthouse! This beach is relatively small, but the privacy and feeling of seclusion with the crystal clear water are well worth the drive. Be sure to also check out Lester Beach which is a 1 minute walk from the parking lot. Grab your snorkel and fins and get exploring.

Hikes near here:

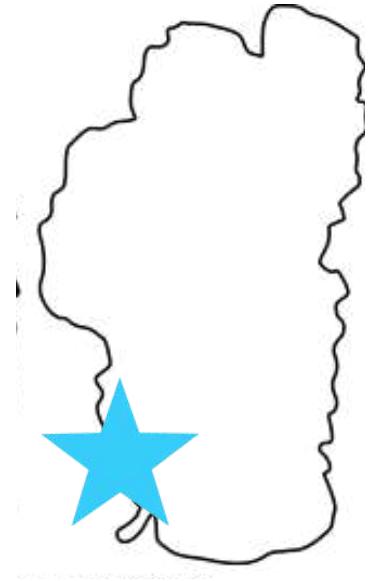
- Lighthouse Trail (Easy, 1.5 Miles)
- Jake's Peak (Moderate, 2.8 Miles)



Rooster Rock

Don't forget to stop for a quick swim at Rooster Rock! This gem is known for its cliff jumping as the rock reaches about 25 feet tall, offering a one-of-a-kind Tahoe experience. Since it is only accessible by boat, you'll never find this place too crowded. There is a rope ladder to get to the top, but be warned, it's not easy. Once you reach the top, take a deep breath, take in the view, and jump!

Tip: if you think you want to jump off, turn off the engine and let whoever wants to jump swim to the rock. Don't drive the boat over to it unless you want to risk paying \$1000 for each new propeller! All NLTBR rules apply when renting with us.

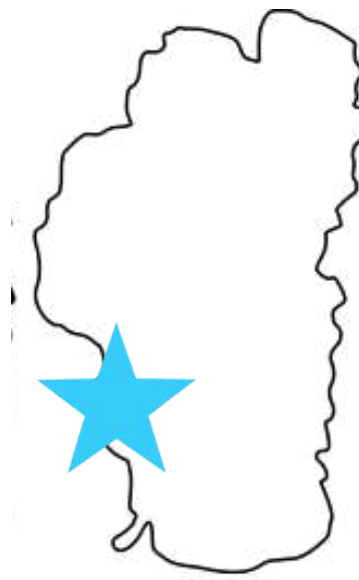


Rubicon Bay and Meeks Bay

These beaches epitomize summer fun with white sand, clear blue water, and mountain views. Fun Fact: this shoreside is where Mark Zuckerberg's \$59 Million Lake Tahoe compound is. Can you spot it? If you forgot your lunch, grab it at Wa She Shu Grille!

Hikes near here:

- Rubicon Peak (Hard, 4.0 Miles)
- Lily Lake and Miller Creek Trail (Moderate, 4.9 Miles)



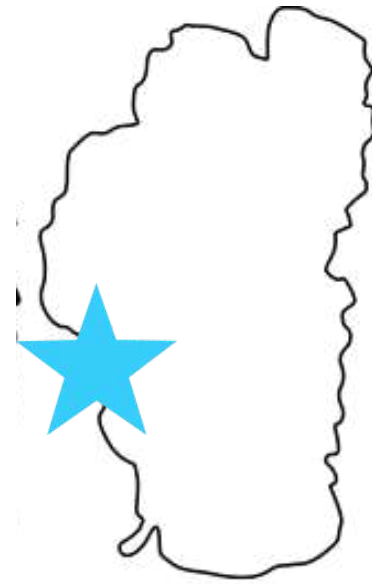
Sugar Pine Point State Park

This is a popular fishing spot, so pack your poles and permits and get out there! These 300 ft underwater ledges are great for deep-water fishing for trout and salmon. This beach is nice to bring a picnic lunch to and be able to have your own little section of beach.

A popular on-the-water stop for our renters is Chambers Landing Bar & Grill, and if you need a dinner spot after your beach or hike day, The Dog & Bear Tavern is the place.

Hikes near here:

- Eagle Rock (Easy, 0.7 Miles)
- Homewood Ski Resort (Moderate, 3.7 Miles)



Sunnyside

Ask your North Lake Tahoe Boat Rental Captain about Sunnyside restaurant for fine dining right on the water. Pull up to the dock with an appetite and order the Hula Pie, loaded with cookie crust, macadamia nut ice cream, hot fudge, macadamia nuts and whipped cream. If you're looking for family friendly activities nearby, look no further as the Tahoe Treetop Adventure Park is a 7 minute drive away from Sunnyside Restaurant and Lodge.

Walks nearby:

- Tahoe Lakeside Trail (A paved trail from Meeks bay to Tahoe City!)



Recurring events for each day of the week:

Sunday:

- BlueGrass Jam at Alibi Ale Works in Truckee, 6-8:30pm
- Live Concerts at Commons Beach, 4-7pm


Monday:

- Open Mic at Alibi Ale Works in Truckee, 6-8:30pm

Tuesday:

- Truckee Farmer's Market, 8am-1pm
- Bluesdays at Palisades Tahoe, 6-8:30pm
- Trivia Night at Alibi Ale Works in Truckee, 6-8pm & Incline Village, 7-9pm
- Live Jazz at Good Wolf Brewing in Truckee, 6:30-close
- Taco Tuesday at Casa Baeza in Truckee, get there early to save your seat!
- Karaoke at Paddle Wheel Saloon in Incline, 8pm-close

Wednesday:

- Wet Woody Wednesday at Gar Woods, get half off their blended cocktail all day!
 - Whiskey Flight Wednesdays at Tahoe National, all day
 - Music in the Park in Truckee Regional Park, 6:30-8:30pm
 - Trivia at Good Wolf Brewing, 6:30-close
 - Trivia at Tremigo in Palisades Village, 7:30-9:30pm
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Thursday:

- Tahoe City Farmer's Market, 8am-1pm
- Incline Village Farmer's Market, 3-6pm
- Taco Thursdays (3 Tacos + a beer for \$20) at Alibi in Truckee, all day
- Truckee Thursdays market, 5-8:30pm
- Trivia at Tahoe National, 7-9pm
- Live music at Bar of America in Truckee, 8pm-close
- Karaoke Thursday at Alibi in Incline Village, 9-11:45pm

Friday:

- Sierra Bakehouse in Truckee, 8am-2pm (line up early, they sell out!)
- Blind Flight Fridays at Tahoe Wine Collective in Tahoe City, all day
- Live music on Kings Beach with food trucks, 6:30-8:30pm (don't forget your dancing shoes!)
- Live music at Moody's in Truckee, 7:30-10:30
- Line Dance Night at Alibi Ale Works in Incline Village, 9-11pm

Saturday:

- Live music at Moody's in Truckee, 7:30-10:30pm
- Live music at Tahoe National in Tahoe City, 7-9pm



Perfect Week in Lake Tahoe

Want to make sure you see the best parts of Tahoe without the stress of planning? Look no further. We've compiled the perfect itinerary for a week in Lake Tahoe making sure you don't miss a single thing!

Monday: Start your week off strong with a boat rental at North Lake Tahoe Boat Rental! Get a lay of the land from the lake's perspective and enjoy the beautiful sights it has to offer. After a day on the lake, get some food and drinks at Gar Woods in Carnelian Bay or at Jason's in Kings Beach. While you're on the north shore, we recommend ending your day with an amazing hike to watch the sun set. Stateline is a great option for sunset with there being an easy 1.5 mile hike with amazing views of the lake.

Tuesday: Start your day with Whole Treats in Truckee or at the local farmers market that happens every Tuesday from 8am-1pm. Then you can either take a stroll along the Truckee River on the Legacy Trail or float down it. Both offer stunning views and guarantee a good time. After shopping downtown, get ready for good food and drinks at Alibi Ale Works where they play live music on Tuesdays as well!

Wednesday: For the perfect day, head over to Whale Beach or Secret Cove to relax in the warm sands and crystal clear water. Grab some burgers from The Grid or T's Mesquite Rotisserie! For a calmer evening head over to Truckee's Regional Park for live music! If tonight's the night for fine dining, pick from Incline's Rosewood, King's Beach's Smoke Door, Tahoe City's Sylva, or Truckee's Tangerine and Great Gold.



Thursday: Head down to South Lake and see its crown jewel Emerald Bay! A great option is the hike to Eagle Falls and see Emerald Bay from above for a different perspective. While you're in South Lake, head to Azul Latin Kitchen for some amazing burritos before taking the gondola up Heavenly Ski Resort. If you wind up in North Lake by dinner time, catch the outdoor market of Truckee Thursdays.

Friday: Start the morning off right at Sierra Bakehouse, which is only open on Fridays. You probably came to Tahoe to see those giant granite boulders in the clear blue waters right? Today is the day to head over to Sand Harbor and rent a kayak or paddle board and cruise down the east shore to find the views you've been looking for! Hit Crystal Bay, Bonsai Rock, Thunderbird Lodge, and the endless coves and beaches along the way. Friday night, get ready for live music on Kings Beach with food trucks from 6pm to 8:30pm!

Saturday: What's a more perfect Saturday than spending it parasailing, jet skiing, E-foiling, or wake surfing in Lake Tahoe? Nothing! Go release your inner child on these rentals and have a blast, or test your balance at Tahoe Treetop Adventure Park. Grab lunch at Jiffy's or Pep's in Tahoe Vista. If you prefer mountain biking, Northstar is close by and waiting for you to come enjoy its various rides. After your bike ride, enjoy dinner at Drunken Monkey, Red Truck, or Rakken Ramen.

Sunday: Take this day to souvenir shop and support local artists at the Tahoe Trunk Show in Tahoe City. Check off any activities you missed: hike Shirley Canyon or take the Palisades tram up, and then we highly suggest going to Sunnyside for some food and ordering the famous Hula Pie. You'll thank us later. End the day by relaxing with some live music at Commons Beach.



'26 Summer Events

May

Made in Tahoe Spring Festival, The Village at Palisades Tahoe

- May 23 & 24

June

Tahoe City Food & Wine Classic, Tahoe City

- June 5 & 6

Tahoe City Art by the Lake, Tahoe City

- June 19-21

Truckee Tahoe Air Show, Truckee Tahoe Airport

- June 20

July

Truckee Brewfest, Truckee

- July 11

Classical Tahoe Music Festival, Incline Village

- Summer Gala, July 11
- Brubeck Jazz Summit, July 12-17
- Orchestra & Chamber Music July 19 - August 9

Shakespeare Festival Plays, Sand Harbor State Park

- July 3 - August 23

Lake Tahoe Dance Festival, Tahoe City

- July 21-24
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August

Reggae Fest, Palisades Tahoe

- August 3 & 4

BIG BLUEgrass Benefit Concert, Sugar Pine Point State Park

- August 7

Lake Tahoe Concours d'Elegance, Obexer's in Homewood

- August 7 & 8

Brews, Jazz & Funk Fest, Palisades Tahoe

- August 16

Truckee Rodeo, Truckee

- August 27-29



Full/Half Day Boating Itineraries

Within 20-30 minutes from the dock:

- East Shore
- Crystal Bay
- Incline Village
- Sand Harbor
- Thunderbird Lodge
- Secret Cove
- Whale Beach
- West Shore
- Godfather House

30-45 minutes from the dock:

- East Shore
- Skunk Harbor
- West Shore
- Sugar Pine Point
- Rubicon Bay
- Meeks Bay

45-60minutes from the dock:

- East Shore
 - Zephyr cove
 - South Shore
 - Emerald Bay
 - Rooster rock
 - D.L. Bliss State Park
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Lake Tahoe Lore

STATS:

- The lake is $\frac{2}{3}$ in CA and $\frac{1}{3}$ in NV
- The natural surface rim is 6,223ft
- The lake's deepest part is 1645ft
- Average lake depth is 1,000ft
- Average lake clarity is 67ft
- Lake Tahoe is 22 miles long, 12 miles wide, & 72 miles of shoreline
- The lake holds 39 trillion gallons of water
- Average surface temp. is 51.9 F, and 64.9 F in July
- The highest peak in the basin is Freel Peak at 10,881ft

HISTORY:

- Frank Sinatra owned the Cal-Neva from 1960-1963, and built secret tunnels under it: used to be tunnel tours when Cal-Neva was open.
- The Cal-Neva was (one of) the first legal casinos in the United States.
- The greater Tahoe Basin encompasses two states (California and Nevada), five counties, 1 city and numerous smaller towns.
- Tahoe City has a Gigantic Bear Sculpture made out of Pennies. Her name is Ursa Mater (Penny Bear). She was constructed for the 2017 Burning Man and she's made out of 200,000 American and Canadian pennies.
- Emerald Bay has California's 1st underwater state park home to shipwrecks more than a century old.
- The Comstock Lode, the richest known silver deposit in the U.S., transformed Virginia City into a thriving metropolis of 20,000 and helped Nevada achieve statehood.

FUN FACTS:

- Sierra wave clouds are special to the area & form from the way winds hit the Sierra Nevadas
- The iconic Tahoe blue comes from the amount of algae in the water
- The Godfather house is along the west shore
- There are 13 ski resorts in the Tahoe Basin
- 330 million gallons of water evaporates every day

LORE:

- Legends of Tahoe Tessie date back to the 19th century.
- Mingo the elephant lies at the bottom of the lake.
- Captain Dick Barter, lived on Fannett Island and would take his boat to the nearest bar, according to park ranger Doyle. "He was drinking one night and he sank during a storm," Doyle said. "There is a rumor that on cold, foggy nights you can hear Captain Dick Barter's spirit."
- Mobsters once used the lake as a convenient body disposal site.
- Among the Washoe, the water babies are guardians of the water table, particularly at Lake Tahoe and Cave Rock. They are described as judges of water purity and human behavior.
- Speculations of secret tunnels running from Lake Tahoe to Pyramid Lake, can be loosely traced to regional irrigation plans in the early 20th century.

