

# North Lake Tahoe Boat Rental

## Your Guide to The Best of the Best on Lake Tahoe

Perfect for first time visitors or seasoned locals

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

- **Pack in, Pack out**- leave no trace. Bring all of your garbage back out with you including natural products like fruit and vegetable scraps
- No styrofoam coolers! Consider replacing it with one with biodegradable materials or a reusable one as a green alternative
  - Safeway sells coolers that fit these guidelines
- Store trash in closed compartments/bags in order 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 like cigarette butts, bottle caps and tabs, small pieces of plastic

Check out these organizations that work to the cleanliness and purity of our beloved lake:

### **Clean Up the Lake**

[cleanupthelake.org](http://cleanupthelake.org)

Instagram: @cleanupthelake

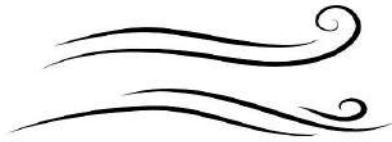
“Our mission is to fight back against plastic and all forms of pollution in our global environment, both on land and under the surface, starting with Lake Tahoe and the Cayes in Belize”

### **Keep Tahoe Blue**

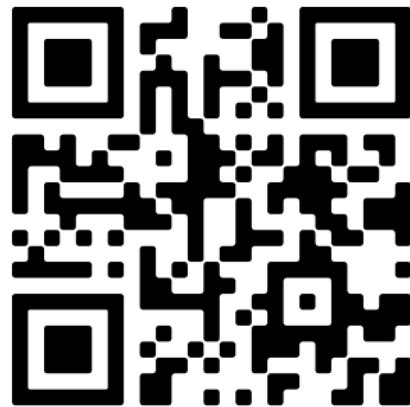
[keeptahooblue.org](http://keeptahooblue.org)

Instagram: @keeptahooblue

“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 “



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Beginner's Guide to Lake Safety

Coast Guard Boater Safety Guide

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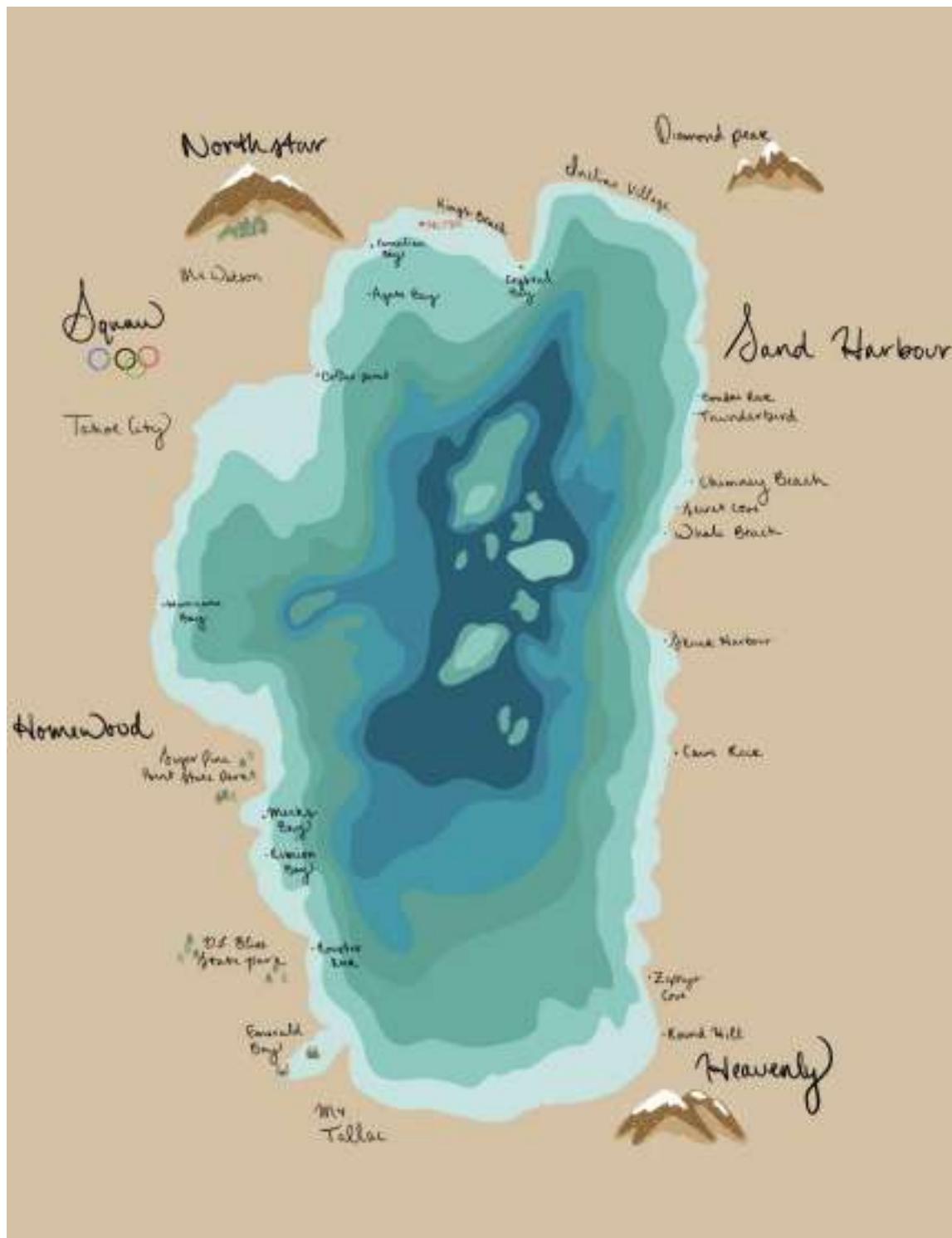
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# Map



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# 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 only accessible by the 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 but for sunrise go to Eagle rock on the west shore!

# Tahoe City

**Disclaimer:** Please remember to stay 200 yards away from shore at all times. This guide is to be used on and off shore, but **DO NOT** dock, beach or come within 200 yards of the shoreline unless you have a captain employed by North Lake Tahoe Boat Rental. All hiking, activities and restaurants are to be visited after your rental.



Starting with the Northwest corner of the lake; we have Tahoe City. Just south on Highway 89, you'll pass by Hurricane Bay, which is a half-mile span of beach that offers views of North Lake Tahoe and clear waters. Driving through Tahoe City, we recommend making a stop at Willards sport shop for bike rentals, Commons Beach, and Tahoe Treetop Adventures located in Granlibakken. Thinking of getting a bite to eat? Bridgetender Tavern and Grill, Mountain Slice Pizza and Ice Cream, or Fat Cat Bar and Grill are all great options.

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# Carnelian Bay



Carnelian Bay is primarily residential, but that doesn't mean it has a shortage of sights and activities. If you're looking for something to do after your rental, Watermans Landing is the spot for kayaking, SUPers, and sunset seekers, as well as big Mackinaw trout. They've also got a dog beach for your four legged friend to stretch their paws and go for a swim. For something other than scenic views of the surrounding mountains and lake, some of our favorite spots to eat include; Gar Woods Grill and Pier, CB's Bistro, or The Old Post Office.

# Tahoe Vista



As you drive east, you will enter Tahoe Vista- our home base! When returning at the end of your rental, scan the mountains for the bare spot near the shore and aim just to the right of it. This will bring you close enough to our dock that you can find your way back. While you're here, make sure you check out Moondunes Beach, Tahoe Vista Beach, and if you're staying a while rent a bike from Tahoe EBike Rentals. When you're out on your boat and searching for calm waters, Agate Bay is a perfect place to stop and picnic or soak in the sun! When you're done with your rental, go for a bite to eat at Pep's Place or the Old Range Steakhouse, or go for a hike at the North Tahoe Regional Park where they also have a treetop tour, recreational sport field and a disc golf course.

# Kings Beach



With no shortage of views or eateries, Kings Beach is one of the most popular spots for summer. Once on the water you can see Kings Beach, Secline St. Beach, or North Tahoe Beach. Later, head to Wild Society Clear Kayak and Paddleboard Rentals for the most unique kayaking experience, or try the Stateline Lookout trailhead for hiking or dirt biking! After your rental, check out La Mexicana, Whitecaps Pizza, The Grid Bar and Grill, or Log Cabin Ice Cream for some local favorites.

Hikes near here:

- ❖ Picnic Rock (Easy, 1 Mile)

# Crystal Bay



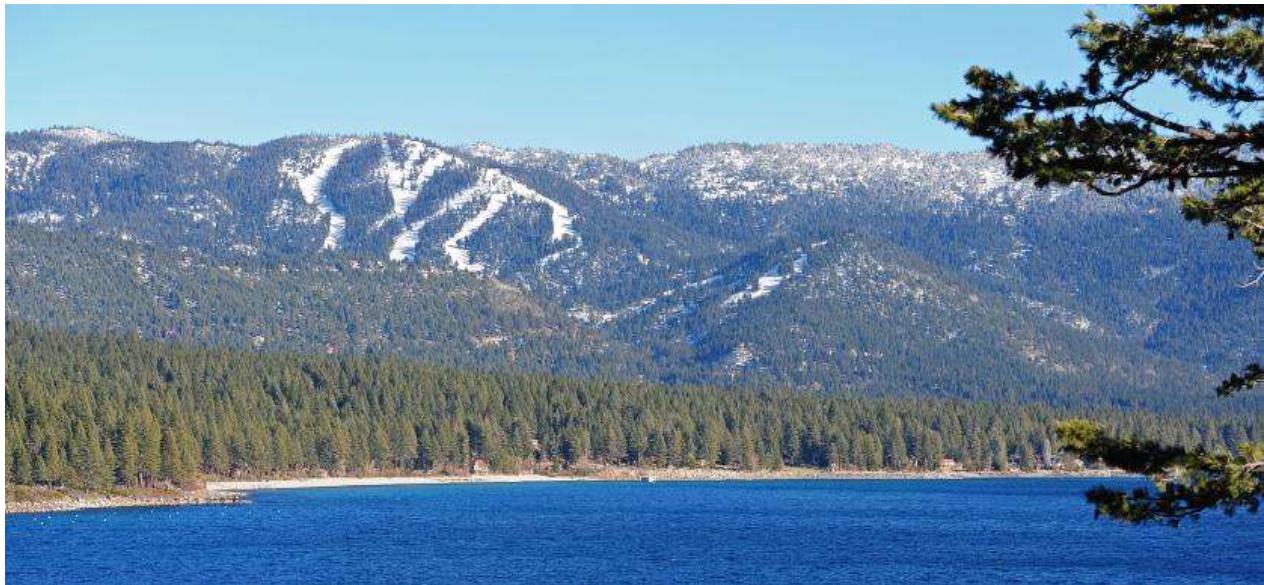
Yep, you guessed it! Crystal Bay lives up to its name with some of the most iconic Lake Tahoe scenery, offering the clearest turquoise water, granite boulders, and the most Instagram-worthy locations. Did I mention a few miles outside the bay is the deepest part of the lake? At 1,600 feet deep it is the second deepest lake in North America. With no shortage of views you're bound to find something that makes you shut off your engine just to admire the sight a little bit longer. Afterwards, head into town and try your hand at the Crystal Bay Casino and see if you're the lucky lottery winner!

Hikes near here:

- ❖ Stateline Lookout (Easy, 1.7 Miles) \*great for sunset!

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# Incline Village



Welcome to Incline Village! This is home to Crystal Bay and Shoreline Drive otherwise known as billionaires row. After your rental, grab a bite at Bertie's Hot Chicken Sandwiches, Inclined Burgers, FUMO Cafe, Alibi Ale Works, Tunnel Creek Cafe or Lone Eagle Grille to satisfy your appetite after a long day on the lake. If you're staying a while, try your hand at climbing Trippy Rock, or go for a hike at the Stream Environment Zone Nature Trail. There's also an easy bike path 1 mile to Hidden Beach and 3 miles to Sand Harbor one way.

Hikes near here:

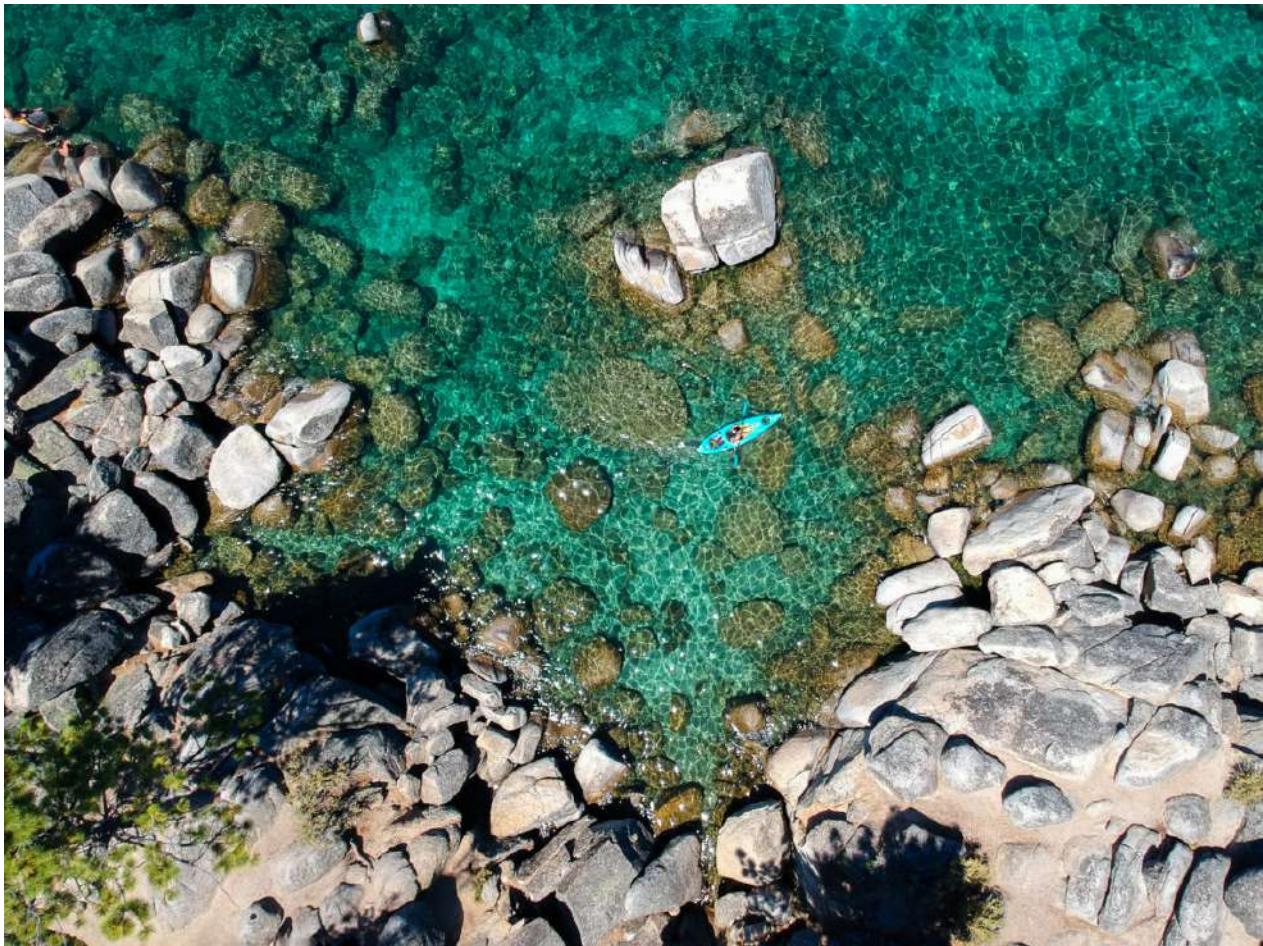
- ❖ Diamond Peak via North Flume Trail (Moderate, 7.8 Miles)
- ❖ Marlette Lake (Moderate, 6.0 Miles)

Other beaches:

- ❖ Speedboat Beach

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# Sand Harbor



Right next door to Crystal Bay is Sand Harbor, which is considered one of the most beautiful beaches Tahoe has to offer. Stop and smell the roses, or maybe the cedar and pine trees instead, and enjoy all that Sand Harbor has to offer. The harbor is a great place to come back to by car, for kayak rentals and more! This paid parking lot gets very busy so make sure you grab your spot early in the morning. Nearby is the Thunderbird Lodge, which used to be the residence of George Whittell Jr. It is now a museum and wedding venue that still hosts Whittell's famous yacht, the Thunderbird. See it from the lake, but make sure to keep your distance! Also nearby is Bonsai Rock, a unique rock with four small trees growing out of it. This rock doubles not only as a fantastic sight but a great spot to jump from (lake level dependent) when you're hiking down from highway 28.

# Chimney Beach, Secret Cove & Whale Beach



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.

## Chimney Beach

This beach used to be the maids residence who tended to George Whittell Jr. and is easily noticed by the still standing chimney!

## Secret Cove

### **\*\*ATTENTION: Nude Beach\*\***

This beautiful cove is full of beach go-ers, paddle boarders, and kayakers all searching to indulge themselves in this scenic and secluded coast with breathtaking views.

## Whale Beach

### **\*\*ATTENTION: Nude Beach\*\***

It's no secret how this beach got its name, look closely at the rocks in the water and at the right angle, you can see a whale's head popping out of the water with an open mouth, welcoming you to Lake Tahoe!

# 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)

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# Zephyr Cove



If you're looking for a spot to fish, sail, parasail, or jet ski, Zephyr Cove is the place to be. This mile-long beach offers dining, parasail rentals, and endless sunshine for nonstop opportunities. A great place to come back to by car when looking for new activities! If you're interested in hiking, check out the Logan Shoals Vista Trail. If hiking isn't your thing, try horseback at the Zephyr Cove Stables. Want something above land? Lake Tahoe Balloons offers hot air balloon rides that are the only ones in the United States that inflate, launch, land and deflate on a boat. When you're back on land, take the gondola up Heavenly Ski Resort and walk around for unique views of the lake!

Hikes near here:

- ❖ Zephyr Cove Loop (Moderate, 4.0 Miles)
- ❖ Eagle Ridge Trail (Moderate, 6.6 Miles)

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# 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's a great place to get a quick bite to eat and drink.

# South Lake



Welcome to the south shore! Shopping, dining and hiking, oh my! This end of the lake is more populated than the north shore and if you want souvenirs, casinos and delicious food this is the place to be. Nearby is Heavenly Ski Resort where you can ride the gondola or the alpine slide or just hike around.

Hikes near here:

- ❖ Horsetail Falls (Hard, 4.0 Miles)
- ❖ Angora Lake Trail (Easy, 1.2 Miles)
- ❖ Big Meadow to Round Lake (Moderate, 6.0 Miles)

# 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. This area is a special blend of spectacular beauty and architectural ingenuity. Vikingsholm was built in 1929 by a Swedish architect for Mrs. Lora Josephine inspired by her travels around Scandinavia. This summer home is considered one of the finest examples of Scandinavian architecture in the United States. 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
- ❖ 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 towards our dock on the west side of the lake 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 'clearer than 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. Come back by car to hike the park, or check out Rubicon trailhead and Balancing Rock Nature trail.

Hikes near here:

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

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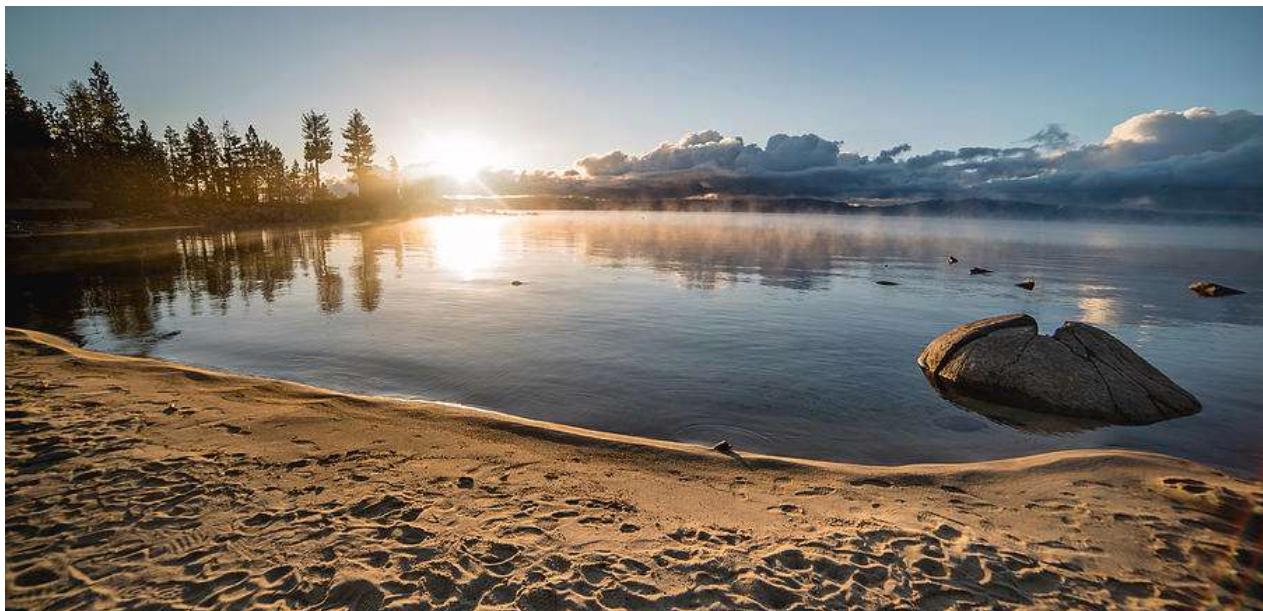
# Rooster Rock



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!

# Rubicon Bay and Meeks Bay



This part of West shore offers views of some of Tahoe's most prestigious estates. These beaches epitomize summer fun with white sandy beaches, clear blue water, and open settings. If you're in the hiking mood, there are beautiful trailheads all over the area! Fun Fact: this shoreside is where Mark Zuckerberg's \$59 Million Lake Tahoe compound is. Can you spot it? After your rental, feel free to hike a portion of the Rubicon trail starting from D.L. Bliss State Park to Emerald Bay. This heavily trafficked trail is located near Tahoma and rated as moderate on the AllTrails app.

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 300ft underwater ledges are great for deep water fishing for trout and salmon. This beach is nice to bring a picnic lunch and be able to have your own little section of beach. Non-fishers: enjoy the endless views of dense forests and 2 miles of lake frontage. Remember to keep the boat clean, or come back by car!

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!)

# Truckee



If you're in town, you might as well drive the extra 30 minutes over to Truckee and get the full Lake Tahoe experience. Head downtown where you can shop 'til you drop and eat great food along the way at Como, Casa Baeza, or Alibi Ale Works. You can also float down the Truckee River, go horseback riding, or go swimming at Donner Lake! In the summer Truckee Thursdays shut down the main road downtown for small vendors, live music and local eats, you don't want to miss it!

Hikes/ Walks nearby:

- ❖ Legacy Trail (Moderate, 9.1 Mile walk along Truckee River)
- ❖ Donner summit (Moderate, 3.6 Miles)
- ❖ Donner Tunnels (Easy, 5.2 Miles)

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# What to do Every Day of the Week

## Sunday:

- Summer concert series in Northstar Village, 3-6pm
- BlueGrass Jam at Alibi Ale Works in Truckee and Incline Village, starts at 6pm
- Karaoke at the Grid in Kings Beach, starts at 10pm

## Monday:

- Food Truck night at Alibi Ale Works in Truckee
- Industry Night at Rookies Bar and Grill in Incline Village, starts at 11pm

## Tuesday:

- Truckee farmer's market from 8am to 1pm
- Summer Hiking Series from 8:15am to 3:30pm, meet at the Incline Village Recreation Center
- Half off burgers at Rookies Bar and Grill in Incline Village
- Taco Tuesday at Casa Baeza in Truckee, get there early to save your seat!

## Wednesday:

- Trivia night at Alibi Ale Works in Truckee, starts at 6pm (plus, bring your own pen and paper for extra points!)
- Wet Woody Wednesday at Gar Woods, get half off their blended cocktail all day!

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Thursday:

- Tahoe City farmer's market from 8am to 1pm
- Bocce Ball and Sunset Social at the Incline Village Bocce Ball Park from 4-6pm; stay after for potluck dinner!
- Align in the Pines Free Yoga at Lole in Northstar Village, starts at 5pm
- Bingo night at Alibi Ale Works in Truckee and Incline Village, starts at 6pm
- Happy Hour music performance and buffet at the Old Post Office in Tahoe City, 5-9pm
- Burgers and Beers Special at the Truckee Tavern
- Live music at Bar of America in Truckee, starts at 8pm
- Karaoke at the Grid in Kings Beach, starts at 10pm
- Open Mic night at Rookies Bar and Grill in Incline Village, starts at 10:30pm
- Chupacabra Thursday at Caliente in Kings Beach, get half off their famous blended cocktail all day!

Friday:

- Live music on Kings Beach with food trucks, 6-8:30pm (don't forget your dancing shoes!)
- Karaoke at Rookies Bar and Grill in Incline Village, starts at 11pm

Saturday:

- Align in the Pines Free Yoga at Lole in Northstar Village, starts at 9am - Summer concert series in Northstar Village, 3-6pm
- Prime Rib night at Rosie's Cafe in Tahoe City

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# 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 lakes 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 Jasons in Kings Beach. While you're on the north shore, we recommend ending your day with one of the amazing hikes that it has to offer for afternoon or sunset. Stateline is a great option for sunset with it being an easy 1.5 mile hike with amazing views of the lake. Want something a little harder? Marlette Lake is a great 6.0 mile moderate hike to an alpine lake away from town, give yourself plenty of time though as you'll want to spend time up there!

Tuesday: Start your day with breakfast at Jax at the Tracks 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: Perfect day to relax, 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 Chubs Subs for sandwiches along the way! For a calmer evening head back to Alibi for Trivia or catch a movie in incline!

Thursday: Head down to South Lake and see its crown jewel Emerald Bay! Today is the perfect day to hike down to Vikingsholm and see the infamous castle for yourself! Another 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 Azule for some amazing burritos before taking the gondola up Heavenly Ski Resort for a casual hike with amazing aerial views.

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Friday: You probably came to Tahoe to see those giant granite boulders in the clear blue waters right? Today head over to Sand Harbor and rent a kayak or paddle board and cruise down the east shore to find those Insta-worthy pictures in Crystal Bay you've been looking for! Hit 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 and karaoke at Rookies Bar and Grill at 11pm!

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 with these rentals and have a blast or test your balance at Tahoe Treetop Adventure Park. If you prefer mountain biking, Northstar is close by and waiting for you to come enjoy its various rides.

Sunday: Take this day to relax and do whatever you want, go back to some shops you missed, go on another hike that caught your eye or just ride around town on some E-Bikes! If you're on the west shore, we highly suggest going to Sunnyside restaurant for some food and ordering the infamous Hula Pie. You'll thank us later. Tonight is Date Night at the Northstar Theater, get a free Rubicon pizza with ticket purchase and free candy with popcorn and drink purchase; shows at 2pm, 5pm, and 8pm.

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# Full/Half Day Boating Itineraries

Within 20-30 minutes from the dock:

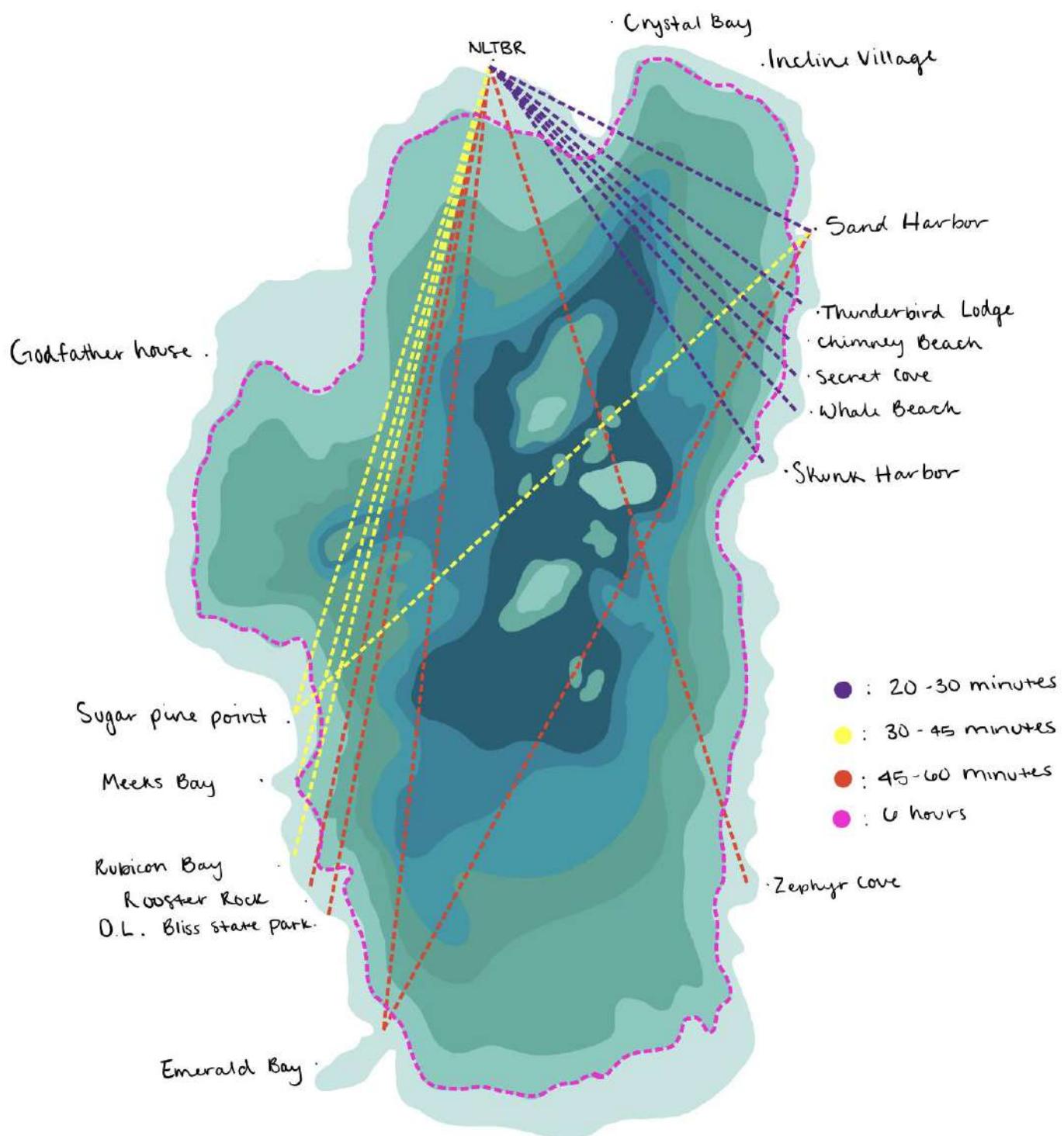
- East Shore
  - Crystal Bay
  - Incline Village
  - Sand Harbor
  - Thunderbird Lodge
  - Secret Cove
  - Whale Beach
- West Shore
  - Godfather House

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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# Fun facts about Lake Tahoe

- Lake Tahoe's beautiful clarity comes from snow and rain runoff from 63 streams off the surrounding mountains.
- The Truckee River is the only outflow of Lake Tahoe.
- The North Stateline fault marks the deepest part of the lake 1,644 feet deep, deep enough to cover the Empire State Building.
- The transparency of the lake owes a great deal to the granite rocks that surround it, due to the fact that granite is low in the nutrients and fine particles that reduce water clarity.
- During the 19th Century logging, mines of the Comstock Era accelerated erosion around the lake and reduced its purity. Fortunately, the second growth forest helped slow it down and naturally restored the beautiful waters we have today.
- The glaciers of the Southwest shore spilled down the canyons that covered the Sierra Crest and over the centuries they surged and flowed, blocking the lake's outflow. This raised the lake's levels much higher than they are now.
- A large portion of the shelf by Tahoe City is missing due to a landslide underwater caused by an earthquake. These blocks can be a mile long and over 500ft tall, when compared to the Golden Gate Bridge, it barely covers half.
- It's estimated that about 10,000 to 20,000 years ago a tsunami occurred with waves reaching 300 feet high.
- The water is 99.994% pure, making it one of the purest large lakes in the world. Commercially distilled water is 99.998% pure.
- There are more ski lifts in the Lake Tahoe Basin than in the entire state of Colorado.
- Lake Tahoe has massive vertical canyons as deep as 200 feet.

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# TIPS for operating a bareboat charter

A bareboat charter occurs when a vessel is chartered without a provided crew and the crew is not specified by the vessel owner.



## 1



### The agreement

A written or "bareboat charter" agreement must exist and be signed by the Charterer and boat owner/representative.

Owner or their representative  
CANNOT be the operator nor be  
on board.

## 2



### 12 + 1 rule

Excluding crew, the maximum amount of people on board is 13 (the Charterer plus 12 guests).

The owner of the vessel may require general levels of proficiency for crew retained.



### Crew Hiring

The Charterer must have the option of selecting and paying the crew. The vessel owner may provide a list of qualified captains or the Charterer may find their own.

## 3



### Who pays?

## 4



The Charterer pays for:

- the captain and crew
- all food, fuel, and stores
- all port and pilotage fees
- insurance costs covering liability not included in the owner's policy.

## 5



### Discharge for Cause

The Charterer may discharge, for cause, the master or any crew without approval from the vessel owner.



## 6



### Vessel Survey

The Charterer must check the vessel and its associated equipment, including a damage survey, before going underway and at the end of the voyage. This is similar to a rental car walkaround before and after use.

Report illegal charter activity to your nearest U.S. Coast Guard Sector.

Sector San Francisco - Investigations Division: 510-813-9636 or [SFINV@uscg.mil](mailto:SFINV@uscg.mil)

Sector San Francisco - Command Center: 415-399-3547 (24-hour)





# Understanding Passenger for Hire Operations

Passenger Vessel Safety Act of 1993

## RECREATIONAL COMMERCIAL

Pleasure



Safety equipment required by law



Bareboat Charter



Safety equipment required by law

+

7 Elements for  
Bareboat Charter Operations



Uninspected Passenger Vessel

Up to 6 passengers at least one for hire less than 100 GROSS TONS

Up to 12 passengers at least one for hire 100 GROSS TONS or more

Safety equipment required by law +

Merchant Mariner Credential

Drug & Alcohol Program

Type I PFDs

COD > 5 NET TONS



Small Passenger Vessel  
7 or more passengers at least one for hire

+

Safety equipment required by law +

Merchant Mariner Credential

Drug & Alcohol Program

Type I PFDs

Certificate of Inspection

Stability Letter

COD: > 5 NET TONS

Mandatory



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## **USCG Boat Must Haves**

GAS CAP CLOSED

- Throwable PFD
- Fire Extinguisher
- Life Jackets
  - X4 orange
  - X2 West Marine Blue
  - At least one per person (kids and adults matter!)
- Air Horn
- First Aid Kit
- Paddle
- Radio
- Orange Flag
- Map of Lake Tahoe
- Contact List
- Safety Speech
- Mini flares
- 2 Bumpers
- 2 Dock lines

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## **Safety Speech**

Below is the all the information that your dockhand has gone over with you

**If you have any questions or issues while out on the lake REACH OUT immediately**

\*Ensure **GAS CAP** is closed\*

1) PROPELLER (most dangerous part of the boat)

- **WE DO NOT COVER PROPELLER. It is a \$1000 Fee**
- If you are too shallow and you're worried about the propeller being damaged: put it in NEUTRAL and assess.
- Minimal damage can happen when the propeller is not spinning.

Shallow points to stay away from:

- **Dollar Point (NW)**
- **Stateline Point (North)**
- **Emerald Bay (SW point)**
- **Whale Beach (East Shore)**
- **Sand Harbor (East Shore)**

**Stay 200 yards from shore at all times (the distance to outside our buoy field)**

- If you are in any buoys or boat fields, you are TOO close

2) Life Jackets

- Anyone 12 and under are required BY LAW to wear a life jacket at all times
- Athletic Life Jackets are always required for EVERYONE of all ages while inner tubing
- Life Jackets Location: Life jackets are in the ski locker. Type I PFD (orange) and Type III PFD (Tubing jackets)

- Type IV PFD (Throwable) Next to the driver seat. Must stay there! Used if someone falls overboard.

3) Emergency Equipment

- Fire extinguisher
  - Located in rear right side compartment
- First Aid Kit
  - Located in rear right side compartment
  - Larger kits located inside glovebox
- Radio
  - Coast Guard is Channel 16 - this is for emergencies: 'loss of life' or 'loss of limb'. If emergency call 911/ channel 16VHF radio
  - If the wind picks up, head to the closest, safe location, if unsure call NLTBR immediately!
- Tahoe Lake Map
  - Location; In the glove box.
- Contact List
  - Location; In the glove box.

4) Boat Capacity and Weight Limit

- Weight should be evenly distributed around the boat for proper planing on a boat (flattened out at high speed)
- You are not allowed to pick up additional passengers nor drop off any at docks/beaches without a captain

5) Proper Seating **In Motion**

- Never sit anywhere but actual seats if the vessel is in gear, this means that the back engine compartment cushion IS NOT a seat while the boat engine is on or in motion
- When the boat is off passengers may sit anywhere

6) Cold Water Immersion

- a. The "SHOCK" of cold water and gasping for air
  - i. NO Horseplay or diving for anything deep

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- ii. Can happen to the most experience swimmers
- iii. Hypothermia

## **Driving Operations**

### 7) Alcohol

- **ABSOLUTELY ZERO TOLERANCE FOR ALCOHOL AND OPERATING!**
- Alcohol can affect you twice as much on a boat, our insurance does not cover drunk driving accidents and we do test if accidents occur.
- Lake Tahoe is in 2 states which means it is under federal law, the Coast Guard and 4 other agencies police the lake. They can pull you over at any time

### 8) Before start operations

- Make sure Kill switch is in proper location and Throttle is in Neutral
- Boat will NOT turn on if the kill switch is detached or if the throttle is NOT in neutral.
- Always do a headcount before turning on the boat, to ensure all passengers are on board. Ensure all belongings are secure before speeding up
- If sitting for a period of time use the blower, so a complete cycle of air is moved through lower compartments.
- Bilge expels water, blower expels fumes

### 9) Start Operations and Safety

- Attach Kill switch to driver whenever boat is on! (Federal law)
  - **Red kill switch, pull in emergency to kill the engine, or if key jams**
- Key Start; First turn is accessories; Second Turn will start the motor.
  - Unlike a car, you only need to click the key right once

### 10) Off Operations

- **TURN OFF** the boat as much as possible so no one gets cut by the spinning blade (aka propeller in the back)

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- This helps to not breathe in exhaust fumes, be aware of **Carbon Monoxide Poisoning**. If someone is dizzy, lightheaded or nauseous while sitting on the back bench seat get them away from the exhaust and into fresh air.
- **TURN OFF**
  - to swim
  - when reaching over the sides to check the temperature of the water
  - loading in the rear of the boat
  - Use the ladder in the back to get back into the boat.
  - **DO NOT** step on the prop blade and cut yourself getting in.
  - **REMEMBER** to put the ladder back up before turning on the engine.
- Someone **MUST** be on the boat at all times

## 11) Operations

- Throttle pull black button, then shift, smooth and controlled slow motions
  - watch your thumb as it is easy to pull the trim/prop up
- Practice starting the boat & stopping; beware of drift.
- Reverse, always look before you go in reverse, so you don't run someone over or back into something. As a renter, you will almost never need reverse
- Turn for things early to avoid collision, plan for the drift, **Do Not Panic**, ease into reverse.
- **NO WAKE ZONE** within **200 yards** of shore all the way around the lake. Especially the points between bays, rocks tend to be just under water in these areas so stay at least **200 YARDS AWAY FROM SHORE**.
- Wake's travel, so slow down before buoys and within **200 yards** of shore so that you are going **5mph** or less when within the zone.

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- **Idle speed in buoy zones**, anything close to shore/docks, meaning **5mph** or less, check that you are not making a wake by looking behind you.
- **Wake = Waves**
- Stay away from rocks on shore, if you see rocks, assume there are more under water nearby and keep 100 Yards from those rocks.

## 12) Driving Rules of the Lake

- Drivers to the **RIGHT** always has the right of way
- Steer right for most situations and you should be good. But be aware that not everyone knows this, especially jet skiers and rental boats so when in doubt just give way and slow down or stop
- **ALWAYS** keep your head on a swivel. You are responsible for your surroundings
- **STAY AWAY FROM JET SKIS!** Period. They are all rentals and dangerous. They do not get a safety speech
- **Give way** to anything with less power
  - Sailboats, Kayaks, Paddleboards, etc.
- Every movement is gentle and smooth.
  - No Aggressive Maneuvers.
  - Give yourself Plenty of time.
- Take waves at a **45-degree angle**
- Whenever possible plan your trip with the wind, against is much rougher.
  - Especially in the afternoon.

## 13) Tubing

- **MAKE SURE BOAT IS OFF**
- Life Jackets are REQUIRED FOR EVERYONE of all ages while inner tubing. Tube will be attached to closest hook on line, when being towed and not used

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- **BOAT OFF** When ready to tube make sure the designated tubing rope is all the way extended away from the boat and motor. 30FT away from the back MINIMUM
- Load tube and push tube away from boat and motor
- Once clear, the operator may start the boat.
- When inner tubing and someone falls off, locate them, turn around, and drive up to them on the driver's side, ask them if they are tubing again, or getting back into the boat,
- If they are getting into the boat, **TURN OFF ENGINE**, please use the ladder.
- If they are tubing again pull forward, keeping them clear from the back of the boat and allow them to get back onto the inner tube.
- **Orange flag** goes up for anybody in the water, **high and visible**, especially when someone falls off the inner tube.
- Use the flag when sitting in the middle of the lake and passengers are swimming

## **Expectations**

### ***Returning***

- Meet back at the designated return location on time. **Please be on time.**
- If running a little late, please let us know.
- If rental returns more than 30 mins late, you will be charged (\$200 an hour). **Please call if this happens!**

### ***Emerald Bay***

- Go in **BETWEEN** the **Red** and **Green Buoys**.
  - If you **do not** go between buoys, it is guaranteed you will total the propeller. **PROPELLER** damage is a **\$1000 fee**.

- **EMERALD BAY IS A NO WAKE ZONE. Stay in the middle of the bay and do not veer towards shore. DO NOT go to the island. It is unsafe to do so as there are lots of rocks and trees surrounding it**
- **NO WAKE ZONE** within **200 yards** of shore all the way around the lake and extends beyond the buoy fields when present. Especially the points between bays, rocks tend to be barely under water there so stay at least **200 YARDS AWAY FROM SHORE.**
- Timing: 30 minutes to drive thru the bay, 45 minutes - an hour to get there from our dock

### ***Bimini Top***

- **BIMINI TOP IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY**
  - Do not hang on or use for assistance, it will not hold your weight
  - Do not drive without it fully hooked up
    - Will show simple explanation



### CONTACT LIST

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**Mike Crow -** **Owner**..... **413-265-6011**

**EMERGENCY RADIO -** **Channel 16 (156.800 MHz) & 22 (157.10 MHz) VHF-FM**

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**Want to come back and book with us again?**



**Don't have cash to tip your dockhand?**



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