

Accessible Recreation Facilities

Tahoe National Forest



Welcome

Welcome to the Tahoe National Forest, where each year nearly six million visitor days are spent enjoying the scenic variety and clean air of the high Sierra. These public lands are dedicated to the wise use and production of timber, water, grazing areas, wildlife, and recreational opportunities. The Forest name, taken from the famed Lake Tahoe, is probably from a Washoe Indian word meaning "Big Water."

The Tahoe National Forest is located northeast of Sacramento in the Central Sierra Nevada Mountains and extends from Lake Tahoe to north of the prominent Sierra Buttes. Several highways, including Interstate Highway 80; State Highways 20, 49, 89, and 267; and Forest roads, provide excellent access to most portions of the Forest.

The central Sierra Nevada Mountains offer scenic beauty and an attractive climate that have made the area an outstanding year-round center for outdoor recreation. Elevations within the Forest vary from about 1,500 feet in the foothills to over 9,000 feet at the Sierra Crest.

Recreation Opportunities

This guide lists facilities and recreation opportunities with features that are accessible for people with disabilities, listed by Ranger District (Not all locations/facilities listed are 100% accessible.)

Because we are continually adding new accessible sites, please call ahead to the ranger district for more information. The facilities listed meet federal

accessibility standards (32 inch minimum width for doorways, adequate room for turning etc).

We have a continuing commitment to provide access to National Forest lands for everyone. Slopes of pathways and trails generally meet outdoor accessibility standards, although some assistance may be required at some locations. Construction of new facilities will include features designed for universal access when possible.

The Golden Access Passport

The Golden Access Passport is an entrance pass to national parks, national wildlife refuges, Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management sites that charge entrance fees. The Passport is a lifetime permit and is free of charge for citizens and permanent residents of the United States that are legally blind or permanently disabled. It admits the passport owner and any accompanying passengers in a private vehicle. Proof of medically determined disability or eligibility for receiving benefits under federal law must be shown.

In those areas where a per-person fee is charged, the pass admits the pass owner, spouse and children, but will not cover fees for an extended family or friends. The passport covers entrance fees plus a 50% discount on federal recreation use fees for most facilities and services (excludes concessions and special recreation permits).

The Golden Access Passport must be obtained *in person* at any national park, national wildlife refuge, and Corps of Engineers, Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management site.



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Downieville Ranger District



Schoolhouse Campground

Location Bullards Bar Reservoir
Elevation 2,000 feet
Facilities Restrooms and several campsites



Dark Day Boat Ramp

Location Bullards Bar Reservoir
Elevation 2,000 feet
Facilities Restrooms and restroom parking



Union Flat Campground

Location Hwy 49 between Downieville and Sierra City
Elevation 3,400 feet
Facilities Restrooms and some campsites



Lower Carlton Campground

Location Highway 49 near Indian Valley Outpost
Elevation 2,200 feet
Facilities Restrooms



Sand Pond Picnic Area

Location Off Gold Lake Highway near Lower Sardine Lake
Elevation 5,800 feet
Facilities Restrooms, picnic area and interpretive trail. Swimming allowed at Sand Pond. Gentle, sandy unpaved slope into the pond.



Packsaddle Trailhead

Location 2 ½ miles west of Gold Lake
Highway on Packer Lake Road
Elevation 6,000 feet
Facilities Equestrian facilities and restrooms



Fiddle Creek Campground

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



Area

Upper Salmon Lake Parking

Location Salmon Lake
Elevation 6,000 feet
Facilities Restrooms and undesignated restroom parking

Foresthill Ranger District



Location

China Wall Staging Area

Location Foresthill Divide Road
Elevation 5,000 feet
Facilities Restrooms and parking



Location

Forbes Group Campground

Location Sugar Pine Reservoir
Elevation 3,700 feet
Facilities Restrooms and campsites



Location

Giant Gap Campground

Location Sugar Pine Reservoir
Elevation 3,700 feet
Facilities Restrooms, several campsites and paved trails



Location

Manzanita Picnic Area

Location Sugar Pine Reservoir, between Giant Gap and Shirttail campgrounds
Elevation 3,700 feet
Facilities Restrooms, several picnic areas and trails



Location

Shirttail Campground

Location Sugar Pine Reservoir
Elevation 3,700 feet
Facilities Restrooms, several campsites and paved trails



Location

Sugar Pine Swim Site

Location Area Sugar Pine Reservoir Day Use
Elevation 3,700 feet
Facilities Restrooms, several picnic areas and trails



Sugar Pine Boat Ramp

Location Sugar Pine Reservoir, south side
Elevation 3,700 feet
Facilities Restrooms and parking



French Meadows Campground

Location French Meadows campground
Elevation 5,200 feet
Facilities Restrooms and several campsites

Nevada City Ranger District



Rock Creek Nature Trail

Location 7 ½ miles east of Nevada City on Highway 20
Elevation 2,900 feet
Facilities Picnic area, restrooms and native surfaced nature trail with very challenging grades.



Loney Meadows Nature Trail

Location Grouse Lakes area, 11 miles north of Highway 20
Elevation 6,500 feet
Facilities 1.5 mile nature trail with challenging grades



Steephollow Plantation Trail

Location 20 miles east of Nevada City on Highway 20 at the Cal-Trans "Omega" Rest Area
Elevation 5,000 feet
Facilities ½ mile of paved nature trail, with some challenging grades. Cal Trans restrooms are at the east end of the rest area.



Big Bend Visitor Center

Location 18 miles west of Truckee at the Big Bend/Rainbow Road exit off I-80
Elevation 5,850 feet
Facilities Visitor Center.

½ mile of paved trail along South Yuba River.
Picnic site available.



Chalk Bluff Trailhead

Location 12 miles east of Nevada City on Highway 20
Elevation 5,000 feet
Facilities OHV unloading ramp and restrooms

Sierraville Ranger District



East Meadow Campground

Location Jackson Meadow Reservoir, via Highway 89 and Henness Pass Road
Elevation 6,100 feet
Facilities Restrooms and a limited number of campsites. Access from vehicle to campsite requires assistance.



Pass Creek Boat Ramp

Location Jackson Meadow Reservoir, via Highway 89 and Henness Pass Road
Elevation 6,000 feet
Facilities Restrooms, restroom parking and water hydrant



Little Lasier Meadows Trailhead

Location near Jackson Meadow Reservoir
Elevation 6,200 feet
Facilities Restrooms



Findley Campground

Location Jackson Meadow Reservoir via Highway 89 and Henness Pass Road
Elevation 6,200 feet
Facilities Restrooms and a limited number of campsites. Access from vehicle to campsite requires assistance.



Little Truckee Summit Picnic Area


Location At the junction of Highway 89 and Fiberboard Road
Elevation 6,400 feet
Facilities Restrooms and some picnic sites. Serves as a trailhead for off-road vehicles.


Truckee Ranger District


Emigrant Group Campground


Location Stampede Reservoir
Elevation 5,900 feet
Facilities Restrooms and campsites.
Fees vary with size of group


 **Logger Campground**
Location Stampede Reservoir
Elevation 5,900 feet
Facilities Restrooms and several campsites


 **Granite Flat Campground**
Location Highway 89 South on the Truckee River between Truckee and Tahoe City
Elevation 5,800 feet
Facilities Restrooms and several campsites


 **Captain Roberts Boat Ramp**
Location Stampede Reservoir
Elevation 6,000 feet
Facilities Restrooms, restroom parking, boat trailer parking.


 **Donner Camp Picnic Area**
Location two and ½ miles north of Truckee on Highway 89
Elevation 5,900 feet
Facilities Restrooms, picnic area and interpretive trail. Assistance may be required along some sections.

 **Boca Boat Ramp**
Location Boca Reservoir, via Highway 80 and Hirschdale Road
Elevation 6,000 feet
Facilities Restrooms

 **Boca Campground**
Location Boca Reservoir
Elevation 5,900 feet
Facilities Restrooms and “rustic” campsites. Access from vehicle to campsite may require assistance.

 **Boca Rest Campground**
Location Boca Reservoir
Elevation 5,900 feet
Facilities Restrooms and “rustic” campsites. Access from vehicle to campsite may require assistance.

 **Boca Townsite Interpretive Trail**
Location ¼ mile north of the I-80 Hirschdale exit.
Elevation 5,600 feet
Facilities Restroom and paved interpretive trail with challenging slopes.

 **Boca Fishing Access Trail**
Location Northeast of Boca Dam
Elevation 5,600 feet
Facilities Parking, information, paved trail to lakeshore

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