

# Respect

∞ To get it, you must give it

Help us build a respectful relationship with private property owners

The waters of Lake Tahoe are a welcoming public asset, but much of the Lake Tahoe shoreline is owned by private individuals, homeowners associations, and private organizations. **This website identifies public land and public launch and landing sites where water trail users are welcome!** In addition, many lakefront businesses such as restaurants and hotels welcome access by paddlers to their facilities. It is best to assume all residential lakefront property is private.

Water levels at Lake Tahoe fluctuate and periodic low water conditions can expose beach areas between the high and low water lines.

*In California*, a public easement is recognized along the shoreline lakeward of high water even when the property is privately owned. Although public access is allowed, good etiquette requires public users to respect owner's concerns.

- ▶ Leave no trace of pet or human waste or trash.
- ▶ Keep noise levels very low, control your pets and observe leash laws.
- ▶ Please remember that piers, buoys, and swim platforms are private structures and do not land there or walk on.

**Did you know...** the top six feet of Lake Tahoe is a storage reservoir. Water level is affected by annual climate conditions and water outflows regulated by bi-state water agreements. The "high water mark" at Lake Tahoe is legally set at 6229.1' elevation which marks the top of the date at the lake's outlet in Tahoe City. Look for high water lines on rocks or pier pilings to determine the legal high water level.

*In Nevada*, the private shoreline contains no public access easement and landing on these beaches is considered trespass unless permission is obtained from the owner.

***Lake Tahoe Water Trail maps identify public beaches where paddlers are welcome! Please plan your trip on public land.***