



Day Trip Maps

LAKE TAHOE WATER TRAIL



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Launch Sites - Day Trips

-  East Shore: Cave Rock
-  East Shore: Sand Harbor
-  North Shore
-  Tahoe City
-  West Shore
-  Emerald Bay
-  South Shore



The Lake Tahoe Water Trail Team and their contributors will be in no way responsible for personal injury or damage to personal property arising in conjunction with the use of this map. Good judgment and planning are critical to any successful outing. Before heading out on the water, it is recommended that you check with other sources of information such as local paddling shops, outdoor stores, marinas and ranger stations for the latest conditions. We welcome your input on any suggested changes or inaccuracies you may come across on this map. *Created for the Lake Tahoe Water Trail by the California Tahoe Conservancy



Welcome to the Lake Tahoe Water Trail. This series of Day Trip maps breaks the 72-mile water route into seven segments with public launch and landing sites, navigation tools, and information to help you have a safe and fun adventure. Each Day Trip map includes route descriptions, GPS waypoints, launch/landing sites, parking, on-site facilities and amenities, as well as public beach access to nearby hiking trails, restaurants, shopping, historic sites, lodging and campgrounds.

Important Information

**Protect Your Favorite Place.
Protect Your Favorite Pastime.**
*Help Stop the Spread of Aquatic Invasives.
Become a Tahoe Keeper.*



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CLEAN **DRAIN** **DRY**

Aquatic invasive species (AIS) contribute to the decline of Lake Tahoe's famous water clarity. Invaders spread through the transport of water and/or debris that can collect in cockpits and hatches, cling to outer hulls, rudders and paddles. Spreading AIS violates local, state, and federal laws.

Self-Inspect & Decontaminate: **Clean, Drain and Dry** your watercraft and gear every time you haul out and move between Tahoe-Truckee area water bodies, and properly **Dispose** of any plants or debris away from lakes and streams. It only takes a few minutes to protect Tahoe and your gear.

- CLEAN** **CLEAN** kayaks with pressurized water, removing all dirt, plant, and animal material from your rudder, hull, cockpit, and fishing gear and **DISPOSE** of the material in a trash can or away from the water.
- DRAIN** **DRAIN** the water from your hatches and cockpits on land before you leave the immediate area.
- DRY** **DRY** your kayak, paddle board, and gear before launching it again.

Decontaminations for kayaks, canoes, and SUPs are free and encouraged if you recently visited infected waters or are unsure.

Learn more and join the Tahoe Keepers stewardship community at www.TahoeKeepers.org. Call 1-888-824-6267 for the AIS hotline.



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Be Good Stewards of the Lake Tahoe Environment

- 1. Plan ahead and prepare.** Know the route and carry the proper equipment. Notify someone of your itinerary.
- 2. Pack it in, Pack it out.** Carry out all refuse.
- 3. Properly dispose of what you can't pack out.** Use developed facilities as shown on these maps or carry out human and dog waste.
- 4. Leave what you find.** Don't disturb cultural remains or natural features, including plants, trees and rocks. Don't approach wildlife closely to avoid disturbance. Respect the privacy of nearby property owners and other lake users.
- 5. Minimize use and impact of fires.** Build fires only in designated campgrounds with fire rings and/or pits.

Be Prepared to Enjoy Lake Tahoe Safely

1. Lake Tahoe is COLD in all seasons of the year. Make rescue easier if needed by paddling in groups and wear a life vest at all times.
2. Boating regulations require all adults to carry a life vest and all children under 12 to wear a life vest in all vessels, including kayaks and SUPs. All hard bottomed watercraft are vessels and are not permitted in designated swim areas.
3. Lake Tahoe is a multi-use lake. Motor boaters often have trouble seeing paddlers so work to make yourself visible: paddle in groups, use bright boats and white paddles, and carry a whistle so you can alert motorized users to your presence.
4. Weather can change rapidly and create dangerous paddling conditions. Watch weather forecasts and plan your route to have a way to get off the water safely in the event of high waves, rain, snow, or lightning.
5. Lake Tahoe's elevation at over 6,000 feet make sun protection important. Protect your skin and eyes by wearing a hat, sunscreen, and sunglasses. Carry fresh water and food.

Respect Lakefront Property Privacy Areas of the Tahoe shoreline are developed with impressive lakefront residential homes; these frontages are private property. In California, periodic low water conditions can expose beach area between the high and low water lines where public access is allowed on a public easement. 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. Please respect residential privacy concerns around Lake Tahoe and practice good etiquette. Homeowner association beaches can look as though they are public beaches, but no general public launching or landing is allowed. This map series identifies public beaches where public access is welcomed. *Please land at the public beaches shown on these maps.*