

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING & SNOWSHOEING GUIDE

Backcountry for FREE

BLACKWOOD CANYON Gentle terrain leading to open meadows and groves of aspens. **1** Paved road closed in winter goes for 7 miles up to Pacific Crest. First 2.5 miles is gentle terrain for beginners and intermediates. Cross bridge and climb 5 miles to the top for spectacular views of Tahoe. This area gets moderately use by snowmobilers, however you can explore off the main trail to get away from the crowds. **SNO-PARK** permit required. **ELEVATION:** 6200' **TOPO:** Tahoe Quad. **DIRECTIONS:** From Tahoe City, head 4.4 miles south from light on Hwy. 89. Turn right at the SNO-PARK sign / Knapton Campground.

PAGE MEADOWS Enjoy the beautiful tranquility of Page Meadows with this classic tour through a series of alpine meadows. A local's favorite with easy terrain. **2** **ELEVATION:** 6500' **TOPO:** Tahoe Quad. **DIRECTIONS:** From Tahoe City head 2 miles from light on Hwy. 89. Turn right on Pine Ave., then right on Tahoe Heights Dr., go up for about 1 mile then right on Big Pine Dr., and then left on Silver Tip Dr. Park at the end of Silver Tip Dr. Follow trail for about .5 mile. You will notice an open area to your right. Enter the meadows here.

SUGAR PINE POINT Site of the 1960 Winter Olympic Nordic Trails. Trails originate from the campground. You can take a tour up to General Creek or Ross Hwy. 89 and tour the grounds of historic Elman Mansion. Trails are marked red for intermediate. All others are beginner level. For further information, call 530.525.7989. Parking fee required. **ELEVATION:** 6200' **TOPO:** Tahoe Quad. **DIRECTIONS:** From Tahoe City head 5 miles from light on Hwy. 89. Turn right at the entrance to Sugar Pine Point State Park. Campground at drive past the campground and park at the Elman Mansion.

TAHOE MEADOWS AT MOUNT ROSE High altitude meadow with trails to views of Lake Tahoe and the Carson Valley. This is a popular place for winter play at over 8500'. Beware of high winds. **ELEVATION:** 8800' **TOPO:** Mt. Ross Quad. **DIRECTIONS:** From Tahoe City head east on Hwy. 28 to Incline Village. At the round about turn left (second exit) onto Hwy. 431 (Mt. Ross Hwy.). Go about 6 miles to meadows on right just before summit of road.

DONNER MEMORIAL STATE PARK Tour through level forested area with views of Donner Lake. Visit the new museum as of summer 2015. Pricing fee required. **ELEVATION:** 5900' **TOPO:** Truckee Quad. **DIRECTIONS:** From downtown Truckee head west on Donner Pass Rd. Cross over I-80, go straight at 4-way stop. Turn left into Donner Memorial State Park.

CASTLE PEAK A moderately strenuous hike takes you to the ridge leading up to Castle Peak. **SNO-PARK** permit required. **ELEVATION:** 7200' **TOPO:** Norden Quad. **DIRECTIONS:** From downtown Truckee head west on I-80 towards Donner Summit. Take the Castle Peak exit. Park in the SNO-PARK area. Walk back onto highway to access trail.

MARTIS PEAK A 4 mile ascent through the trees rewards you with a spectacular view of Lake Tahoe and surrounding peaks, moderate to steep ascent with an exciting descent. **ELEVATION:** 7000' **TOPO:** Martis Peak Quad. **DIRECTIONS:** From Kings Beach head north on Hwy. 267. Go up to the summit and go about .5 mile over. Park on the right only if there is an area cleared off the main road.

COLDSTREAM CANYON Tour through mostly level forested area for the first 4 miles. Moderate/steep climb near start by gate and again at old canyon. **ELEVATION:** 6000' **TOPO:** Truckee Quad. **DIRECTIONS:** From downtown Truckee head west on Donner Pass Rd. Cross over I-80 and turn left at (Shading Light) 4-way stop. Go past the service stations (north) and drive to the end of the road about 1.4 mile. Donner Memorial State Park Campground will be on your right.

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A GRANLIBAKKEN	530.581.7533 granlibakken.com	0	2	6200' to 6500'	12:30 pm	NO	25	76	0	24 acres of ungroomed trails, this is also a trailhead to Page Meadows (see /) Great place for family fun, shelling, and snow play. Food & hot cocoa available in warming hut.
B KIRKWOOD	209.258.7248 kirkwood.com	80	24	7500' to 9000'	12:30 pm	YES	20	40	20	Wide variety of trails for all abilities with great views of surrounding peaks. Includes 3 trail systems, dog friendly on 2 trails. Day lodge and 3 warming huts.
C NORTHSTAR	530.562.2270 northstar.com	35	18	4800' to 7200'	1:00 pm	5 & older	30	40	30	Great choice for mix of downhill skiers and cross-country skiers/snowshoers. Tolamark, track and skating lessons available. Beautiful forested trails with open views.
D NORTH TAHOE REG. PARK	530.546.5043 northtahoreg.com	15	N/A	4400' to 6600'	N/A	NO	40	40	20	Groomed trails. Family fun, sled hill and snow play. Parking fee ONLY.
E RESORT AT SQUAW CREEK	530.583.6300 squawcreek.com	5	9	6200' to 7400'	1:30 pm	4 & older	60	25	15	In the Square Meadow. Easy terrain and great for beginners. Guided snowshoe hikes, dog sledding, and sleigh rides are also available.
F ROYAL GORGE	530.426.3871 royalgorge.com	120	40	7000' to 7400'	1:00 pm	4 & older	32	50	18	World class, endless groomed trails with beautiful views. Day lodge and great great food!
G TAHOE DONNER	530.587.9484 tahoe-donner.com	100+	56	6500' to 7800'	1:00 pm	5 & older	43	36	30	Wide variety, beautiful scenery, long descent and valley crossing. Check out their spectacular NEW facility!
H T.C. WINTER SPORTS PARK	530.583.1516 winter-sports.com	3	2	6200' to 6500'	N/A	NO	100	0	0	Flat, easy, and fun! Great place to train for shelling.
I TAHOE CROSS COUNTRY	530.583.5475 tahoecc.com	65	23	6500' to 7800'	1:00 pm	YES	20	50	30	Great groomers, beautiful lake views, variety of terrain. FREE beginner cross country lessons.

Visit the Tahoe Dave's location nearest you for the latest in equipment rentals!

TAHOE CITY
590-1600 North Lake Blvd.,
Tahoe City, CA 96141
530-583-6415

OLYMPIC VALLEY*
3028 Highway 89,
Olympic Valley, CA 96146
530-583-5665

TRUCKEE DOWNTOWN
10200 Donner Pass Rd.,
Truckee, CA 96161
530-582-0900

TRUCKEE WEST
12947 Donner Pass Rd.,
Truckee, CA 96161
530-526-3407

KINGS BEACH
1299 North Lake Blvd.,
Kings Beach, CA 96143
530-546-5800

BEFORE YOU GO!

The suggestions on the left panel are just a few of the more popular trekking areas. These areas are not patrolled. If you get into trouble you will be on your own. So be prepared, and tell someone where you are going, and when you will return. Below is a list of a few things to do and to bring when you head out into the backcountry. Most important is common sense. Avoid avalanche areas, and remember that any steep terrain above you has the potential to let loose and bury you. 46 inches of fresh snow blanketing a slope can pile up to 70 feet at the bottom. Always check the weather forecast and avalanche conditions. Remember that it takes longer to go uphill than downhill, and plan your turn around time accordingly. Winter is a beautiful time to explore the Sierra, so plan ahead and have a safe and fun time!

CHECKLIST

1. Tell someone who cares where you are going and when you'll return
2. Take a friend. It's more fun and safer.
3. Water — bring plenty!
4. Food — i.e. energy bar, sandwich, etc.
5. Adequate clothing — layers, hats, gloves
6. Waterproof matches or lighter, and melted cup
7. Small flashlight
8. First aid kit
9. Map of area and a compass
10. Sunglasses, or goggles, swimlock, lip balm
11. Check the weather report and avalanche info 530.587.2158
12. Common sense!

ABOUT SNO-PARK PERMITS

In order to park in a Sno-Park area, a vehicle must have a Sno-Park permit displayed on the dashboard. A day permit costs \$15. It is a good idea to get a Sno-Park on the date for which it is issued. A season permit costs \$40. Any vehicle parked in a Sno-Park without displaying a valid permit is subject to a \$94.50 citation. Permits can be purchased at all Tahoe Dave's locations and other retail stores in the area.

ABOUT THIS BROCHURE

The maps and descriptions contained in this brochure are to give you some ideas for fun and successful treks. You should also gain as much other information as possible, including USGS topographical maps, weather reports, avalanche reports and reliable advice from others. There are inherent risks in the sport of skiing, and injuries are a common occurrence. The user of these maps and information assumes full responsibility for his or her safety.

HELPFUL WEBSITES & PHONE NUMBERS

California Road Conditions
dot.ca.gov | 800.427.7623
Nevada Road Conditions
nevada.com | 877.NV.ROADS | 877.687.6237
Sierra Avalanche Center
sierraavalanche.org | 530.587.3558 (recorded advisory)
SNO-PARK Info
Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation | ohr.parks.ca.gov | 916.324.1222



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5 NORTH TAHOE & TRUCKEE LOCATIONS

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INCLUDES MAPS, USEFUL INFORMATION, PLACES TO GO FOR FREE & DAMN GOOD ADVICE!

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