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With bluebird skies, dark green pines swaying in the breeze, crisp mountain air and the smell of the dirt under your boot or tire, exploring the hundreds of miles of trails is what enjoying nature at its finest is all about. But, where do you start? There are many online hiking apps and websites with hike descriptions and maps. Here are some resources and a short list to provide some ideas of trails and hiking destinations where you can enjoy fresh air and scenic vistas. Trails are for hiking and biking unless specified otherwise.

RESOURCES

AllTrails.com

At home or on the road, find your perfect hike, bike ride, or trail run by length, rating, and difficulty level. Filter by dog or kid-friendly trails, or find trails with great views. This popular outdoor app allows you to have 50,000 trails in your pocket.

Trailforks.com/region/truckee

Provides features to help you discover the best trails and routes to ride. Users help grow and maintain the database by submitting new trails, updating existing trails and logging their ride.

Truckee Donner Land Trust has acquired thousands of acres of land to preserve and protect scenic, historic and recreational land to be enjoyed by the public. **Guided Hikes:** To help introduce you and enjoy trails on all this land, the TDLT hosts docent led hikes. To register for a guided hike, maps and details on many trails, visit tdlandtrust.org.

Truckee Trails Foundation has many trail descriptions and access information on their website at truckeetrails.org.

USDA Forest Service – Truckee Ranger District

10811 Stockrest Springs Rd, 530-587-3558
Fs.usda.gov/r5

Looking for a group run? Try joining the Donner Party Mountain Runners. They have a complete calendar of group runs and area races for long and short distances.
donnerpartymountainrunners.com.

DONNER SUMMIT

Pacific Crest Trail (PCT)

The long distance hiking trail is 2,650 miles long that runs from Canada to Mexico primarily through protected wilderness. There are several access points in the Truckee area.

Castle Peak

Mileage: 5.3 miles round trip

Difficulty: Moderate

Use level: Heavy

Access: Take exit 176 Boreal/Castle Peak off I-80. Park where the road turns into dirt.

Donner Summit Canyon

Mileage: 6 miles round trip

Difficulty: Moderate

Use Level: Moderate

Access: From the west end of Donner Lake, go up Hwy. 40. Make a left 400 feet past the winter closure gate into the parking area. Follows much of the old Dutch Flat/Donner Lake Wagon Rd, which later served as the Lincoln Highway. Scenic overlook of Donner Lake.

Loch Leven

Mileage: 2 miles one way

Difficulty: Moderate

Use Level: Moderate

Access: Take exit 168 off I-80 toward Big Bend/Rainbow Rd. Turn left on Hampshire Rocks Rd, make slight right. Four lakes to enjoy High Sierra swimming and great place to picnic. Mileage to the first lake is 2 miles and 1.5 miles further in High Loch Leven Lake.

Mt. Judah Loop *(hiking only)*

Mileage: 4.5 miles round trip

Difficulty: Moderate

Use Level: Heavy

Access: Pacific Crest Trail – from Hwy. 40, east of Donner Ski Ranch, turn into the unpaved parking lot before the snow

gate and begin the hike on the PCT heading south.

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Coldstream Canyon

Mileage: Varies out and back

Difficulty: Easy

Use Level: Heavy

Access: From I-80, take exit 184 Donner Pass Rd. Follow the paved road past the Truckee Donner Lodge for about .5 miles and park. Start walking on the dirt road.

Commemorative Emigrant Trail

Mileage: 13 miles one way

Difficulty: Moderate

Use Level: Heavy

Access: Starts at Alder Creek Rd west of Prosser Creek Reservoir OR Dog Valley Rd at Stampede Reservoir. Single track trail heads parallels Alder Creek Rd (in Tahoe Donner) for 2.5 miles before crossing and angling northeast on SR 89 to the Donner Camp where there is parking, picnic area, restrooms and water (can start here as well). Trail circles the northwest end of Prosser Creek Reservoir before heading north toward Stampede Reservoir, ending on Dog Valley Rd. Follows historic path of pioneers in the 1800s.

Donner Lake Rim Trail

The Donner Lake Rim Trail is an in-progress trail project planned to encircle Donner Lake, along peaks and ridgelines, eventually adding up to 23 miles. Multi-use single track trail on the mountains and ridges above Donner Lake.

Access: There are currently three trailheads:

- **Tahoe Donner:** trailhead parking lot off Glacier Way (heading down) OR Northwoods Blvd across the street from the Trout Creek paved trail (heading up)
- **Donner Summit:** Hikers and equestrians can use the PCT, mountain

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bikers can access the trail via Castle Valley Rd
• **Johnson Canyon:** I-80 at the Donner Lake Interchange. Proceed down the off ramp, and turn north onto a dirt road.
For more information, visit tdlandtrust.org.

Johnson Canyon

Access: Take Donner Lake Exit on I-80. At bottom of the off ramp, head north (uphill) about 300 yards to the trailhead where there is a large parking area and kiosks with a map of the area and background information. Heading west, the Donner Lake Rim Trail (DLRT) provide access to Summit Lake, the Warren Lake Trail, and Pacific Crest Trail. Heading east, trail takes you to Glacier Point trailhead in Tahoe Donner. **For more information, visit tdlandtrust.org.**

Martis Creek Wildlife Area

(hiking only)

Mileage: 4 mile loop

Difficulty: Easy

Use Level: Heavy

Access: Starts in Martis Valley on the way to Northstar. Hike around the meadow, which is on the south side of the highway.

Martis Peak

Mileage: 8.0

Difficulty: Moderate

Use Level: Heavy

Access: Starts just south of Brockway Summit, on Hwy. 267. From Truckee, it is on the north side of the highway. Follow the main road, which is marked with orange diamond signs. To the Martis Peak Fire Lookout, there is about 1700 ft in elevation gain and views of Lake Tahoe. It's also a great vista to watch the sunset (don't forget your headlamp).

Picnic Rock Hike *(part of Tahoe Rim Trail)*

Mileage: 1.5 miles

Difficulty: Easy

Use Level: Heavy

Access: Park on top of Brockway Summit south of Northstar 267 roadside; the easy dirt trail is 1.5 miles up to spectacular lake views.

Sagehen Creek *(hiking only)*

Mileage: 6 miles (loop)

Difficulty: Easy

Use Level: Heavy

Access: From I-80, take State Route 89 north about 6 miles.

Parking area will be on right. Nice wildflowers and birds especially near Stampede Reservoir. Can be crowded in early season.

Sawtooth Trail

Mileage: 9 mile loop

Difficulty: Moderate

Use Level: Heavy

Access: From downtown, head east on Brockway Rd. Turn right on Palisades Dr, go up the hill. Turn right onto Silver Fir, then left onto Thelin. Look for Forest Service Road #6 on your right. Start there or drive further up the road and pick another starting point. Single track, most popular for mountain biking, with fabulous vistas.

Waddle Ranch Preserve

(Martis Dam trailhead to Lake Ella)

Mileage: 6 miles round trip

Difficulty: Moderate

Use Level: Moderate

Access: From Hwy. 267, turn north onto Martis Dam Rd. Proceed to trailhead located on the left at the junction of Glider Port Rd and Martis Dam. From here, walk or bike across the dam and follow the signs to Waddle Ranch Preserve. Trail provides expansive views of Martis Valley, and picnic areas. There are numerous ways to tour Waddle Ranch Preserve.

For more options/information, visit tdlandtrust.org.

PAVED PATHS

Legacy Trail

Mileage: 5 miles one way

Difficulty: Easy

Use Level: Heavy

Access: From downtown, head east on Brockway Rd. Just past Palisades Dr stoplight, turn left into Truckee River Regional Park. The trail begins here or from East River St downtown. OR, start the path at the east end at Glenshire Rd, just before entering the Glenshire neighborhood. This beautiful path winds along the Truckee River with a bridge over Martis Creek and is a popular trail for bikers, runners, dog walkers and families. It is cleared from snow in the winter.

Martis Valley Trail

Mileage: 4.6 miles

Difficulty: Easy

Use Level: Heavy

Access: Starts in Truckee near Donner Truckee Veterinary

Hospital, 4.6 miles paved trail to Northstar roundabout.

Trout Creek

Mileage: 1.5 (one way)

Difficulty: Moderate (some elevation climb)

Use Level: Heavy

Access: From downtown, start at Bridge St to walk or ride up the paved path up to Tahoe Donner. Follows a beautiful canyon filled with pine forests and Aspen trees. Listen to Trout Creek babble and birds sing while you enjoy this trail's secluded feel.

Tahoe East Shore Trail

Mileage: 3 miles

Difficulty: Easy

Use Level: Heavy

Access: 1115 Tunnel Creek Rd. B, Incline Village, NV. Three-mile paved trail to Sand Harbor.

Stateline Fire Lookout Trail

Mileage: 1.7 mile loop

Difficulty: Easy to moderate (steep grade of 8-12%)

Use Level: Heavy

Access: From downtown, take Hwy. 267 to Reservoir Rd in Crystal Bay. Turn left. Turn right on Lakeview Ave. Turn left onto Lookout Rd. This paved trail begins in Nevada and ends in California at an old fire lookout with beautiful views of Lake Tahoe and mountains.

EASY INTERPRETIVE TRAILS

Donner Camp Interpretive Trail – Historical Site

Mileage: .3 miles loop

Access: Donner Camp, 3 miles north of Truckee on Hwy 89 N. Interpretive signs and plaque commemorating where part of the Donner Party camped near Alder Creek, trapped during the severe winter of 1846-47.

Lakeshore Interpretive Trail

Mileage: 2.5 miles round trip

Access: Donner Memorial State Park off Donner Pass Rd. Interpretive trail with plaques illustrating the history of the Emigrant Trail, geology and ecology, Washoe culture. Trail ends at China Cove with picnic tables.

Tahoe Donner Trails

Tahoe Donner Trail System is the ultimate playground for hikers, trail runners, mountain bikers and equestrians with 60+ miles of trails and fire access service roads that span over 5,000 acres, it offers beautiful overlook views from mountain peaks. With thousands of users, horses and dogs included, it is important to observe basic trail rules and etiquette to keep the backcountry safe and enjoyable for everyone. **For more information go to tahoedonner.com.**

Tahoe-Pyramid Trail

The vision for this trail is it will follow the entire length of the Truckee River, from its source at forested Lake Tahoe (6225') to the desert terminus of Pyramid Lake (3796'). The current route can be traveled by foot or by bicycle. **For information, maps and more, visit tahoepyrandidtrail.org.**

Tahoe Rim Trail

165 miles of single track, multi-use trail winding around Lake Tahoe. **For information go to tahoerimtrail.org.**



Bike Mecca

Whether you're looking for road biking or mountain biking, the Truckee Tahoe area is a world-renowned biking destination with epic rides. There are several tour companies, bike skills clinics and bike shops for rentals, sales and expert advice on where to ride.

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TAHOE ADVENTURE COMPANY
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530-913-9212

TAHOE DIRT BIKES
tahoedirtbikes.com
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MOUNTAIN BIKE SKILLS COACHING

A SINGLETRACK MIND
asingletackmind.com
209-662-5392

MOUNTAIN BIKE PARKS

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northstarcalfornia.com

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truckeebikepark.org

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10015 Palisades Dr
530-386-5700

CYCLEPATHS

10825 Pioneer Trail, #105
530-582-1890

NORTHSTAR CALIFORNIA

100 Northstar Dr
530-562-1010

PACOS TRUCKEE BIKE

12047 Donner Pass Rd
530-582-5561

STEALTH ELECTRIC BIKE RENTALS & SALES

11253 Brockway Rd
530-536-5089

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12741 Lee Rd
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OTHER LOCAL AREAS

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coachlandrvpark.com
DONNER MEMORIAL STATE PARK
DONNER LAKE
530-582-7892
reserveamerica.com
MARTIS CREEK LAKE ALPINE
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CAMPGROUND
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tahoedonner.com/campground
TRUCKEE RV PARK
530-448-4650
VILLAGE GREEN MOBILE & RV
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530-587-3326

RV DUMP STATIONS

CHEVRON GAS STATION
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