

Attractions

Cal Neva *Crystal Bay*

Tours 2 p.m. Tues.-Thurs., 5 & 6 p.m. Fri.-Sat.
\$10 | (800) 225-6382
Tunnel Tours on the history of the resort starting in 1936, with stories about the owners and colorful characters, stars, musicians, mobsters that visited. **TART**

Cave Rock *East Shore*

Drive through one of the area's natural wonders – Cave Rock, the neck of an old volcano. The area is named for the small caves above Highway 50 that were cut by waves when Lake Tahoe was 200 feet higher during the ice ages.

Eagle Rock *West Shore*

Eagle Rock, one of the lake's famous natural sites, is a volcanic plug beside Highway 89 on the West Shore. Hiking trail to top.

Fannette Island

Closed until June 15 for nesting birds
(530) 541-3030 | parks.ca.gov
Lake Tahoe's only island located in Emerald Bay. Short trail to old Tea House. Boat access only.

Hellman-Ehrman Mansion *West Shore*

Daily Memorial Day-Sept. 30
\$8 | \$5 6-17 years | free under 6
(530) 525-7232 | parks.ca.gov
Sugar Pine Point State Park offers tours of the **Ehrman Mansion**, and visitors can see historic boat houses with historic boats, and **General Phipps Cabin** built in the late 1800s. **TART**

High Camp *Olympic Valley*

10:40 a.m.-5 p.m. June 15-Sept. 9
Sat.-Sun. only Sept. 15-23 | \$10-\$29 Cable Car
(800) 403-0206 | squaw.com
Aerial tram rides with views of Lake Tahoe, Olympic Heritage Museum, pool & hot tub, skating, hiking trails, events and more. **TART**

North Lake Tahoe Demonstration Garden *Incline Village*

Daily | Free
(775) 586-1610, ext. 25 | demogarden.org
On the Sierra Nevada campus featuring demonstrations of lake-friendly landscaping using native and adaptive plants, water conservation, soil stabilization techniques, defensible space from wildfires and BMPs. Self-guided tours. **TART**

North Tahoe Arts Center *Tahoe City*

11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wed.-Mon. | Free
(530) 581-2787 | northtahoearts.com
Featuring changing exhibits for work by local artists, along with and a gift shop featuring items from local artisans. **TART**

Tahoe City

visittahoe.com
Tahoe City is a popular area for shopping and dining with a number of historical sites within easy walking distance. At the wye (junction of Highways 89 and 28), visitors can see the **Tahoe City Dam**, Lake Tahoe's only outlet, and **Fanny Bridge**. **TART**

Truckee

truckeehistory.org | truckee.com
The beginnings of the historic town of Truckee date back to 1848 with the discovery of gold in Colma and silver in Virginia City. The area surrounding the Truckee Depot is a bustling shopping district with Commercial Row and Brickell-town. Stop by the Depot for a walking tour. **TART**

Vikingsholm Castle *Emerald Bay*

Daily 11 a.m.-4 p.m. May 26-June 22
\$8 | \$5 6-17 years | free under 6
(530) 541-3030 | parks.ca.gov
Tour **Vikingsholm Castle**, relax on the beach, see **Eagle Falls** and **Fannette Island** (the Lake's only island), home to an old Tea House, and explore hiking trails. **TART**

Watson Cabin *Tahoe City*

Opens Memorial Day weekend
(530) 583-1762 | northtahoe museums.org
Watson Cabin, built by Robert Watson and his son in 1909, is the oldest building in Tahoe City and is on the National Register of Historic Places. **TART**

Museums

Donner Summit Historical Society *Soda Springs*

donnersummithistoricalsociety.org
Featuring historical items. A 20-mile interpretive driving tour along Old Highway 40 with maps online or at museum (corner of Donner Pass & Soda Springs roads). **TART**

Emigrant Trail Museum *Truckee*

Daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m. | \$8 parking | \$7 62+
(530) 582-7892 | parks.ca.gov
The ill-fated **Donner Party** suffered through the harsh winter of 1846-47 camped around Donner Lake and Truckee. Exhibits and artifacts on the Donner Party at the **Emigrant Trail Museum**, and the towering **Pioneer Monument**.

Gatekeeper's Museum *Tahoe City*

11 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri.-Sat. | \$4-\$5 | Military free
(530) 583-1762 | northtahoe museums.org
Featuring historic photos, the Steinbach Indian Basket Museum and local historical memorabilia. **TART**



Tahoe Tsunami | "This image was taken during a windy, spring day on the East Shore near Sand Harbor. I call this area Flat Rocks, and when the wind blows hard, the smooth bottom and receding water allows for the waves to pitch out much like an ocean wave." | **Peter Spain** is a photographer based in Crystal Bay. His photography specializes in Fine Art, Portraits and Weddings. Visit **PeterSpain.com**, or call **(877) 997-7246** for additional info. And, be sure to "Like" his Facebook page at **Peter Spain Photography**.

Sightseeing

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KidZone Children's Museum *Truckee*

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tues.-Fri. | until 1:30 p.m. Sat.-Sun.
\$3-\$7 | Locals first Tues. \$1
(530) 587-5437 | kidzonemuseum.org
A great place for kids up to age 7 with interactive exhibits, science and art classes, the BabyZone for newborns to 18 months and the Jungle Gym for toddlers and older. **TART**

Incline Village & Crystal Bay Historical Society *North Shore*

Daily | Free
Maintaining a local history exhibit focusing on 1870 to 1970, along with a "Bonanza" exhibit in the Starbucks building, corner Tahoe & Village Blvds. **TART**

Old Jail Museum *Truckee*

11 a.m.-4 p.m. Memorial Day weekend & Sat.-Sun. June 17-Labor Day
(530) 582-0893 | truckeehistory.org
One of a few surviving 19th-century jailhouses of its kind in the West and one of the few remaining original buildings in Truckee. The old Bastille was continuously used from 1875 until May 1964. **TART**

Olympic Heritage Museum *Olympic Valley*

Reopens mid-June | Cable Car ticket required
(800) 403-0206 | squaw.com
The Olympic heritage of Squaw Valley, host of the **VIII Winter Olympic Games** in 1960, is evident to this day. The symbolic **Tower of Nations** and **Olympic Flame** still greet visitors at the entrance to the valley (5 miles north of Tahoe City on Highway 89). The **Olympic Heritage Museum** is located at High Camp (el. 8,200') at Squaw Valley, featuring historic memorabilia, photographs and a video presentation. **TART**

Tahoe City Field Station *North Shore*

8 a.m.-6 p.m. daily Memorial Day-Labor Day
(530) 583-3279 | terc.ucdavis.com
This 1920s-era building features a history of the field station, current UC Davis research projects, interactive exhibits and demonstration garden. Ages 8+. **TART**

TART: Bus & shuttle schedules at Visitors' Centers, laketahoetransit.com, google.com/transit or nextbus.com.

Tahoe Maritime Museum *West Shore*

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri.-Sun.
\$5 | free 12 & under & locals on second Sat.
(530) 525-9253 | tahoemaritimemuseum.org
Featuring guided tours, exhibits and hands-on activities for kids. **TART**

Thomas J. Long Foundation Education Center *Incline Village*

1-5 p.m. Tues.-Fri.
(775) 881-7566 | terc.ucdavis.edu
University of California, Davis, science education center on the Sierra Nevada campus. Exhibits include a virtual research boat, biology lab, 3-D film on Lake Tahoe and docent-led tours. Ages 8+. **TART**

Thunderbird Lodge *East Shore*

Tues.-Sat. June-October | thunderbirdtahoe.org
Shuttle tours (800) 468-2463
Boat tours (775) 831-4386
Thunderbird Lodge is the former Whittell estate. This magnificent lakefront home features the Lighthouse Room, Old Lodge, 600' underground tunnel (with a former lion cage) and Boat House, home to the "Thunderbird," a 1939 wooden boat. Ages 6+. No on-site parking. Tours by shuttle, boat & kayak by reservation only.

Truckee Railroad Museum *Truckee*

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat.-Sun. & holidays
truckeedonnerrailroadsociety.com
Located in a caboose next to the Truckee Depot. Exhibits include the train's role in logging, fighting snow on the railway, the role of Chinese emigrants and a children's area. **TART**

Visitors' Centers

- Kings Beach**
North Tahoe Beach, Hwy. 28, across from Safeway (summer)
- Incline Village** 969 Tahoe Blvd., (800) 468-2463
- Tahoe City** 380 North Lake Blvd., (530) 581-6900
- Truckee**
10065 Donner Pass Road (Depot), (530) 587-8808
- Forest Service Incline Village**
855 Alder Ave., (775) 831-0914 (Wed.-Fri.)
- Forest Service Tahoe City**
3080 N. Lake Blvd., (530) 583-3593 (Fridays)
- Forest Service Truckee**
10811 Stockrest Springs Road, (530) 587-3558

