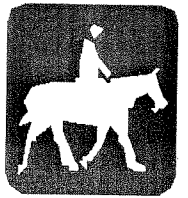


Equestrian Information Tahoe National Forest



The **Tahoe National Forest** is located in California, in the North Central Sierra Nevada Range, between Lake Tahoe on the east, and the Sacramento valley on the west. The land rises from an elevation of 1,500 feet on the west, where the land is characterized by steep walled river canyons, 9,400 feet along the rugged peaks of the Sierra Crest on the east. The Forest contains abundant and varied natural resources and provides countless opportunities for your enjoyment as an equestrian.

There are 7 developed campgrounds and 11 undeveloped sites available for equestrian use. There are also approximately 500 miles of riding and hiking trails in the Tahoe National Forest. Some of these trails will lead you into the wilderness, where camping, without constructed facilities, is available.

Sharing the Trails

In some areas of the Forest, those traveling on foot and by horseback, mountain bike, or off-highway vehicles (OHV's) will be sharing the same routes and

Remember also that operators of motorized vehicles generally cannot hear others, so use caution when you hear approaching OHV's. Courtesy and respect for others is important for safe enjoyment of the Forest trails.

Campgrounds and Trailheads

The Tahoe National Forest's "length of stay" annual policy is fourteen days per Ranger District for undeveloped sites. Campfire permits are required for fires outside developed campgrounds. Call the nearest Forest Service office for current information. Equestrian users to "pack in" feed for pack and saddle stock. Note: The Forest policy on forage or feed requires the use of weed-free hay or feed only in the Forest. Overnight camping is not allowed at trailheads unless otherwise noted. Most of these sites are first-come first-serve and are open from May through October. Reserve sites are noted where applicable.

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Downieville Ranger District

Developed Site: Pack Saddle Campground

10 overnight campsites, parking for 15 trailer-pulling vehicles, and 5 single vehicles

Facilities: Vault toilet, hitching rail

Sierraville Ranger District

Developed Sites: Bear Valley Campsites

10 overnight camping sites

Facilities: Vault toilets, drinking water, tables, fire rings

Note: Horses and saddle stock are not allowed within campground limits. Animals may be kept in nearby areas beyond the campground limits.

Little Lasier Meadow Horse Camp

6 overnight camping sites. Good access to the Pacific Crest Trail.

Facilities: Corral, hitching posts, fire rings, tables

Foresthill Ranger District

Developed sites: Robinson Flat Campground

5 overnight sites with trailer parking nearby plus 4 pull-through sites

Facilities: Vault toilets, fire rings, some tables

Note: Horses and saddle stock are not allowed within Robinson Flat Campground. Animals may be kept in nearby areas outside the campgrounds limits.

Talbot Campground (Trailhead to Picayune Valley)

5 overnight sites with limited trailer parking

Facilities: Vault toilets, fire rings, some tables

Note: Horses and saddle stock are not allowed within Talbot Campground. There are 10 stalls for trailer parking, and 2 hitching posts available outside the campground limits at the trailhead.

Trailhead: Mumford Bar Trailhead

Trailhead is adjacent to Foresthill Divide Road. It provides limited trailer parking for Mumford Bar Trail, which accesses the North Fork American Wild and Scenic River. Overnight camping is allowed.

Campfire permits are required year round.

Facilities: 6 hitching posts

Truckee Ranger District

Developed Sites: Davies Creek Campground (at Stampede Reservoir)

10 overnight camping sites with trailer parking

Facilities: Campfire rings

Boca Springs Campground (near Boca Reservoir)

17 camp sites

Facilities: fire rings, no tables, vault toilets (summer only), piped water, hitching post and water trough in Site 1.

Undeveloped Sites: Bear Lake Campsites (Off Barker Pass Rd.)

Note: Trailers accessible with 4 WD vehicles only.

5 overnight camping sites

Facilities: Campfire rings

Castle Valley Campsite (at Donner Summit, Boreal Exit, north side of I-80, ½ mile north of interstate 80 at Donner Summit). Good access to the Pacific Crest Trail. Overnight camping allowed.

Trailheads: Donner Summit PCT Trailhead

Parking for 9 trailer pulling vehicles and 16 single vehicles. No overnight camping allowed.

Facilities: Handicapped accessible vault toilet, drinking water, hitching posts, equestrian trail access to the Pacific Crest Trail, and PCT information.

Barker Pass PCT Trailhead

Parking available and overnight camping allowed.

Powderhorn Trailhead

Parking available and overnight camping allowed.

Nevada City Ranger District

Developed Sites: Skillman Group Campground

(For reservations: Sierra Recreation Managers, (530) 478-9664)

16 campsites, 12 with room for trailers

Facilities: Hitching posts, corrals, and water troughs

Limited parking

Trailhead: Washington Overlook

Trailer parking off the gravel road and parking area.

No overnight camping on Pioneer Trail.

Lindsey Lake Trailhead

Note: Horses and other stock are not allowed within campground limits. There are undeveloped camping areas along the road to Lindsey Lake that will accommodate saddle and pack animals.

Pioneer Trail Trailhead

No overnight camping. Parking adjacent to Highway 20, 7 miles east of Nevada City.

Grouse Ridge Trailhead

Provides access to the Grouse Ridge Vehicle Control Area. No overnight camping at trailhead, however, campsites are available at adjacent Grouse Ridge Campground.

Facilities: Vault toilets at Grouse Ridge Campground

Note: Horses and other stock are not allowed within campground limits. There are several undeveloped camping areas along the road to Grouse Ridge that will accommodate saddle and pack animals.

Missouri Bar Trailhead

No overnight camping. Located near the town of North Bloomfield. Provides access to the South Yuba River.

Black Camp-Loney Meadow Trailhead

Provides access to Grouse Lakes via the Loney Meadow and Bullpen Lake Trail.

No overnight parking at the trailhead.

Note: Primitive campsites ¼ mile in at Black Camp. (No rings, water or toilets.) Nearest facilities at Lindsey Lake Campground.

Stock Management Policies

Following are recommended measures to reduce environmental damage when using stock in the backcountry:

- To reduce impact and deterioration of trails, keep stock in single file on trails, and do not cut switchbacks.
- Wet marshy areas are very susceptible to damage and should be avoided.

- Tying stock in immediate camp area is discouraged. They should be tied, picketed, or hobbled only in dry areas to minimize trampling damage, and well away from lakes and streams. Move picketed horses often. Tie horses to trees only during short stops. Be sure the tree is at least 8" in diameter. For long periods, tie horses to a high line stretched between two sturdy trees.
- Keep campfires small and burn only dead/down wood.
- Leave the backcountry without leaving a trace! Dismantle fire rings, and pack out your trash. Scatter manure piles. Dismantle temporary hitch rails or corrals.
- Recognize the fragile nature of the backcountry environment; always practice minimum impact techniques.

Volunteering

The rising costs of managing and maintaining public lands threaten the quality and number of recreational opportunities. Volunteers can help offset these costs and promote cooperation among trail users. Many Forest trails are maintained by local volunteers. If you would like to help, contact one of our offices.

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