

the adventure seeker

DAY 1 | SUNSET AND DINE

Settle into The Cedar House Sport Hotel and then don your hiking shoes for amazing views of the Big Blue as you hike to the Brockway Summit Look out on the famous Tahoe Rim Trail. Bring plenty of water and pack a picnic for spectacular al fresco sunset dining. You'll be rewarded with 360° panoramic views. Don't forget headlamps for the descent.

DETAILS: To get there, turn right on Brockway road, turn right on 267, Follow 267 over the Brockway Summit, after the top of the Summit– Elevation sign— there is a sharp turn—right after the turn you will see a small parking lot on the right. Across from the parking lot– there is a forestry road, which leads up to an alternative smaller parking lot next to the trail head – suggested for dog owners– so you don't have to cross the busy street. If you choose to drive up the forestry road, it is best to have a 4wd. The Trailhead is at the left hand corner of the parking lot.

Description:

This segment of the Tahoe Rim Trail is prized for its spectacular windswept vistas of Lake Tahoe, the Sierras and the Carson Range. The trail climbs away from Brockway Summit for several miles and into Tahoe National Forest's thick and fragrant stands of pine, fir, and tobacco brush. You WILL HAVE LAKE VIEWS RIGHT FROM THE START OF YOUR HIKE. After approx. 1 mile, the trail splits and Spur View trail will go off to the left. This trail will take you to a beautiful overlook .With a little imagination, the rock formation at the top looks like three Indian heads– one looking straight at the lake and the other two to the right and the left. Some say they are guarding Lake Tahoe. The rocks are a great spot to sit down, have your dinner, and enjoy the beautiful view. For your dinner, we will be happy to provide you with a delicious al fresco dinner to go, please order your dinner one day prior to your arrival and we will have it ready for you at checkin time. Or you can pick up some nice sandwiches and snacks at the Coffeebar <http://www.coffeebartruckee.com/food/> in downtown either before you checkin or on your way to the hike. Turn left out of our driveway stay on Brockway road cross the river and the railroad tracks, go through the intersection, you have the right away, make a left onto Jibbom street, Coffeebar will be at the end of the street on the right.

DAY 2 | MOUNTAIN BIKING AND BEACH'N

Fuel up with a delicious breakfast before hitting the trails! The Tahoe Basin is laced with single track. Jump on the famous Flume Trail, one of the most spectacular rides in the country located on the East Shore of Lake Tahoe. Bike past pristine mountain lakes and meadows onto the heart pounding, jaw dropping, historic flume trail where views of Lake Tahoe and Sand Harbor will have you singing the praises of Tahoe. Enjoy a delicious sandwich and well-earned cold drink at the end of the trail, and then grab your bathing suits and beach towels for a refreshing dip at Secret Beach located on the first pull off (on the right) after Sand Harbor. Head back up highway 267 for a well-deserved dinner in Truckee. Warning: Just about now you'll be dreaming of more Tahoe trips. Here's the good news - mountain biking season generally runs through the first major snow storms so join us this fall and enjoy locals' favorite time of year on the trails.

DETAILS: The Flume Trail is located on the East shore of Lake Tahoe. There is a bike rental shop, café and shuttle pick up at Tunnel Creek station. It is easiest to park your car here, rent your bike and hop on the shuttle that will take you to the start of the trail. Then you can just ride back to your car. The shuttle runs every hour on the half hour from 8:30am (midweek), 9:30am (weekend) until 1:30pm. The cost is \$10 if your rent your bike there or \$15 if you bring your bike. All rentals include helmet, pump, spare tube, and water bottle. It is best to reserve your rental bike and the shuttle ahead of time as they do sell out in the busy summer months.

To get there: go right out of our driveway onto Brockway road. Turn right onto 267 at the light, stay on 267 until you reach Lake Tahoe then turn left onto 28. Stay on 28 past Incline Village. Tunnel Creek station is on the left hand side shortly after to exit Incline Village.

After the ride continue on 28 left out of the tunnel creek station. You will start driving along the lake. Secret Beach is very small and only offers a few parking spots. You have been driving with the lake on your right, where the road goes away from the water and the tree line starts on the right is the parking for Secret Beach, there will be other cars there. The beach is accessed by a skinny dirt trail off the right of the street. The beach is right next to the historic Thunderbird Lodge. If you cannot find parking for Secret Beach, continue onto Chimney Beach which is just past Secret Beach. You will pass the gate to the Thunderbird Lodge, the next possible right turn will be to the parking lot for Chimney Beach. It is a small parking lot to the right of the street, with a gate and a bathroom. If this parking lot is full, you can park along the road as long as your 4 tires are past the white line. From there go into the parking lot and follow the signs to the beach. Secret Beach and Chimney Beach are beautiful secluded beaches, only accessible by foot. There are no bathrooms or food options at these beaches. Drive back on 28 to 267 in Kings Beach, drive back to the hotel to freshen up and head towards downtown Truckee left out of our driveway. There are lots of great choices for dinner in Truckee:

Restaurant Trokay (Dinner) 530.582.1040 New American small restaurant, excellent food and coffee.

Truckee Tavern & Grill (Dinner) 530.587.3766 Wood fire cuisine featuring local grown produce and meats .

Bar of America (Lunch/Dinner) 530.587.2626 Northern CA cuisine, live music, large bar area, strong drinks

Moody's Bistro | Bar & Beats (Lunch/Dinner) 530.587.8688 Northern CA cuisine, live music, Tapas and drinks.

Pianeta Ristorante (Dinner) 530.587.4694 Cozy northern Italian Restaurant, with homemade pasta. Full Bar.

It is advised for all these restaurants to make reservations ahead of time, which we can setup for you.

DAY 3 | PADDLE BIG BLUE: KAYAK OR SUP

Morning is the best time to enjoy Lake Tahoe's water – it's like glass! Begin with an early breakfast . History buff or not, you'll enjoy being immersed in local summer culture and the beauty of the West Shore where you can kayak or paddle around DS Bliss State Park and hike to Vikingsholm, a turn of the century European Chalet set between giant pines on a picturesque emerald cove. From here, hike to picturesque Eagle Falls or kayak around Fannett Island where you'll get a glimpse of the famous Emerald Bay Tea house. On your way back, stop by our favorite burger joint, Bridgetender in Tahoe City. Enjoy views of the Truckee River from the outside dining area or call in a takeout order and enjoy your meal from Commons Beach with the Alpine Caribbean as your backdrop before heading home.

DETAILS: The drive to Emerald Bay is about 1 hour but well worth it and very scenic. Go left out of our driveway and turn left onto West River Street, before the railroad tracks. Follow West River street to 89 south, turn left onto 89 south. Follow 89 south, you will go past Squaw Valley and along the Truckee River, once you reach Tahoe City continue on 89 south. You will go through several little towns until you reach the DL Bliss State Park. The park has an entrance fee of \$8.00. Either rent a kayak and/or paddleboard at the concession on the beach and paddle towards Emerald Bay it is about 3.5 miles to Fannett Island from the statepark, so 7 miles roundtrip. If you are not up for such a log paddle start hiking on the famous Rubicon Trail, this trail is the only trail in Tahoe that runs along the shore of the lake. Follow the trail to the beach in Emerald Bay and rent a kayak or paddleboard there. From here the paddle to the island is short. Walk up to the old teahouse on the island and enjoy the view. Rentals are on a first come first serve basis at both locations. After the paddle walk past Vikingsholm to the lower Eagle Falls, it is a short walk and worth seeing the beautiful big waterfall. (note: the waterfall only runs until about July) Then return back to your car on the rubicon trail towards D.L. Bliss Statepark. The distance from Bliss to Emerald Bay is 4 ½ miles so 9 miles roundtrip. If you are not up for the hike you can also park at the Vikingsholm parking lot to enjoy paddling in Emerald Bay, but this parking lot tends to be very busy in the summer time.

Drive back towards Tahoe City on 89 north until you reach the Bridgetender which is located where the Truckee River springs out of Lake Tahoe. Make sure to sit outside by the river. If you would like to take your food to the beach, turn onto 28 at the intersection by Bridgetender and follow the road until you see the beach on your right hand side, find parking and walk down towards the beach.