

Camping & Picnicking

Sierraville Ranger District

Tahoe National Forest



Welcome

Welcome to the Tahoe National Forest, where each year over six million visitor days are spent enjoying the scenic variety and clean air of the high Sierra. These public lands are dedicated to the wise use and production of timber, water, grazing areas, wildlife, and recreational opportunities. The Forest name, taken from the famed Lake Tahoe, is probably from a Washoe Indian word meaning "Big Water."

The Tahoe National Forest is located northeast of Sacramento in the Central Sierra Nevada mountains and extends from Lake Tahoe to north of the prominent Sierra Buttes. Several highways, including Interstate Highway 80, State Highways 20, 49, 89, and 267 and Forest Roads, provide excellent access to most portions of the Forest.

The central Sierra Nevada mountains offer scenic beauty and an attractive climate that have made the area an outstanding year-round center for outdoor recreation. Elevations within the Forest vary from about 1500 feet in the foothills to over 9000 feet at the Sierra crest.

The Forest maintains many public campgrounds. Nearly all have fire rings, tables, water, and toilets. Their locations and descriptions are listed in this guide. Swimming areas, boat launches, a camp store, and other commercial services are accessible from a number of campgrounds.

Fishermen and hunters use the campgrounds in season. Fishermen frequent the many rivers, streams, lakes, and reservoirs on the Forest in the quest of rainbow, German brown, and eastern brook trout. Mackinaw, kokanee salmon, and kamloop trout can be caught in Lake Tahoe and Donner Lake. There are also numerous deer, black bear, and upland game birds of interest to the hunters who visit the forest.

Enjoy your visit to the Tahoe National Forest. Please help us prevent forest fires and keep recreation areas clean. The forest is yours to explore, enjoy, and protect.

Use of National Forest Recreation Sites and Areas

Family and Group Recreation Sites

Most family and group campgrounds can be reserved by calling www.recreation.gov or 877-444-6777.

A portion of each family campground is open on a first-come, first serve basis. Unless otherwise indicated each campsite has a table and a fireplace, fire ring or cooking stove/grill. No showers available.

Campground Time Limitations

Camping is limited to fourteen days per year within each family campground, per individual or family group. *Exception:* In the Truckee River Corridor, State Route 89 South, there is a limit of 14 days' stay per year for the *entire* Corridor (three campgrounds) between 1-80 and Tahoe City.

Camping outside developed campgrounds is limited to fourteen days per Ranger District per year.

Seasons

The main camping season in the Tahoe National Forest is from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Although some campgrounds remain open for public use after the regular season, water systems are shut down to prevent freeze damage, and garbage collection is discontinued. Snowpack may inhibit vehicle access to open campgrounds during the winter, and care must be taken to park off roadways where snow removal equipment operates. Contact your local Forest Service office for snow and parking conditions.

Trailers

Many of the Forest's campgrounds will accommodate travel trailers up to 26 feet in length. Parking space only is available; there is no provision for utility connections.



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Please plug your toilet drains. Sink wastewater may be drained into a container and disposed of as directed. Campgrounds from which trailers are excluded are indicated in the Campground Guide. Pickup campers and other single vehicle campers are permitted in any car space.

Group Campgrounds

Group camps are available for use by advance reservation only. See individual site descriptions for size, location, and information on reservations.

Garbage and Sanitation

Most developed sites have garbage containers and we ask you to please use them. When garbage containers are not available please take all of your garbage with you. Leave a clean camp!

Campfire Permits

Campfire permits are not required in designated recreation sites; however, a permit is required for all camping and cooking fires on undeveloped National Forest land. In periods of high fire danger, other restrictions may be in effect. Check with a Ranger Station before your outing.

Number of Campers per Camp Unit

In order to protect the adjacent soil and vegetation, the number of campers in a developed campground is limited to six persons per individual camp unit (except for group campgrounds). This restriction does not apply to a single family composed of parents and dependent children.

For a safer and more enjoyable outing, careful campers, hunters, fishermen, or hikers must follow the regulations outlined in their campfire permits or posted in their campground.

Pets

Pets are allowed in developed sites, but must be on a leash or under some physical control only. Please be considerate of your pet as well as other campers.

Firearms

You may bring firearms into developed camp and picnic grounds; however, you may not discharge them near any developed sites or areas of concentrated public recreation use (within 150 yards).

Landownership

Within the boundaries of the Tahoe National Forest, roughly 800,000 acres are public land and 400,000 acres are privately owned. Please respect the rights of the private landowners. You may inquire at the nearest Ranger Station regarding landownership.

Motor Vehicles

The operation of all motor vehicles in recreation sites, including motor scooters and motorcycles, is permitted only on developed roads or parking areas. Vehicles are to be used only for entering and leaving recreation sites.

The operation of motor vehicles in such a manner as to create excessive noise is prohibited. Please drive carefully and observe all posted speed limits.

Horses

Horse Camp available at Little Lasier Meadows only. See Jackson Meadow Reservoir Area.

Water

Only water from developed systems at recreation sites is maintained, safe to drink. Open water sources are easily contaminated by human or animal waste. Water from springs, lakes, ponds, and streams should be properly treated before drinking. One recommended method of treatment is to bring clear water to a rolling boil for five minutes.

For More Information

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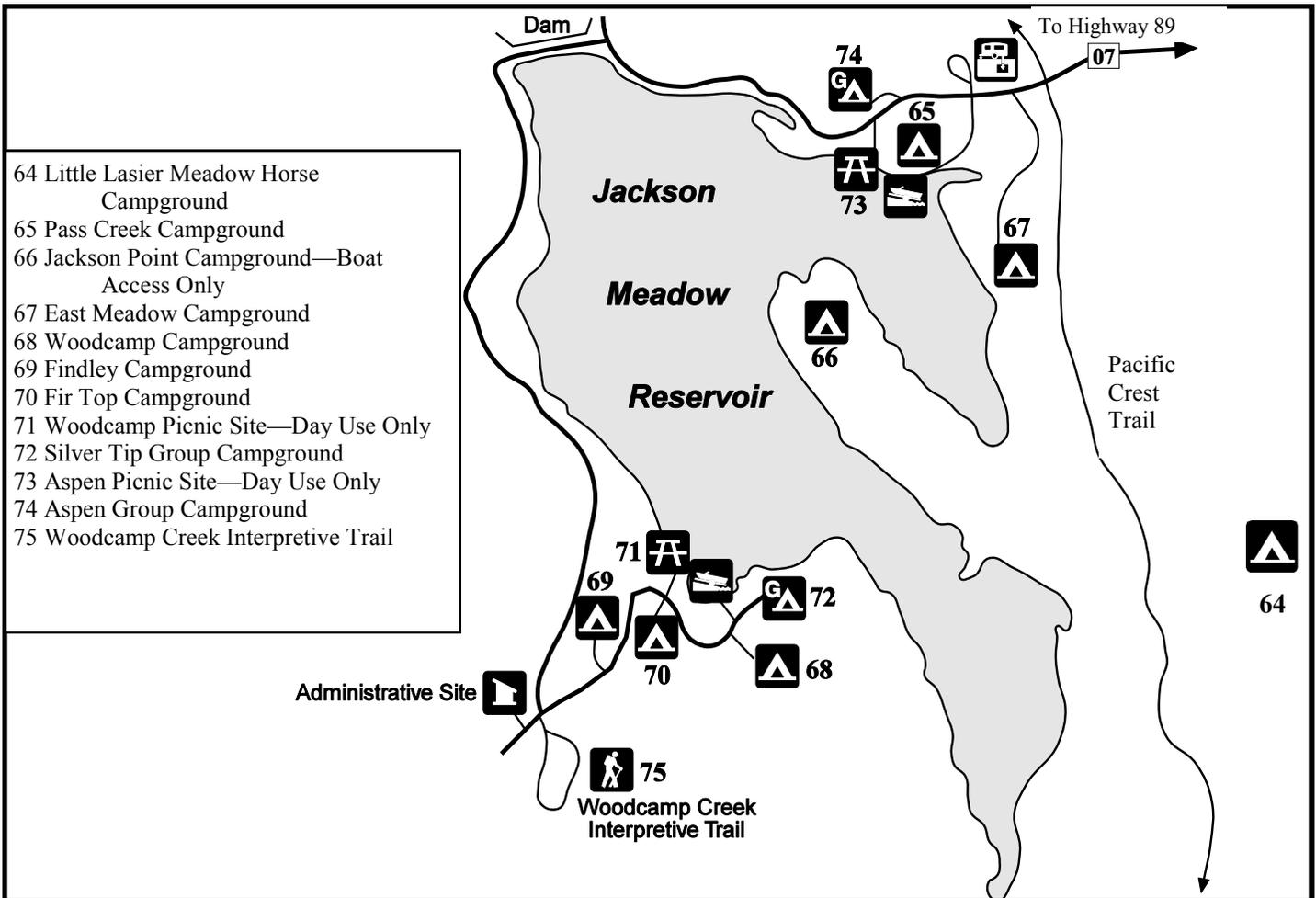
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Jackson Meadow Reservoir Area

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Proceed seventeen miles north of Truckee on Highway 89 and sixteen miles west on Forest Service Road 07 to Jackson Meadow Reservoir. A secondary access is by way of the Bowman Lake Road off of Highway 20. Activities include boating, fishing, swimming, camping, picnicking, group camping, and viewing scenery. A Forest Service work center is located at the southwest side of the lake, with a self-guided nature trail nearby. Supplies are available in Truckee or Sierraville. Normal use season is June through October. Overnight camping is permitted only in developed campgrounds. A recreation vehicle dump station is located across from the information turnout. The Jackson Meadow Recreation Area is currently being operated under a special use permit by a private concessionaire.

- 64 Little Lasier Meadow Horse Camp**
Located near Jackson Meadow Reservoir. Go 1.3 miles on Forest Service Road 70, a maintained dirt road.
Elevation: 6100 feet
Facilities:
11 campsites
Hand pump for water
Vault toilets
Horse camp with corrals, hitching post, tables, and fire rings

- 65 Pass Creek Campground**
Located on the northeastern shore of Jackson Meadow Reservoir.
Elevation: 6100 feet
Facilities:
30 campsites
(15 have space for trailers)
Piped water
Flush toilets
Concrete boat launching ramp
Swimming area at Aspen Picnic Site nearby

- 66 Jackson Point Campground**
(Boat access only)
Located on the shore of the reservoir one-half mile southwest of the Pass Creek
Boat ramp.
Elevation: 6100 feet
Facilities:
8 campsites
Vault toilets
Reservoir water source – purify before drinking

- 67 East Meadow Campground**
Located on the northeast shore of Jackson Meadow Reservoir.
Elevation: 6100 feet
Facilities:
46 campsites
(26 have space for trailers)
Piped water
Flush toilets

- 68 Woodcamp Campground**
Located on the southwest shore of Jackson Meadow Reservoir.
Elevation: 6100 feet
Facilities:
20 campsites
(10 have space for trailers)
Piped water
Flush and vault toilets
Concrete boat launching ramp
Swimming area near Woodcamp
Picnic Site

- 69 Findley Campground**
Located on the west side of Jackson Meadow Reservoir.
Elevation: 6100 feet
Facilities:
14 single-family campsites
Trailer space available
Piped water
Flush toilets

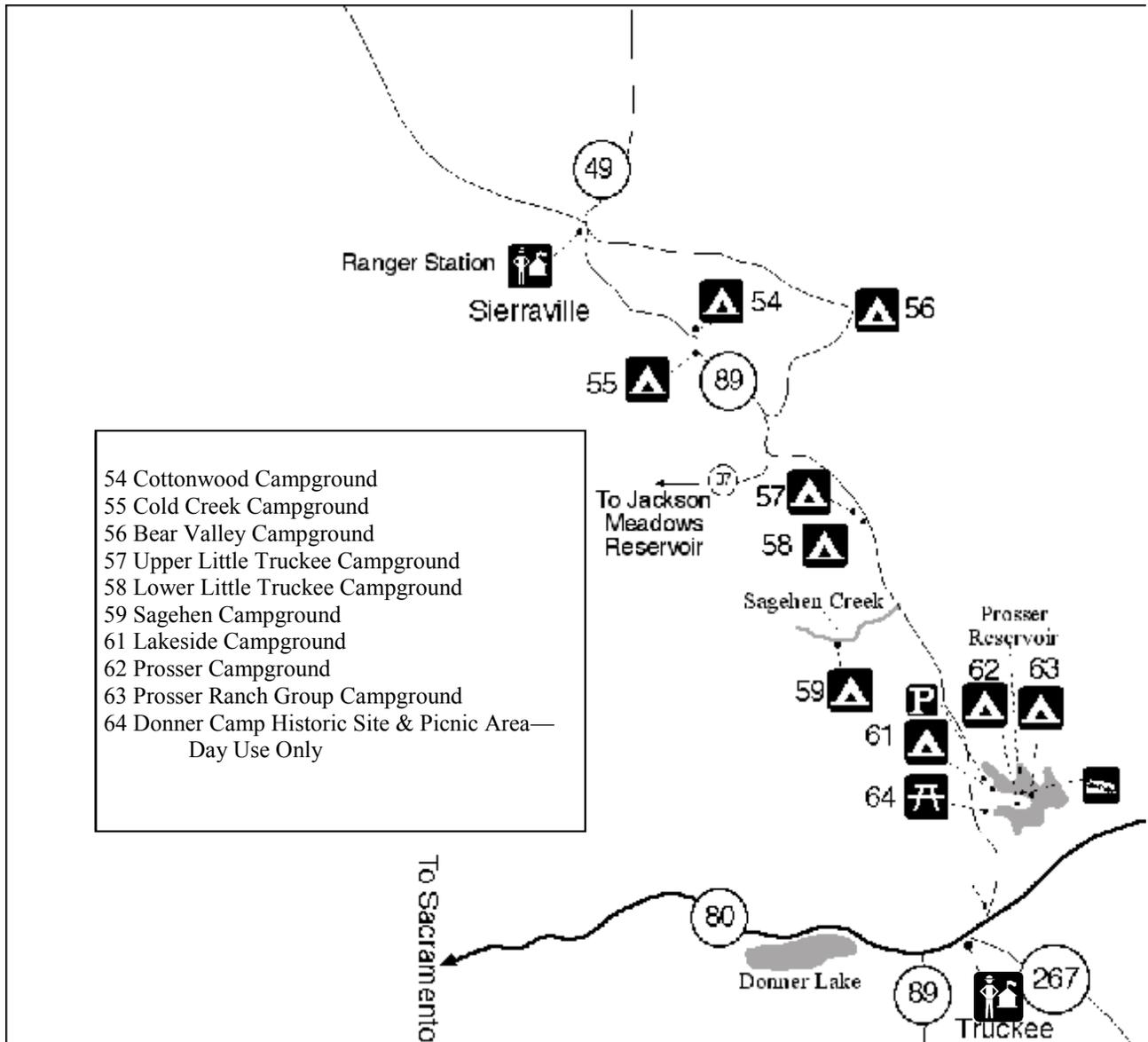
- 70 Fir Top**
Located on the west side of Jackson Meadow Reservoir.
Elevation: 6100 feet
Facilities:
12 single-family campsites
Piped water
Flush toilets
- 71 Woodcamp Picnic Site – Day Use Only**
Located on the southwest shore of Jackson Meadow Reservoir, before the Woodcamp Campground.
Elevation: 6100 feet
Facilities:
10 picnic sites with tables and stoves
Piped water
Vault toilets
Swimming area
Concrete boat launching ramp below Woodcamp Campground
- 72 Silver Tip Group Campground**
Located adjacent to the Woodcamp Campground on the southwest shore of Jackson Meadow Reservoir. These sites are available by reservation only.
Elevation: 6100 feet
Facilities:
Two 25-person group campsites
Tables, stoves, and campfire circle
Piped water
Vault toilets
Concrete boat launch at Woodcamp
Boat ramp
Swimming area
- 73 Aspen Picnic Site – Day Use Only**
Located on the northeast shore of Jackson Meadow Reservoir.
Elevation: 6100 feet
Facilities:
10 picnic sites with tables and stoves
Piped water
Vault toilets
Concrete boat launching ramp at Pass Creek Campground
Swimming area
- 74 Aspen Group Camp**
Located before the Aspen Picnic Site on the northeast side of Jackson Meadow Reservoir. This site is available by reservation only.
Elevation: 6100 feet
Facilities:
Two 25-person group campsites
One 50-person group campsite
Tables
Stoves
Campfire circle
Central parking
Piped water, vault toilets, swimming beach, and boat ramp nearby
- 75 Woodcamp Creek Interpretive Trail**
A self guide nature trail is located east of the Forest Service work center on the southwest corner of the Jackson Meadow Reservoir. This trail is about one-half mile in length and explains some of the natural features found in the area.
Elevation: 6100 feet

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Highway 89 (Sierraville to Truckee)

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Highway 89 North (Sierraville to Truckee)

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This portion of Highway 89 extends from Sierraville and the National Forest boundary, 24 miles south to Truckee and Interstate 80. These sites are adjacent to Highway 89 unless stated otherwise. Activities include fishing, camping, and hiking, swimming, picnicking, and hunting in season. Supplies are available at Sierraville or Truckee. Normal use season is June through October. Overnight camping is permitted only in developed campgrounds or designated camping sites.

54 Cottonwood Campground

Located four and one-half miles south of Sierraville on Cottonwood Creek. Currently being operated under special use permit by a private concessionaire.

Elevation: 5800 feet

Facilities:

49 campsites with trailer space
Piped water
Vault toilets

Attraction:

Self-guided trail located at the upper end of campground to the top of the hill for a very scenic view. The creek runs along side of the campground

55 Cold Creek Campground

Located five miles south of Sierraville on Cold Stream.

Elevation: 5800 feet

Facilities:

13 campsites (space for trailers)
No water
Vault toilets

56 Bear Valley Campground

Located six miles east of Little Truckee Summit on the Cottonwood Creek Road.

Elevation: 6700 feet

Facilities:

10 campsites with trailer space
Piped water
Vault toilets

57 Upper Little Truckee Campground

Located 11.5 miles south of Sierraville on the Little Truckee River.

Elevation: 6100 feet

Facilities:

26 campsites with trailer space
Piped water
Vault toilets
1-25 person group campsite

58 Lower Little Truckee Campground

Located 12 miles south of Sierraville on the Little Truckee River.

Elevation: 6000 miles

Facilities:

15 campsites with trailer space
Piped water
Vault toilets

59 Sagehen Campground

Located nine miles north of Truckee and two miles west of Highway 89. Turn left at the Sagehen Summit turnoff.

Elevation: 6500 feet

Facilities:

10 undeveloped campsites
Vault toilets
Creek water source-purify before drinking.
No Fee

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