

ACCESS RULES

- No motorized vehicles
- Only enter and exit the trail systems at a trailhead, community or other approved connectors
- Trail system is open from sunrise to sunset
- Obey all signs, gates and barriers, do not enter a "no trail" or "closed" area

SAFETY RULES

- Yield Standard - mountain bikers yield right of way to hikers and equestrians
- Plan ahead and be informed
- Never spook animals, beware of natural wildlife and respect their space
- Carry photo identification at all times
- Communicate your presence
- Stay in control of your bike and/or animal at all times

USAGE RULES

- Trails are multi-use
- Stay on designated trails
- Pets must be on leash at all times
- No camping on trails
- No fires, fireworks, firearms or hunting

SUSTAINABILITY RULES

- Leave no trace
- Practice low impact cycling
- Respect others and the natural resources
- Building features and trails is prohibited
- Prevent spreading seeds

WELCOME TO THE TAHOE DONNER TRAIL SYSTEM

We invite members and guests to explore more than 40 miles of trails and fire access service roads, covering approximately 4,000 acres of common land owned and maintained by Tahoe Donner Association.

The trail system offers a variety of terrain, from the level meadow trail near Northwoods Clubhouse to scenic vista points above Donner Lake (near trail marker 20A) and Euer Valley (near trail marker 14 and 65). The Negro Canyon overlook at trail marker 22 is over 7,000 feet in elevation and offers spectacular views and challenging terrain.

A new feature to our trail map is the addition of the summer and Nordic trail names and wayfinding signs, as well as our recommendations for loops and trails.

PARKING | Parking is available near the Equestrian Center for Euer Valley access. Parking is also available at the Glacier Way parking lot to access many of the trails that offer scenic views of Donner Lake. The Northwoods Clubhouse parking lot can be used to access the Northwoods Nature Loop Trail. Please respect local neighborhoods and park responsibly. Roadside parking is also available at several trailheads.

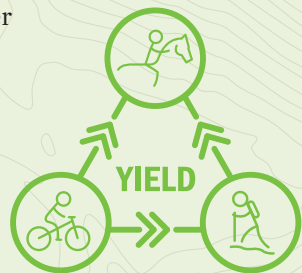
WILD ANIMALS | Many different species of animals may be seen while using the trails including quail, grouse, squirrels, rabbits, marmots, beavers, deer, mountain lions and black bears. Most wild animals will not approach humans. Please respect the natural habitat of wild animals and never feed them. Don't approach mountain lions or bears (especially cubs). If you encounter a mountain lion or bear, do not run. Stand your ground, keep eye contact and make yourself look bigger, perhaps using your jacket or daypack. Then slowly back away. Report any unusual or aggressive animal activity to the Trail Rangers at 530-587-9430 or to the trail office at 530-582-9672.

FIRE SAFETY | Due to extreme fire hazard conditions throughout Tahoe Donner, smoking is prohibited on the trail system. Overnight camping and fires are not permitted except at designated areas within the Alder Creek campground. Motor vehicle access is limited to Tahoe Donner crews. Fire safety improvement activities may be conducted throughout Tahoe Donner. Check with the trails office for trail conditions and hazards at 530-582-9672.

PLEASE BE CAREFUL | Enjoy the trails at your own risk. Hike, mountain bike and horseback ride responsibly. Please stay on designated trails and fire access roads to avoid becoming lost or disoriented. If you become lost, look for trail markers on trees and posts and/or recognizable landmarks or other features that may orient you. Avoid hiking and horseback riding alone. Parents, please accompany your children. Always notify others of your itinerary.

WEATHER CONDITIONS | Weather changes rapidly in the Sierra. Temperatures can rise and fall dramatically during the day. Be prepared and know your limits. Wear clothing that prevents excessive heat loss and/or sunburn. Always carry and drink plenty of water while using the trails.

SHARE THE TRAIL | Hikers, mountain bikers and horseback riders share many of the trails throughout Tahoe Donner. Please be courteous to other trail users.






TRAIL SYSTEM VISION



The Tahoe Donner trail system supports the varied membership use and encourages continual exploration and stewardship of the community and recreational space.


TRAIL DESIGNATIONS

The Tahoe Donner trail system is comprised of several multi-use trail designations to meet various group needs and interests, achieve safety and environmental goals and design and maintenance standards.

ALL OFFICIAL TAHOE DONNER TRAILS ARE MARKED WITH WHITE TRIANGLES.

   **MULTI-USE**
This trail type is a wide double-track trail where users can pass or walk side by side and/or is a wide single-track trail with passing pull-outs.

  **HIKER AND MOUNTAIN BIKER PREFERRED**
This narrow single-track trail type is designed to meet the needs of hikers and mountain bikers. Equestrians are allowed on these trails but not encouraged. Users of these trails should expect to see many hikers and bikers going in both directions.

 **EQUESTRIAN PREFERRED**
This narrow single-track trail type is designed to meet the needs of equestrians. Hikers and mountain bikers are allowed on these trails but not encouraged. These trails are used by equestrians, so other users should expect to see horses.

TRAILS

TO VIEW THESE ROUTES, TRAILS AND LOOPS SEE THE TRAIL MAP ON THE REVERSE SIDE.

WESTERN PERIMETER | DISTANCE 9.5 MILES

This strenuous hike or bike ride starts from trailhead 6 and winds through a mature fir grove, offering views of Donner Lake and the Sierra Crest. It then crosses over Donner Ridge and descends all the way to the Euer Valley floor through a mixed conifer forest. Interesting volcanic rock outcroppings cling to the north side of Drifter Bowl and red tail hawks are frequently seen soaring above the valley. The trail culminates at the Equestrian Center.

EASTERN PERIMETER TRAIL | DISTANCE 8.1 MILES
Starts at trailhead 1, 2 or 3 and borders U.S. Forest Service land as it winds around our eastern boundary. The trail offers moderate climbs as it crosses several streets. This loop includes the majority of the mature sugar pines remaining in Tahoe Donner, which can be identified by their large, football-sized cones. It can be hiked in either direction, although some sections are very technical on a bike. The lookout near KT Drive is one of the best views in Tahoe Donner, panning up the Truckee River Canyon.

NATURE LOOP | DISTANCE 1.8 MILES

Starts from trailhead 1 and is easy on foot but can be challenging on a bike. There are interpretive signs offering hiker information on local flora, fauna and history. This trail offers a great deal of biological diversity and includes a long boardwalk over



a beaver pond in Trout Creek. Song birds are common residents of the meadow and the fish in Trout Creek can be seen from the boardwalk. This is the site of one of the original settlements in Tahoe Donner; there was a sawmill on this section of Trout Creek that utilized a log flume to reach downtown Truckee. An earthen dam is still visible.

HAWK'S PEAK LOOP | DISTANCE 4.8 MILES

Starts at trailhead 4 and ascends the south side of Hawk's Peak through a series of sunny pine plantations. Your reward for the steep uphill to the top of Hawk's Peak is a spectacular 360-degree view of Donner Summit, Tahoe Donner and Euer Valley. The loop includes an enjoyable single track through a wyethia patch, which is full of large yellow blossoms in the spring.

EQUESTRIAN LOOPS

Starts at trailhead 3. The Euer Valley portion of this trail was designed for horseback riders. The loop drops down into the valley through a trail which has views of Red Mountain and Carpenter Ridge. It follows South Prosser Creek and eventually climbs back up a rocky nose with views of Castle Peak and Frog Lake Cliffs. The section of the loop to the west of the Equestrian Center is a dry pine forest dotted with mountain sage and manzanita.

ALDER CREEK TRAIL | DISTANCE 1.9 MILES

This short, easy hike starts from trailhead 3. It follows Alder Creek and heads downstream to the Alder Creek Campground. It is fairly technical on a bike. There are many active beaver lodges along the trail and the beavers can be seen swimming in the evenings. Mostly under a canopy of lodgepole pines, it is pleasant and cool in the heat of the day.

DRIFTER LOOP | DISTANCE 1.9 MILES

Starts at trailhead 4 and is short and abrupt as it climbs to a portion of Donner Ridge. The western segment of the loop accesses the Donner Lake Rim Trail and gives the hiker or biker a great view of Castle Peak. Most of this loop borders a young pine plantation, planted after the 1960 Donner Ridge forest fire.

EUER VALLEY LOOP | DISTANCE 6.2 MILES

This loop is of moderate difficulty on a bike or on foot. It starts from trailhead 3. Huge boulder remnants of glacial activity dot the valley floor and ridge. In the spring and early summer the wildflowers are unparalleled with lupine, shooting stars, but-



TRAIL MAP

HIKING | BIKING | EQUESTRIAN



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tercups, Sierra lilies, mariposa lilies and many others. Along the Euer Valley Road the original structure of the Euer family ranch can be seen as well as the cattle corrals that hint at earlier times.

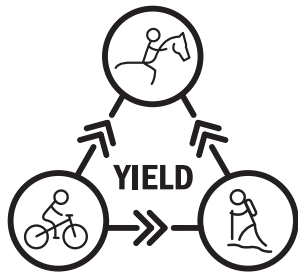
GLACIER LOOP | DISTANCE 1.6 MILES

This loop offers great views of the Donner Lake basin as it winds through the site of the 1960 Donner Ridge Fire. This short ride or hike starts from trailhead 5 and consists of steep but brief climbs. On a clear day, one can see Granite Chief from the Donner Lake overlook. Fence lizards and cottontail rabbits scurry in and out of the snowbrush and manzanita.

CRAZY HORSE LOOP | DISTANCE 3.2 MILES

This loop occupies old logging roads as it travels through open, sun-drenched mountainsides. It is of intermediate difficulty, with gradual climbs at either end of the loop starting and ending at trailhead 4. Views of Prosser Hill, Carpenter Ridge and Euer Valley are offered on the north side of the loop. Look for deer bedded down beneath the intermittent tall fir trees.

EXPLORE THE BEAUTY OF THE TAHOE DONNER TRAIL SYSTEM



Please report any trail problems, vandalism, safety issues or aggressive animals to the association.

TRAIL INFO
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FOR EMERGENCIES
CALL 911

