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**North Tahoe is all About Nordic Skiing**

North Lake Tahoe multi-resort pass on sale now

**NORTH LAKE TAHOE, Calif./Nev. (November 6, 2015)**—Often overshadowed by big alpine resorts, cross-country skiing, the most popular form of Nordic skiing, is one of North Lake Tahoe’s biggest draws – offering the most concentrated area of groomed trails and snowshoe terrain in North America.

While most large downhill ski areas offer Nordic or snowshoe options, there are also a number of backcountry trails, rental and tour companies, as well as Royal Gorge, Tahoe Cross Country center, and the Tahoe Donner Cross Country Ski Area. There are many options to access, learn, and save on these scenic cross-country trails.

**North Lake Tahoe Nordic 12-pack** – This convenient pack allows travelers to easily experience six cross-country resorts (Tahoe Cross Country, Tahoe Donner Cross Country, Royal Gorge, Resort at Squaw Creek, Northstar California, and the Auburn Ski Club). The packs (valued at $318) are available through the North Lake Tahoe Resort Association for $270, include two tickets to each center and may be shared by multiple users. Learn to ski package upgrades are available for an additional fee and vary at each resort. Visit [http://www.GoTahoeNorth.com/nordic](http://www.gotahoenorth.com/nordic" \t "_blank) to purchase the Nordic 12-pack.

For more information about North Lake Tahoe’s Nordic 12-pack results see below:

**Auburn Ski Club** – With 20 kilometers of groomed trails, this center offers a masters training (weekly training group) and citizen races, designed for skiers to test their technique and fitness.

**Northstar California** – In addition to more than 35 kilometers of scenic groomed trails, the Cross Country, Telemark, and Snowshoe Center offers rental equipment, daily lessons, and some amazing snowshoe tours. Lesson, rental, and trail pass packages start at $79 for adults ($49 for kids). The 8th Annual Tahoe Rim Tour and Race, a 26-kilometer race from Tahoe City to Northstar, takes place February 1.

**Resort at Squaw Creek**– The Stay and Play Lake Tahoe Vacation Package includes one night’s accommodations and a $75 resort credit (per day). The credit can be used at the on-siteNordic Center, which boasts 18 kilometers of groomed trails. Daily group and private lessons are available.

**Royal Gorge Cross Country Resort** – This mecca of cross-country skiing in the Sierra (and beyond) is home to 200 kilometers of groomed trails spread across 6,000 acres of varied terrain. Packages with rentals, lessons, and passes start at $65 for adults ($45 for kids ages six through 12). Demo packages are available for $29. Lessons are offered daily.

**Tahoe Cross Country** - Located in Tahoe City, this popular spot offers 10-packs for $185 (a $65 saving); free beginning skate ski lessons Saturday and Sunday mornings and Wednesdays; free beginning cross-country ski lessons Thursdays at 10:30 and 1:30; and free intermediate skate ski lessons Tuesday mornings. The Nordic Neighbor Pass gives guests a full-day trail pass for $20 when a valid cross-country ski pass is presented. Continually check back on their website for openings.

**Tahoe Donner**– Tahoe Donner Cross Country Ski Area offers over 100 kilometers of trails specially prepared for the best experience for traditional cross country striding, ski skating and snowshoeing. New this is year is a brand new Nordic facility, offering streamlined rental services, gourmet foods, wines and beers, not to mention the largest Nordic retail store in the region. Learn to ski programs are available for all ages and customized packages are available too.

For information about other North Lake Tahoe cross country outfitters read below:

**Granlibakken Resort** – This charming 74-acre resort tucked away just off the northwestern shores of Lake Tahoe is home to numerous trails and accesses the basin’s many magnificent ungroomed backcountry trails, including the popular nearby Paige Meadows. The property also has on-site rentals and warming hut.

**Sugar Pine Point State Park** – In winter, visitors can enjoy 11 miles of cross country ski and snowshoe trails. Follow the path of the Nordic events of the 1960 Winter Olympics that occurred in what is now Sugar Pine Point State Park. Starting at the blue Trailhead there is a series of interpretive panels that share Olympic and Nordic skiing history. In addition to cross country trails, the park also boasts snowshoeing tours – by full moon around the Hellman-Ehrman Mansion and by daylight to explore the natural environment that attracted Tahoe’s earliest settlers. Check the website for dates and additional details.

Travelers wishing to come up and explore the area’s endless cross-country trails should check resort and trail conditions prior to making the trek. For more information about the Nordic12-Pack, events, or where to rent cross-country and snow shoe equipment, go to [http://www.GoTahoeNorth.com/Nordic](http://www.gotahoenorth.com/Nordic" \t "_blank)

**About North Lake Tahoe**

Lake Tahoe is a crown jewel of the Sierra. Formed approximately two million years ago, it is the largest alpine lake in North America and the second deepest in the United States. North Lake Tahoe spans two states and boasts two dozen beaches, twelve ski resorts, hundreds of miles of biking trails, half a dozen communities, and a growing number of nationally recognized human-powered events, races and festivals. North Lake Tahoe is a 45-minute drive from the Reno Tahoe International Airport, two hours from Sacramento International Airport and just over three hours from San Francisco International Airport. Visitor information centers are located at 100 North Lake Boulevard in Tahoe City and 969 Tahoe Boulevard in Incline Village. For the latest deals, check out the [Deals](http://bit.ly/KWKVvD" \t "_blank) tab on [www.gotahoenorth.com](http://www.gotahoenorth.com/" \t "_blank).

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