18. Red House Flume Trail (Easy) Take Hwy 28 south of Incline Village to Tunnel Creek Café. The Red House Flume Trail is actually comprised of an upper section and a lower section (also called the “Outer Flume”), and depending on the point of origin and route desired can be ridden several different ways. The trail gets its name from a red “house” that is situated at the midpoint of the flume, where the flume crosses Franktown Creek.

19. Secret Cove Trail (Easy) Take Hwy 28 south from Incline Village to the paved parking lot 2.9 miles south of Sand Harbor. The trail drops to the beach and follows the shoreline passing Chimney Beach, Secret Harbor and Whale Beach before eventually connecting to a service road and back to the parking lot.

20. Skunk Harbor (Moderate) Trailhead on the west shoulder of Highway 28 at a closed green metal gate.

21. Spooner to Marlette (Moderate) Follow Highway 50 to Spooner Summit, 0.75 mile east of the junction with Highway 28. Park on the south side of the highway in the Spooner Summit picnic area.

22. Tahoe Rim Trail: Spooner Summit to South Camp Peak (Moderate) Drive on Highway 50 to Spooner Summit, 0.75 mile east of the junction of Highway 28. Park on the south side of the highway in the Spooner Summit picnic area.


24. Mount Tallac (Advanced) The trailhead begins on the southwestern side of Lake Tahoe, between Emerald Bay and Camp Richardson. When driving to the trailhead, make a turn inland at Mt. Tallac Road and follow the well-signed route to the reasonably sized parking lot.

25. Rubicon Trail, Vikingsholm and Eagle Falls, Eagle Lake (Moderate to Advanced) Vikingsholm Parking Lot.

South Tahoe Trails

26. Barker Pass/Blackwood Canyon Road (Moderate) Take Hwy 89 south from Tahoe City to Barker Pass Road. Visit a large grove of quaking aspens, explore scenic Blackwood Creek, and summit Barker Pass, which offers grand views of Tahoe area peaks. The easy-to-negotiate route follows an old, snow-covered road, which often has a surprising number of animal tracks crossing it, including predators such as coyote and long-tailed weasel. Look for porcupines feeding high in the conifers or red-tailed hawks patrolling from high above.

27. Barker Pass Loop; Tahoma to Barker Pass (Advanced) Head west on McKinney-Rubicon Springs road from Tahoma; left on Bellvue; right on Springs road; left on McKinney Rubicon.

28. Ellis Lake and Ellis Peak, PCT: Barker Pass to Twin Peaks (Advanced) Take Highway 89 to Barker Pass Road, which is just north of the town of Tahoe Pines. Drive about 7.4 miles up Barker Pass Road to the parking area on the right for the Pacific Crest Trailhead. The last half mile or so is unpaved dirt road.

29. General Creek Trail to Lost and Duck Lakes (Easy) Day use parking lot for the General Creek Campground after using the west entrance for Sugar Pine Point State Park.
North Tahoe Trails

1. Donner Lake Rim Trail (Moderate) (Difficult) (Easy)
From old downtown Truckee, take the Lincoln Highway (Donner Pass Road) to Donner Lake. The Donner Lake Memorial is on the east side of the lake.

2. Five Lakes Basin (Moderate) (Easy)
Trailhead is 2.1 miles on the right of Alpine Meadows Road. Park on the shoulder.

3. Granite Chief (Moderate) (Easy)
Take the Squaw Valley Rd West and 5 miles up the road, turn right towards the Olympic Valley Inn. Park in the parking lot. The trailhead is to the right of the Inn.

4. Hole in the Ground (Advanced) (Easy)
Some people use two cars and shuttle. If you choose this option, continue on I-80 west over Donner Pass and take the Soda Springs exit. Take a right at the bottom of the exit, and take another immediate right at the fire station on Sherritt Ln. Just past the fire station you’ll see a large parking lot and Mt. Rose Summit Welcome Plaza right off Highway 431 at the summit (about 17 miles west of US 395 if coming from Reno).

5. Martis Peak (Difficult) (Easy)
Take Highway 267 south towards Kings Beach. Drive past Northstar and all the way to the summit of Brockway. Just as the road starts to head downhill there is a parking area to the right. Park here. The trailhead is on the opposite side of the road up a short dirt road where you will find the trailhead and trail map.

6. Mount Baldy Loop Ride; Brockway Summit (Difficult) (Easy)
Drive north on Highway 267 to Brockway Summit. Turn right on Martis Road and park.

7. Mount Judah Loop & Donner Peak; Donner Pass to Squaw Valley (Moderate)
Four miles from the Soda Springs exit off Interstate 80 is the head of the trail. Drive past Sugar Bowl ski resort (past both an initial parking lot and main entrance) and turn right at the next cluster of buildings just up the road. An old road behind the buildings leads to the trailhead; you should see PCT signs.

8. Mount Rose (Advanced) (Easy)
You will see a large parking lot and Mt. Rose Summit Welcome Plaza right off Highway 431 at the summit (about 13 miles west of US 395 if coming from Reno).

9. Tahoe Rim Trail: Tahoe City to Truckee River Canyon Viewpoint (Advanced) (Easy)
Across the street from Fairway Community Center.

10. Tahoe Rim Trail: Tahoe Meadows to Brockway Summit (Advanced) (Easy)
From Reno, take Highway 395 South to the Mount Rose Highway and proceed southwest to Mount Rose Summit and the trailhead is on the right. From Incline Village, the parking area is 8 miles northeast of the 28/431 junction.

11. Tahoe Rim Trail: Tahoe Meadows Whole Access Trail (Easy)
From Reno, travel southwest on the Mt. Rose Summit 0.70 mile to the Tahoe Rim Trail Trailhead parking lot.

12. Tyrolean Downhill Trail (Advanced) (Easy)
From Incline Village take Hwy 431 (Mt. Rose Highway) to Tahoe Meadows. Warm up through Tahoe Meadows on the Tyrolean Trail (TRT) before peeling off on an 1,800-feet drop near the base of Diamond Peak ski resort. Like a river, this route is fed by several tributary paths; they merge half-way down the mountain. At the convergence, the Tyrolean Trail gets steeper and rockier, with some sandy sections.

13. Shirley Canyon Trail to Shirley Lakes (Moderate) (Easy)
From I-80, exit Highway 89 South (towards Tahoe City), turn right into Squaw Creek Ski Resort, continue 2.2 miles on Squaw Valley Road to the ski resort. The road will curve left into the ski resort parking lot, at the first road on the right (Squaw Peak Way, located by the concrete Aerial Tram building), turn right. And then ask a local or the front desk host at PlumpJack Squaw Valley Inn if you need a little more direction.

14. Stateline Fire Lookout Trail (Easy)
From Crystal Bay, turn up Reservoir Road near the Tahoe Biltmore Lodge then turn right at the firehouse. Continue up the hill until you reach a point where a steeper U.S. Forest Service road doubles back to the left above you. Follow this for a quarter mile beyond the green metal gate to the parking lot.

15. Western States Trail (Advanced)
Park at the entrance of Squaw Valley on Highway 89 South. Then cross Highway 89 and take the bike path along the Truckee River towards Tahoe city about 0.75 of a mile. Just before the road under-crossing, there will be a trail heading left and steeply up. You can also park on 89 at the bridge if you don’t want the extra little paved warm-up.

East Tahoe Trails

16. Flume Trail (Advanced) (Easy)
Drive on Highway 28 to the entrance into the Spooner Lake section of Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park.

17. Marlette Creek Trail (Difficult) (Easy)
Take Hwy 28 south of Incline to Spooner Lake State Park. This trail starts on a steep climb on a fire road right below the kiosk at the top of the North Canyon Road climb from Spooner Lake to Marlette Lake. It climbs for a very short 0.40 miles; then as you crest the climb, the single track starts on your right (look for signage). The trail is narrow, fast, and very flowy with berms, kickers, and big granite rollers. It tunnels and slaloms through ponderosa, Jeffrey, and lodgepole pines at a blurring pace. Towards the bottom, it opens up a bit, and the trail gets loose and sandy especially during the summer months. At the bottom, you dump out at Chimney Beach Parking area where you can continue across the road and down to the shore of Lake Tahoe for a dip in the Big Blue.