

SPRING TIME IN NORTH LAKE TAHOE

Visiting North Lake Tahoe in the spring means fewer crowds, warming temperatures and more choices outside of skiing or snowshoeing for recreation. Skis, paddles and pedals are where it's at this time of year! Allow us to provide a suggested itinerary for a one day visit to our destination.

Paddling on Lake Tahoe is an excellent choice this time of year! Get on the lake early before the winds pick up for the best opportunity to enjoy glassy waters and clear views of the coastline. First, swing by the *Old Post Office* in Carnelian Bay for some of the best breakfast in North Tahoe. Rent your stand up paddleboard or kayak from *Adrift* in Kings Beach and paddle towards Sand Harbor State Park. The lake's amazing clarity allows you to see with incredible sharpness the smooth, sandy lake-bottom peppered with house-sized boulders to depths of more than 70 feet. Wildlife waking up from winter is especially active. Bears, coyotes and dozens of species of birds can be seen along the shoreline.

The bike paths should be starting to thaw out. One of the best options is the Truckee River Bike Path which takes you from Tahoe City to Squaw Valley as it meanders along and over the Truckee River. Swing by *Olympic Bike Shop* in Tahoe City to pick up a rental bike. The distance from Tahoe City to Squaw Valley is flat, but just over 10 miles, so you'll likely be hungry for lunch. *Rocker* at Squaw Valley is a favorite or head back in Tahoe City and grab a bite at the *Bridgetender Tavern and Grill*.

Spring skiing is best from 10am-2pm, so don't feel like you need to rush to the mountain, allow the sun to hit the slopes first and to softening the snow up. If you're skiing at *Squaw Valley* don't forget your swim suit so you can join the pool party at *High Camp*. Even if you're not skiing, a scenic aerial tram ride will take you directly to the pool! After a few spring laps on the mountain, it's time to get back to the beach for a stroll at sunset to catch the sunset, often called a *plenglow*.

If recreation wasn't your goal for your day in North Lake Tahoe, consider a stroll along the lake at Sand Harbor State Park or the shops of Tahoe City and the village at *Northstar California*. Book a spa appointment at the *Hyatt Regency* or *The Ritz-Carlton*. Craft breweries and wineries like *Uncorked* welcome tastings from Incline Village to Truckee. Drive up the Mt. Rose Hwy to the scenic outlook for a family photo with the entire lake behind you.

Finish your incredible day at one of our fine dining establishment's lakeside, such as *West Shore Café*, *Sunnyside*, *Jakes on the Lake* or *Christy Hill*.