

# Big Meadow to Echo Lake

## 18.3 Miles

### SEGMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Alpine Lakes
- Open meadows with wildflower displays

### TRAILHEADS

**Big Meadow:** On Hwy 89, 5.3 mi. south of the US 50/ Hwy 89 junction in Meyers. Trailer parking available. Vault toilets.

**Meiss Trailhead:** On Hwy 88, 0.3 mi. west of Carson Pass. Fee, restrooms. Take the PCT north 2.5 mi to meet the TRT in Meiss Meadow.

**Echo Summit:** Hwy 50 at Echo Summit. Parking lot on the south side of the road. Trailer parking available. Vault toilets.

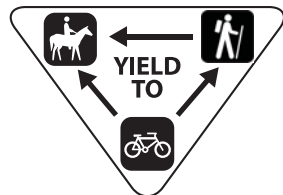
**Echo Lake:** 1 mi. west of Echo Summit on Hwy 50, follow Johnson Pass Rd. for 0.6 mi. Turn north on Echo Lake Rd., follow it 1 mi to Echo Lake. Park in upper lot. Small seasonal resort/store.

### LEAVE NO TRACE

Please engage in LNT practices on the trail.

1. Plan Ahead and Prepare
2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
3. Dispose of Waste Properly
4. Leave What You Find
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts
6. Respect Wildlife
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

### TRAIL COURTESY



### USE REGULATIONS

Bikes are PROHIBITED on the co-located Pacific Crest Trail/Tahoe Rim Trail, from Meiss Meadows to Echo Lake and beyond. A USFS permit is required for all entry into Desolation Wilderness.

### CAMPING REGULATIONS

Camp within 300' of the trail, at least 200' from all water sources including alpine lakes, and at least 100' from all trails. Please camp in previously impacted sites. A seasonal, developed USFS campground is located at Big Meadow trailhead. Camping is prohibited between US 50 and Desolation Wilderness.

### FIRE REGULATIONS

Fires are generally prohibited along the Tahoe Rim Trail. A USFS permit is required for camp stoves as fire regulations allow. Fire danger can be extreme and fires, camp stoves, and smoking may be prohibited. Check online or call the USFS (530-543-2600) for current regulations.

### WATER SOURCES

Year round water can be found at Big Meadow Creek, Round Lake, Upper Truckee River, Showers Lake, and Benwood Creek. Seasonal streams may be present. All water found on trail must be treated before drinking. Please do not camp within 200' of water sources.

### CAUTION

Carry a complete TRT or Tahoe Basin map. The map on reverse side is for planning purposes only and not intended for navigation.

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### Membership Benefits

- Newsletter Subscription
- Course Discounts
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- Member-Only Outings

### Annual Membership Levels (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Family:</b> \$60         | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trail Builder:</b> \$500 <sup>‡</sup>   |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trail Steward:</b> \$1,000 <sup>‡</sup> |

\* Includes short sleeve T-shirt

‡ Includes fleece vest

Vest or T-shirt size (circle one) S M L XL | Gender: M / F

Name(s)

Mailing Address

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### Method of Payment

- ☐ Check payable to Tahoe Rim Trail Association  
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The mission of the Tahoe Rim Trail Association is to maintain and enhance the Tahoe Rim Trail system, practice and inspire stewardship, and preserve access to the natural beauty of the Lake Tahoe region.

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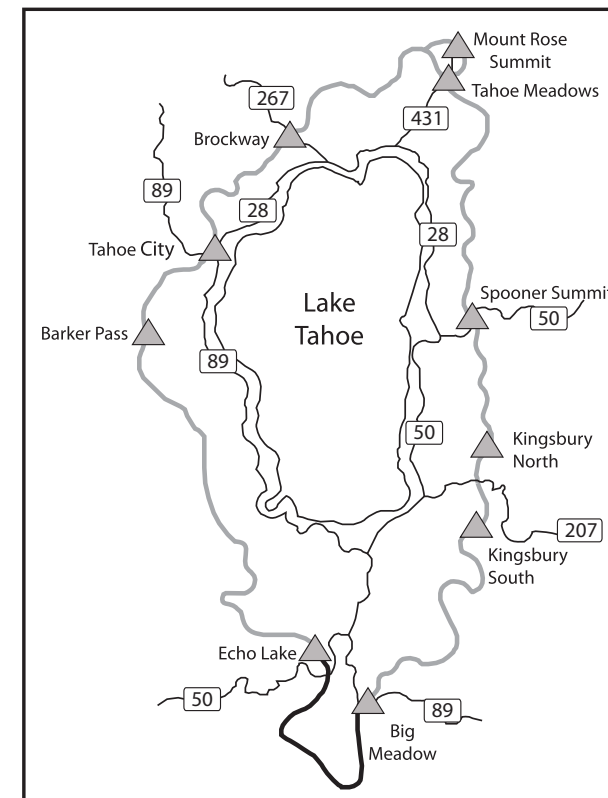


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