

# Lake Tahoe - Eastshore Drive

Lake Tahoe offers breathtaking views of the crystal clear lake, towering pine trees, and snow-capped mountains, earning it the title, "the most beautiful drive in America." Part of the Pony Express Trail and home to the historic sacred grounds of the Washoe Indians, Lake Tahoe offers something for everyone year-round.



Length: 28 miles / 44.8 km

Time to Allow: One hour to drive or a few hours to enjoy the byway.

## Local Information

**Tahoe Douglas Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center**

775-588-4591

[Send E-mail](#)

**Incline Village Crystal Bay Visitors Bureau**

800-468-2463

775-832-1606

## Visitor Services

### Food



Food is available at almost all the stops along the byway, but the place with the widest variety is Incline Village. In Incline Village you can find a range of food types: French, Asian, Italian, and even a few that are distinctly Californian.

### Gasoline



Gas stations are available in many towns along the byway.

### Information



Information is available at the Tahoe-Douglas Visitor Center on the South Shore (open seven days a week) and the Incline Village Visitor Center on the North Shore.

### Lodging



Lodging is available all along the byway but the best places to find upscale lodging is in Incline Village and Zephyr Cove. In Incline Village you will find the historic Thunderbird Lodge, inns, hotels, B&B, and resorts with health spas attached. Zephyr Cove has several hotels and a resort.



### **Phone**

Pay phones are available at gas stations or fast food places along the byway.



### **Restrooms**

Restrooms are available at gas stations or fast food places along the byway.



### **Retail**

Incline Village has the most shops in the area. You can find everything from clothes and jewelry to Christmas decorations.

## **Special Considerations**

There are no special considerations beyond the usual traffic safety concerns; travelers should be aware that this byway is a two-way road on Hwy 28 and that it is subject to winter cautionary warnings.

## **Restrictions**

There are occasional brief closures during snowstorms.

## **Seasons**

### **Best Time to Drive**

Gorgeous anytime--depends on your preference (snow-covered peaks or the green of summer.)

### **High Season**

Busiest months (in descending order) are August, July and September, although the busiest week of the year is the week between Christmas and New Year's.

### **Winter**

Winter is an excellent time to come for anyone who enjoys winter activities such as skiing and skating.

# Map and Directions



## Legend:

Point of Interest	Campground	Featured Byway	Water	State Border
Park	Picnic/Rest Area	America's Byways	Wildlife Refuge	Urban Area
Mountain	Interstate	Other Byway	Wilderness Area	Tribal Nation
City	U.S. Highway	Other Road	Other Federal Lands	Military Base
Capital	State Highway	Trail	Other State Lands	

## Driving Directions

- Start the byway at the north end of Lake Tahoe in Crystal Bay on NV 28.
- Go south for 13.2 miles, where the byway merges with US 50.

- Continue going south on US 50 for 12 miles until you reach the town of Stateline, NV where the byway ends.

## Getting to the Byway



### Nearby cities

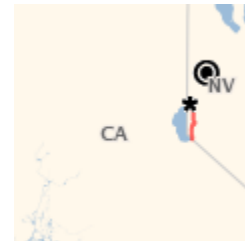
**Reno, NV** (36 miles / 57.94 km, 46 minutes)

**Start:**      ● US-395 southbound, Reno, NV  
N 39.531° W 119.786° [?]

**Directions:**

- Take US-395 to the Hwy 431 exit.
- Go southwest to Incline Village to the junction of Hwy 431 and Hwy 28.
- Turn left and follow Hwy 28/Tahoe Blvd. along the east shore.

**Junction with byway:**      \* NV-28 along Lake Tahoe's shore  
N 39.251° W 119.972° [?]



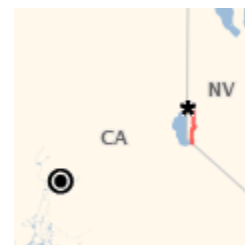
**Sacramento, CA** (109 miles / 175.42 km, 1 hour 53 minutes)

**Start:**      ● I-80 northbound, Sacramento, CA  
N 38.643° W 121.394° [?]

**Directions:**

- Take I-80 northeast to Truckee, CA.
- Get on CA-267 and go southeast to Kings Beach, CA.
- Take CA-28 to Nevada.
- Follow NV-28 toward Incline Village where the byway begins.

**Junction with byway:**      \* NV-28 along Lake Tahoe's shore  
N 39.249° W 119.987° [?]



## Road Trip: Lake Tahoe Eastshore Drive Suggested Tour

**Departure:** Incline Village, Nevada

**Destination:** Stateline, Nevada

**Time to allow:** 2 days

Called "the most beautiful drive in America," the 72-mile "Rim of the Lake" drive affords the traveler breathtaking views of spectacularly-clear Lake Tahoe. This pristine alpine lake is surrounded by the snow-capped mountains of the Sierra Nevada's. The Nevada side (Hwy 50 and State Route 28) is mostly undeveloped except for the fabulous recreational opportunities afforded nearby (Zephyr Cove Resort, stables, campgrounds, Tahoe Rim Trail, Heavenly Ski Resort, Diamond Peak Ski Resort in Incline, the hotel/casinos on both north and south shores, and golf courses). Part of the Pony Express trail and home to the historic sacred grounds of the Washoe Indians, Lake Tahoe's East Shore offers something for everyone all year.

You may want to begin traveling the byway at the northern terminus at Crystal Bay along the California/Nevada border. From here, the highway winds toward Incline Village, one of Tahoe's finest communities. As an additional side trip you can travel four miles up Mt. Rose Highway, this leads to a lookout over the entire Tahoe Basin.

### Day 1

- **Start: Incline Village**

Visit the community that's home to many events and festivals, including the Lake Tahoe Jazz Festival. During the winter time enjoy skiing the slopes of Diamond Peak Ski Resort at Incline Village.



- **Stop 1: Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park**



**From previous stop:** 7 minutes / 4.52 mi (7.2 km)

**Directions:** Begin driving south on State Road 28 toward Winding Way. Continue following State Road 28 until you reach Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park at 2005 Highway 28, Incline Village, NV 89451.

**Suggested time at this stop:** 1 hour 30 minutes

Enjoy the scenic Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park and the ample opportunities it provides for outdoor recreation.

- **Stop 2: Sand Harbor State Park**



**From previous stop:** 1 minute / 2 mi (3.2 km)

**Directions:** Drive southward on State Road 28 until you reach Sand Harbor at Lake Tahoe.

**Suggested time at this stop:** 2 hours

This state park is one of the most popular sites along the Byway to enjoy a variety of outdoor recreational activities, including swimming, boating, hiking, and the annual Shakespeare and Music Festival.

- **End: Glenbrook**

**From previous stop:** 18 minutes / 11.76 mi (18.8 km)

**Directions:** Drive south on State Road 28 toward US 50 and turn right. Turn right again onto Glenbrook Road, gate access is required to enter. Turn right onto Old Highway 50 and then turn left onto South Meadow Road. Turn right again onto Glenbrook Road, take your next right and then your next left, ending in Glenbrook.

Enjoy a leisure golfing experience in the old logging community of Glenbrook.

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## Totals for Day 1

**Total Distance Traveled:** 18.28 miles / 29.2 km

**Total Travel Time:** 26 minutes

**Total Stopping Time:** 3 hours 30 minutes

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## Day 2

- **Stop 1: Cave Rock**



**From previous stop:** 7 minutes / 3.74 mi (6.0 km)

**Directions:** Begin driving southwest from Glenbrook and turn onto Glenbrook Road. Turn right onto US 50 West and then make a U-turn onto US 50 East. Drive until you reach Cave Rock in Glenbrook.

**Suggested time at this stop:** 45 minutes

Visit a natural wonder at Cave Rock where the highway passes through 25 yards of solid stone. The site is considered to be a holy spot for the native Washoe Indians who put their deceased to rest in the cold waters below the outcropping.

- **Stop 2: Zephyr Cove**



**From previous stop:** 13 minutes / 5.23 mi (8.4 km)

**Directions:** Begin driving east on US 50 East towards US 50 West and turn left. Turn right onto Kelly Circle and turn right again to stay on Kelly Circle. From here turn right onto Glenbrook Road and turn right again onto US 50 West. Turn left onto Martin Drive and turn left again onto North Martin Drive and stay on this road until you reach Zephyr Cove.

**Suggested time at this stop:** 3 hours

Zephyr Cove is host to a variety of recreational activities, including fishing, camping, sailing, picnicking, snowmobiling, and cruises.

- **Stop 3: Tahoe-Douglas Visitors Center**

**From previous stop:** 4 minutes / 2.27 mi (3.6 km)

**Directions:** Begin driving west on North Martin Drive toward Lakeview Drive. Turn right onto Martin Drive and left onto Lake Tahoe Boulevard on US 50. Turn left onto Elks Point Road and left again onto Paiute Drive and follow this road until you reach the Tahoe-Douglas Visitors Center at Round Hill.

**Suggested time at this stop:** 45 minutes

The Tahoe-Douglas Visitor's Center offers many resources for visitors to Lake Tahoe. It's a great place to stop to learn about fun activities in the area.

- **End: Stateline**



**From previous stop:** 4 minutes / 2.29 mi (3.7 km)

**Directions:** Begin driving east on Paiute Drive towards Elks Point Road and turn right. Turn left onto Lake Tahoe Boulevard / US 50 and drive until you reach the Stateline.

**Suggested time at this stop:** 3 hours

Visiting the Stateline will help you find a variety of entertainment events, including casinos, lounges, restaurants, and theaters.

## **Totals for Day 2**

**Total Distance Traveled:** 13.53 miles / 21.6 km

**Total Travel Time:** 28 minutes

**Total Stopping Time:** 7 hours 30 minutes