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Guides



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Public Utility  
District Multi-  
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System**  
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The Tahoe City Public Utility District (TCPUD) Multi-Use Trail System meanders along the scenic west shore of Lake Tahoe and weaves through pine and aspen trees along the Truckee River. This 19-mile trail system, previously known as Tahoe Trailways, offers visitors the opportunity to explore Tahoe's lush landscape in three directions: west to Olympic Valley along the Truckee River and Olympic Valley Trails, north to Dollar Creek along the North Shore and Lakeside Trails, or south to Meeks Bay along the West Shore Trail.

The trail consists of two lanes of paved asphalt and offers amenities throughout, including restrooms, water fountains, and picnic areas—many shaded. Refer to the [TrailLink map](#) for the exact locations of restrooms and water stations along the route. The trail is plowed in the

wintertime. Trailside signs advise walkers and runners to stay on the left side of the trail and cyclists to use the right side, so be cautious while passing in either direction. There is a speed limit of 15 miles per hour for all users throughout the network.

The trail system's vortex is 64-Acres Park, at the intersection of CA 89 and CA 28 in downtown Tahoe City. Heading north along the Lakeside Trail, you'll pass shops, dining, and lodging. The trail passes through the Commons Beach lakefront picnic area, which has restrooms, bike racks, a playground, and a bike repair station, before continuing north along the North Shore Trail. The trail runs parallel to CA 28 and passes through residential areas en route to the northern terminus at Dollar Creek, where visitors can connect to the 2.2-mile Dollar Creek Trail.

Venturing west from 64-Acres Park, you'll follow the Truckee River Trail 5.5 miles to Olympic Park in Olympic Valley, site of the 1960 Winter Olympics. This path weaves among towering conifers along the corridor of the former Lake Tahoe Railway and Transportation Company, which operated from the early 1900s until 1943.

In the summer, the Truckee River is a popular kayaking, fishing, and rafting destination. The river is slow-moving during this time of year and floating down it is a popular pastime for folks of all ages. There are several places along the trail where people can stop to fish for trout. In the springtime, the river moves quickly and the rapids swell. There aren't as many tourists here at this time, which gives the rail-trail a calmer, more tranquil feel.

At Olympic Valley Road, the trail connects to the Olympic Valley Trail, which heads 2.1 miles west to the ski resort. If you choose to head south along the West Shore Trail, you'll be treated to tree-lined trails and dazzling views of Lake Tahoe along the system's longest branch at nearly 11 miles. The trail mostly hugs the lake, running parallel to CA 89, with some



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**States:** California

**Counties:** El Dorado, Placer

Length: 23 miles

**Trail end points:** Olympic Valley, Tahoe City, to Meeks Bay

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline Skating, Fishing, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

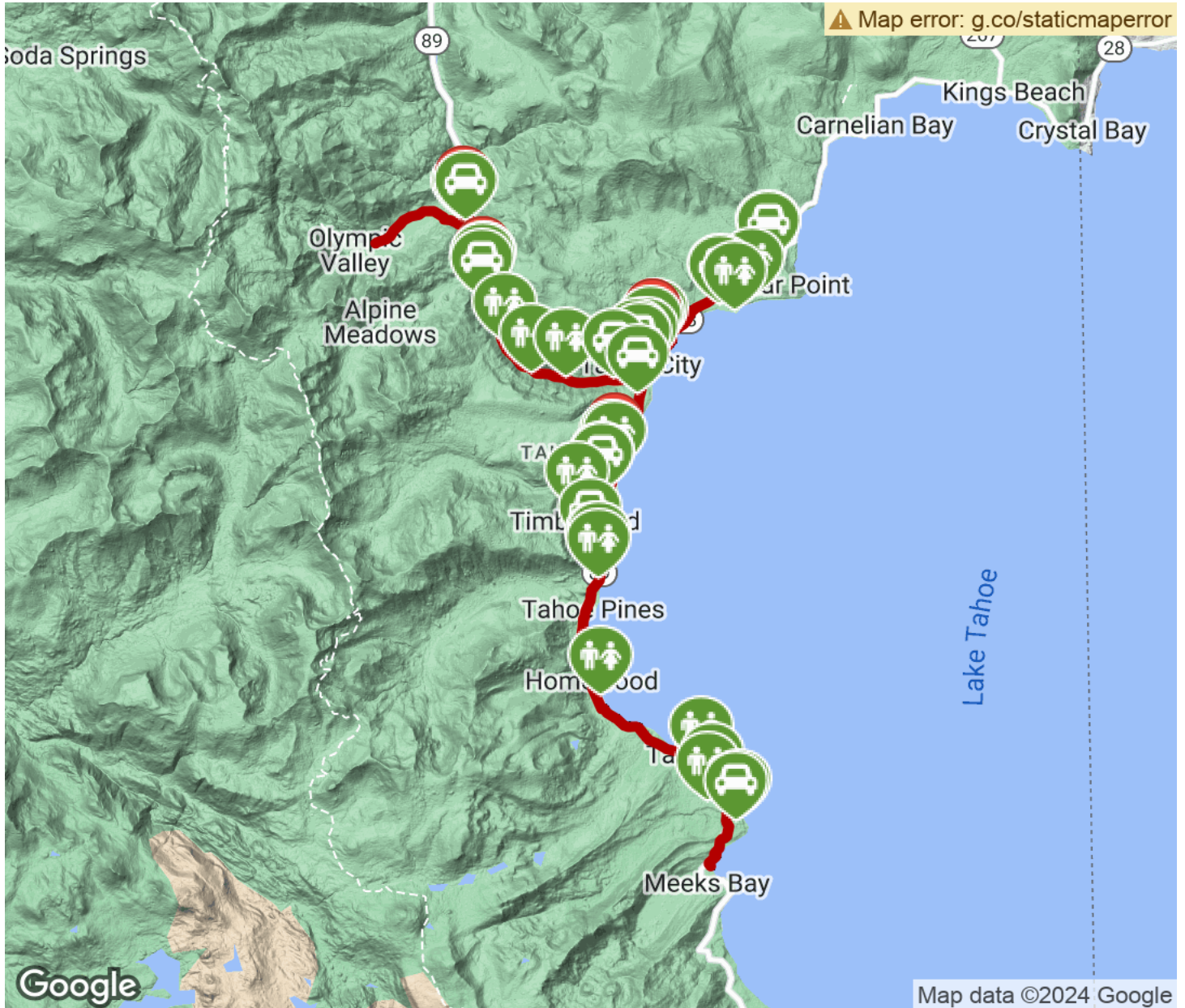
You can access the Tahoe Trailways Bike Path from numerous locations throughout the west shore of Lake Tahoe. Perhaps the best place to begin your trek in any direction is 64-Acres Park in Tahoe City (165 W Lake Boulevard).

The Tahoe Truckee Area Regional Transportation (TART) provides public transit access to the trail. Visit the [TART website](#) to plan your trip.

For those driving, parking is available at a number of locations along the trail. Visit the [TrailLink map](#) for all locations, transit options, and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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