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Public Utility  
District Multi-  
Use Trail  
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 22.4-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.

## About the Route

The trail consists of two lanes of paved asphalt and offers amenities throughout, including restrooms, water fountains, and picnic areas—many shaded. 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 consists of two major spines, the Truckee River Trail, which runs along US-89. The other main spine of the trail runs between Meeks Bay and Dollar Point, largely alongside US-89 as it meanders alongside the shores of Lake Tahoe. The intersection of the trail system is located at 64-Acres Park, at the intersection of CA 89 and CA 28 in downtown Tahoe City. Heading north along the Lakeside Trail, the trail passes 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 trail users can connect to the 2.2-mile Dollar Creek Trail.

Venturing west from 64-Acres Park, the trail becomes the Truckee River Trail and heads north for 5.5 miles to Olympic Park in Olympic Valley, the 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



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**States:** California

**Counties:** El Dorado, Placer

Length: 22.4 miles

**Trail end points:** State Hwy 28 (Tahoe City) to Meeks Bay Resort, 7941 Emerald Bay Rd (Tahoma)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Fishing, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

## Parking & Trail Access

The Tahoe City Public Utility District (TCPUD) Multi-Use Trail System runs between State Hwy 28 (Tahoe City), where parking is available, and Meeks Bay Resort, 7941 Emerald Bay Rd (Tahoma).

Parking is also available at:

- Olympic Valley Park, 101 Olympic Vly Rd (Olympic Valley)
- Commons Beach, 400 N Lake Blvd (Tahoe City)
- Ed Z'Berg Sugar Pine Point State Park, 7360 W Lake Blvd (Tahoma)

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

Please see [TrailLink map](#) for all locations, transit options, and detailed directions.



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