



FIELD TRIP OPPORTUNITY: TAHOE EAST SHORE TRAIL – NOW OPEN!

The newly opened **Tahoe East Shore Trail** stretches approximately 3-miles, offering a 10-foot wide, paved, ADA-accessible path from Tunnel Creek Café in Incline Village to Sand Harbor State Park. Part of a premier multi-use trail that will ultimately circle Lake Tahoe, the Tahoe East Shore Trail is the joint effort of 14 agencies and nonprofits working to provide access for all users to enjoy the popular SR 28 Scenic Byway Corridor.

The [Tahoe Transportation District](#) has partnered with [Nevada State Parks](#) and [UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Center](#) (TERC) to provide a unique educational opportunity for students to learn more about environmental stewardship, soil science, engineering and more. Curriculum topics may include:

Importance of Ride/Walk/Bike Options	Transportation choices like transit , walking, and biking help alleviate traffic and reduce pollutants from soil erosion and road run-off, which is important because more than 70% of the particulates impacting Lake Tahoe’s water clarity come from the current transportation system and built environment.
Trail Etiquette	Safely enjoy Lake Tahoe’s newest trail by keeping to the right, passing on the left, and not walking four or more across. Cyclists must yield to pedestrians. Pedal-assist e-bikes are welcome, but no motorized vehicles or scooters. Pick up trash and personal belongings when leaving the trail. More details available here .
Vehicle Impacts	With an estimated 50 million vehicle trips in, out, and around the Tahoe Basin annually, parking and congestion issues impact the Lake Tahoe experience. Transportation choices are an important part of preserving the pristine beauty that makes Lake Tahoe a national treasure.
Soil Science	Lake Tahoe’s clarity is impacted by Sierra Nevada soil properties and conditions. Factors such as fine sediment suspension, particle size, and light-scattering influence the water’s clarity.
Trail Engineering & Development	Trail construction included the installation of a prefabricated bridge, with pieces dropped into place to minimize ground disturbance. Such decisions are undertaken after a careful study of alternatives and environmental impacts.

To coordinate a field trip to **Tahoe East Shore Trail** or for school bus parking at Sand Harbor, please contact Nevada State Parks Ranger Kevin Fromherz at ltensp@parks.nv.gov. There is also public parking located on SR28 at the northern end of the trail.

To coordinate a field trip to the **UC Davis Tahoe Science Center**, please complete the [Online Field Trip Request Form](#) at <https://tahoe.ucdavis.edu/field-trips>. There are various thematic field trips available, including Water on Earth, Shaping Earth’s Surface, Geology/Plate Tectonics, Aquatic Food Web, Environmental Detectives, Lakes of the World, The Tahoe System, and Earth System Science. A printable version of UC Davis TERC Field Trip Thematic Programs is available [here](#). All programs include presentations of the TERC research vessel and laboratory exhibits, as well as a viewing of “Lake Tahoe in Depth,” a 15-minute 3-D movie.

Trail Tips: [Tahoe East Shore Trail: What to Know Before You Go](#)