

Marlette-Hobart Backcountry Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park

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CAMPING

Camping is allowed at no charge only in three developed campgrounds—Marlette Peak, Hobart and North Canyon. Each campground has a toilet and four or five camp sites with picnic tables, fire rings and bear resistant food and trash storage boxes. While camping, store food and trash in these boxes. When you depart, remove all food and trash from the boxes so they are available for use by other campers. Dispersed camping is not allowed around Marlette Lake or anywhere else within park boundaries.

FISHING

Fishing is a favorite backcountry activity. A Nevada fishing license is required. At Spooner Lake, the limit is five and bait is allowed. The Marlette Lake season runs July 15 through September 30 and is catch-and-release only. Use only artificial lures and single barbless hooks in this catch-and-release lake. The Hobart Reservoir season runs May 1 through September 30. The limit is five, and only one may be longer than 14 inches. Only artificial lures and single barbless hooks are allowed. Report violators to the Nevada Department of Wildlife at (800) 992-3030.

HUNTING

Hunters enjoy the backcountry in accordance with Nevada Department of Wildlife regulations and State Parks' administrative authority. Please call the park for a map of permitted hunting areas.

PACK IT IN-PACK IT OUT

Trash is not collected in the backcountry. Please pack out all trash.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Backcountry volunteer opportunities are available. Contact the park office at (775) 831-0494 or the Tahoe Rim Trail Association at 775-588-0686.

THE SPOONER OUTDOOR COMPANY

Located at Spooner Lake, The Spooner Outdoor Company operates two businesses. In summer, the full service Flume Trail Bikes (www.theflumetrail.com) rents mountain bikes and provides shuttle service. In winter, the Spooner Lake Cross Country Ski Company (www.spoonerlake.com) grooms

cross country skiing and snowshoe trails and offers rental equipment and lessons. Two cabins are available for rent year round. Call (775) 749-5349 for information.

MOTOR VEHICLES

The backcountry is managed as a non-motorized area to preserve the area's ecological and recreational attributes. Only motorized vehicles displaying official agency designations or a State Parks motorized vehicle permit are allowed in the backcountry. Please report violators by calling (775) 831-0494.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT

Pardon our Dust

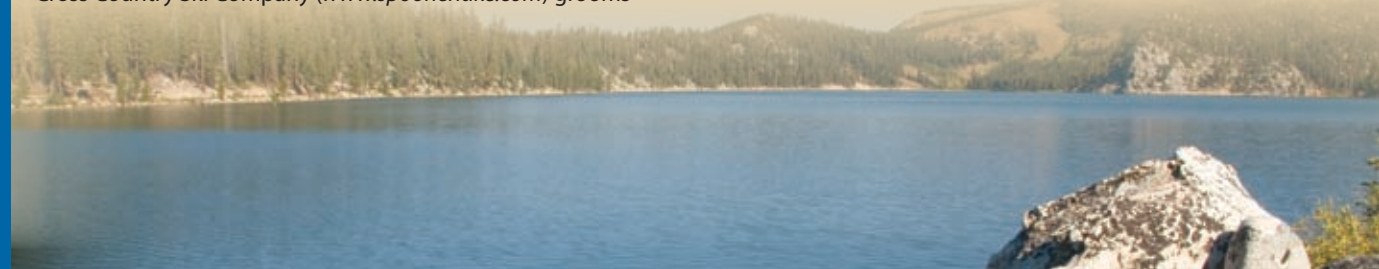
Occasionally you will encounter State Parks, fire, wildlife and other official vehicles in the backcountry on water system, ecological restoration and park business. Nevada's Tahoe Resource Team implements environmental improvement projects in the park in response to a 1997 presidential forum promoting the protection and improvement of Lake Tahoe's water quality and outstanding environmental resources. These projects are designed to improve water quality, control erosion, enhance wildlife habitat, restore forest health and improve recreation opportunities. Environmental projects mean that there may be vehicle traffic, chainsaw and tree chipper noise, trail crews and construction. Please excuse any inconvenience.

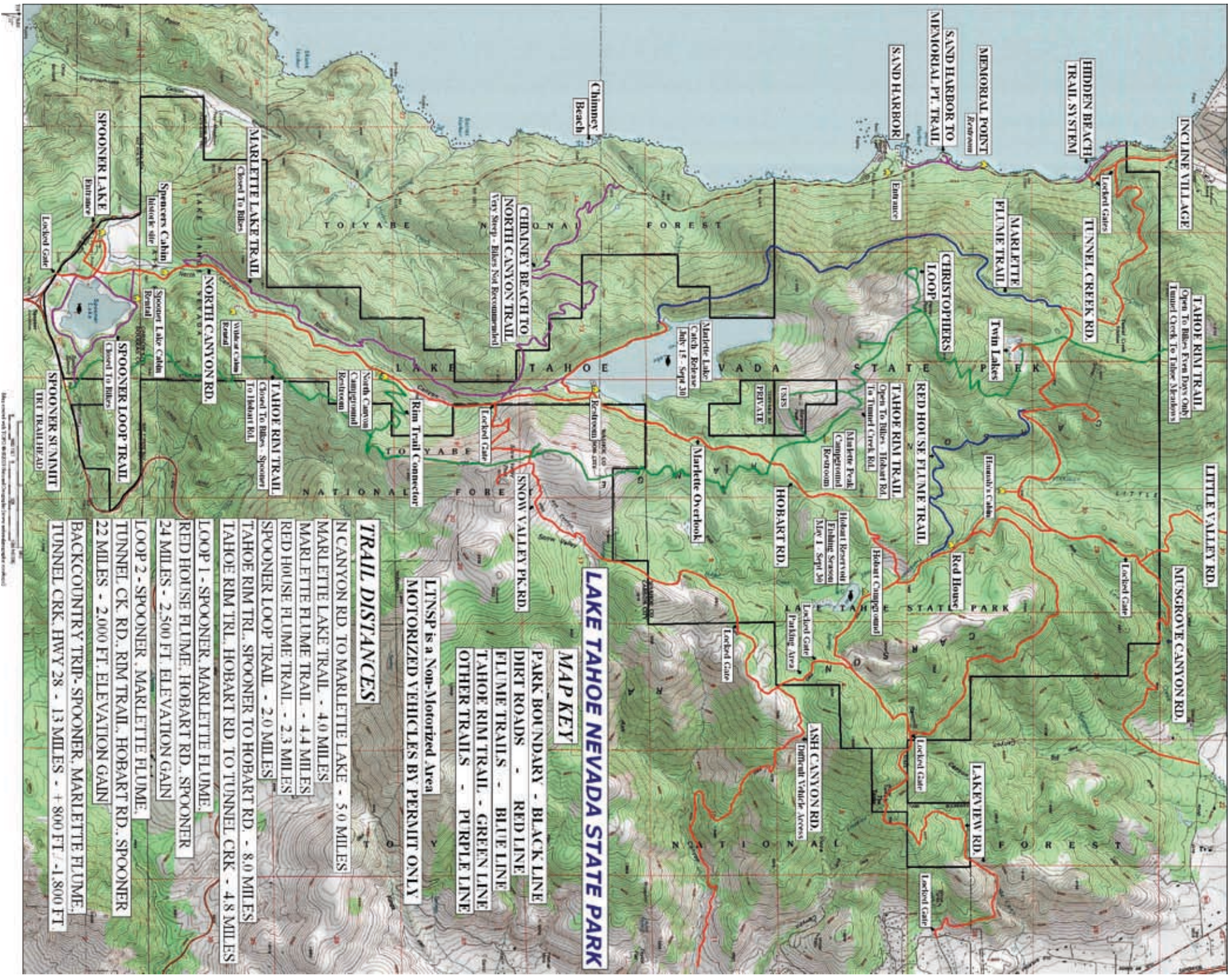
MORE THAN RECREATION

The backcountry is more than a recreational playground and an ecological resource. It is also the site of the Marlette Water System—the water provider for Virginia City, Gold Hill, Silver City and parts of Carson City.

Developed in the last half of the 1800s to furnish the timber and water required by the gold and silver mines in Virginia City and Gold Hill, the system is comprised of Marlette Lake, Hobart Reservoir and an intricate system of flumes and pipelines.

The Marlette Flume and another flume from the north entered a 4,000 foot tunnel that emptied on the east side of the Carson Range and joined the Inverted Siphon, the key pipeline of the Comstock era. This high pressure pipeline brought water to a reservoir near Virginia City. It could deliver up to 10 million gallons a day. This pipeline is still in use.





MILES OF TRAILS

The 5-mile trail to Marlette Lake via North Canyon Road is the most popular backcountry trail. A hiker and horse trail parallels this road for four miles. Access is from Spooner Lake, which is surrounded by a flat 2-mile trail that offers excellent opportunities for nature study.

The famous and historic 4.4-mile Marlette Flume Trail is accessed from the south via North Canyon or from the north via the steeper Tunnel Creek Road. Thirteen miles of the 165-mile Tahoe Rim Trail (TRT) wind in and out of the park. The TRT is closed to bikes between Hobart Road and Spooner Summit. The segment north of the park, between Tunnel Creek Road and the Mount Rose Highway, is open to bikes even days only.

In addition to these trails, miles of dirt roads traverse the northeast side of the backcountry. Access is via the four-wheel-drive Ash Canyon Road.