North Shore | Incline Village
Incline Village & Crystal Bay Historical Society
969 Tahoe Blvd
Incline Village, NV 89451
www.tahoehistory.org
Open daily 7am-9pm
Local Incline Village and Crystal Bay history from 1870 to 1970 blended into regional history from the Washoe Tribe, Lumber Era, Silver Rush, Banana years, Frank Sinatra days, Crystal Bay casino era, and the founding of Incline Village, located across the hall from Starbucks at the Tahoe Blvd and Village Blvd intersection.

North Lake Tahoe Demonstration Garden
999 Tahoe Blvd
Incline Village, NV 89451
(775) 881-7566
www.demogarden.org
Open daily
The Garden’s mission is to provide an educational resource to the Tahoe/Truckee Meadows community by creating demonstrations of lake-friendly landscaping using native and adaptive plants, water conservation, soil stabilization techniques, defensible space from wildfires, and Best Management Practices (BMPs) for storm water infiltration.

UC Davis Tahoe Science Center
291 Country Club Dr.
Incline Village, NV 89451
(775) 881-7566
www.TahoeScienceCenter.com
Open Tues–Friday 1-5pm,
Open Summer Saturdays 1-5pm
Located in the Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences, UC Davis operates a science education center with exhibits, including a virtual research boat, biology lab, 3D visualization theater, and docent-led tours of its award-winning “green” building. Exhibit themes include why Lake Tahoe is unique and how science and research are used to restore and protect Lake Tahoe.

Northeast Tahoe | Mount Rose Hwy
Galena Creek Visitor Center
18250 Mount Rose Highway
Reno, NV 89511
(775) 849-4948
www.galenacreekvisitorcenter.org
Open Tues–Sun 9am-6pm
Located at the juncture of two ecosystems, high desert and alpine, the Galena Creek Visitors Center provides recreation at all levels, such as scheduled craft activities for kids, naturalized hikes, and special workshops, in both desert and mountain habitats.

Northwest Lake Tahoe | Truckee
Kidzone Museum ($) 11711 Donner Pass Road
Truckee, CA 96161
(530) 587-5437
www.KidZoneMuseum.org
Open Tues–Fri 10am-5pm,
Sat-Sun 10am-1:30pm
The KidZone Museum specializes in educational programs and exhibits that focus on the healthy development of children through hands-on activities. Free bus service to the Museum from Kings Beach on Thursdays is available.

Donner Memorial State Park & Emigrant Trail Museum ($) 12593 Donner Pass Rd
Truckee, CA 96161
(530) 582-7892
www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=503
Open daily 9am-4pm
The Museum, located at Donner Memorial State Park, depicts the history of the area and the people, including local Native Americans, the Donner Party, and builders of the transcontinental railroad. Postcards, posters, maps, and books about the human and natural histories of the area are for sale at the museum gift shop.

East Shore
Sand Harbor Visitor Center ($) 2005 Nevada 28
Incline Village, NV 89451
(775) 831-0494
www.parks.nv.gov/parks/sand-harbor/
Open daily 8am-9pm
The visitor center features self-guided tours with informative displays and regional information. It also includes a gift shop and a snack bar and grill concession under a relaxing, shady deck.

Thunderbird Lodge ($) 5000 Nevada 28
Incline Village, NV 89451
(800) 468-2463
www.thunderbirdlodge.org
Land & boat tours Tues–Sat; reservations required
The Lodge offers visitors a peek back into the 1930s lifestyle of the rich and famous. Guests tour the original old lodge, stroll down stone paths past waterfalls, visit the legendary Card House and walk through the 600’ tunnel to the boat house, home of the Thunderbird yacht. Tours depart from the Incline Village/Crystal Bay Visitor Center. Tickets can be purchased by calling 1 (800) GO-TAHOE. Tours last for approximatley one hour. Children under the age of 6 are not permitted on public tours.
South Lake Tahoe

Explore Tahoe - An Urban Trailhead
4114 Lake Tahoe Blvd.
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150
(530) 541-5227
www.tahoeheritage.org/events-and-programs/2/tallac-historic-site/
Open daily 10am-4pm
The Tallac Historic Site is comprised of the Baldwin Estate, the Pope Estate and Valhalla. The site includes natural gardens and walking trails, offering scenic views of the lake.

Lake Tahoe Historical Society Museum
3058 Lake Tahoe Blvd.
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150
(530) 541-5458
www.laketahoemuseum.org
Open Thurs-Sat 11am-3pm
The museum is located in the heart of South Lake Tahoe. It features an outstanding collection of artifacts from Lake Tahoe’s earliest days, including early explorers and pioneers. The grounds include a 1900s cabin and the Osgood Toll House, the oldest standing commercial building in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

Lake Tahoe Community College Demonstration Garden
1 College Drive
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150
www.ltcc.edu/about.asp?scatID=60
The garden is part of a community partnership designed to protect and preserve the Lake Tahoe Basin by showcasing sustainable landscaping that promotes the use of water efficient native and adapted plants, sustainable gardening practices, and Best Management Practices (BMPs).

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South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150
www.ltcc.edu/about.asp?scatID=60
Open daily

Tahoe City

Gatekeepers Museum ($)
130 W Lake Blvd.
Tahoe City, CA 96145
(530) 583-1762
www.gatekeepersmuseum.com
Open daily 10am-5pm
The Museum includes an eclectic collection of Tahoe history, including photographic collections, oral histories and transcription, newspapers, court ledgers, maps and written materials, letters, clothing, artifacts and furniture. Also within the Museum is the Steinbach Indian Basket Museum, featuring more than 900 baskets from tribes west of the Rockies, and the Dat So La Lee temporary exhibit featuring baskets from the renowned Washoe weaver.

Watson Cabin Museum
560 N Lake Blvd.
Tahoe City, CA 96145
(530) 583-8717
www.gatekeepersmuseum.com
Open Wed-Mon 11am-4pm
The log cabin was built in 1909, and is maintained as the Watson’s daughter, Mildred, said it was in her lifetime, featuring many turn-of-the-last-century artifacts.

Museum of Sierra Ski History and 1960 Winter Olympics
760 North Lake Boulevard
Tahoe City, CA 96145
(530) 583-1488
www.tahoehistory.org
Open Mon-Sat 10am-9pm and Sunday 10am-5pm
This Museum was created to preserve and display the wonderful ski heritage of the region. The museum is a tour back through ski history in the Sierras from its beginnings through the 1960 Olympic-Winter Games.

UC Davis Eriksson Education Center/Historic Fish Hatchery
2400 Lake Forest Road
Tahoe City, CA 96145
(530) 583-3279
terc.ucdavis.edu
Summer open daily 8am-6pm,
Tours Saturday 10am-2pm & by appt
The UC Davis Historic Fish Hatchery is less than a half-mile east of downtown and is housed in 1920s-era building. The Eriksson Education Center is open to the public during the summer months with tours available on Saturdays. Residents and visitors learn about wetlands restoration, Best Management Practices (BMPs), native plants in upland and wetland areas, the history of the field station and current UC Davis research projects.

($) denotes charge for parking/admission