



Summer Activity & Hiking Guide



Summer Tram & High Camp Schedule

Confirm Aerial Tram and Activities Schedule
All operations and schedules are weather dependent and subject to change. Thunderstorms, wind and weather affect Aerial Tram and High Camp operations. Check palisadestahoe.com or call 1-800-403-0206.

Things To Do at High Camp

Free with a 2026/27 Ikon Pass or Aerial Tram ticket.
Guided Hikes with a Naturalist
Offered daily at 11:00am and 1:30pm at High Camp. Explore easy trails in the meadow and learn about the plants, animals, geology and history that make this area special.

Self-Guided Hikes
Use this map to explore the trails. Trail colors on the map correspond to signs on trails.

Washoe Cultural Talks
Join members of the Washoe Tribe for stories of their history and culture. Special Aerial Tram tickets available. June 12 & 19, July 10 & 17, August 14

Other Activities at High Camp

- Hiking
- Roller Skating
- Sightseeing
- Disc Golf
- Olympic Museum
- Nature Play
- Washoe Cultural Talks
- Guided Hikes

Dining at High Camp

High Camp Marketplace
Grab-and-go sandwiches, salads, snacks & beverages.

Granite Bistro
Alpine inspired cuisine.

Alexander's Whiskey Bar
High-altitude whiskey & cocktails.

Other Activities

Bungee Sky Jump Trampoline
Located in The Village.

Mini Golf
Located throughout The Village.

Kids Adventure Day Camp
For kids ages 5-13
Includes Tram rides, mountain exploration, activities, art projects, and more.

Tahoe Via Ferrata by Alpenglow Expeditions
TahoeVia.com for more information and reservations

Olympic Valley Ropes Course
Tahoe Treetop Adventure Parks

Village Activity Center

- Aerial Tram Tickets
- Activity Tickets
- E-Bike, Cruise Bike & Scooter Rentals
- Pickle Ball Equipment & Rentals
- Beach & Mountain Accessories

Lodging and Activity Packages

Visit palisadestahoe.com or call 1-888-766-9321. For all other information including hours of operation, please call 1-800-403-0206.



Wildflowers

Palisades Tahoe provides many unique micro-environments that are home to numerous types of plants.



MULE EARS

These yellow flowers are very common throughout Lake Tahoe. The plants were given their name because of their long "mule ear" leaves.



LUPINE

Lupines at high elevations typically grow as dense ground cover and are a favorite food source for butterflies.



GREAT RED PAINTBRUSH

These grow in grassy meadows, along streams and forest openings.



MARIPOSA LILY

This flower is common to drier areas of the Sierra and is well liked by bumblebees for its nectar.



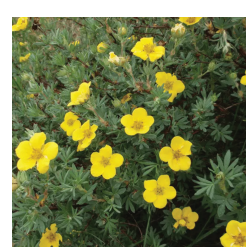
BUCKWHEAT

This plant typically grows on exposed dry slopes and is yellow in the spring turning to an orange, ochre and then brown as summer turns to fall.



PENSTEMON

This plant is found on rocky slopes, ledges and ridges at high elevation above timberline.



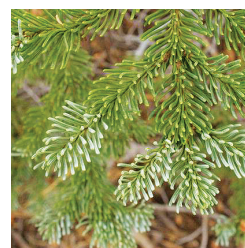
CINQUEFOIL

These shrubby plants are well-suited for high elevations and are known for their long bloom time and its five deep yellow petals.



Trees

The trees common to the habitat in and around Palisades Tahoe are specially adapted to the soils that formed as a result of the weathering of granite and volcanic rock types.



CALIFORNIA RED FIR

This tree is found at upper elevations. Its needles grow to about 1" and its cones are 8" long. This tree is home to numerous species of birds including nuthatches, woodpeckers and chickadees.



WESTERN WHITE PINE

These tall, straight trees can grow to 180' tall and 4' in diameter. They can be easily identified by their 5 needle clusters. Their cones are cylindrical and grow 5" to 12", with multiple shades of color.



SIERRA JUNIPER

This tree is recognizable by its gnarled and twisted look. It grows on rocky outcrops with its roots growing into the crevices of granite. The cones look like berries which turn blue as they age.



LODGEPOLE PINE

This tree's wood is flexible and was once used by Native Americans to build teepees and lodges. These trees grow to 110' tall and can live 150 years. Lodgepole cones are small at 3" and are prickly.



JEFFREY PINE

These trees live up to 500 years and grow up to 200' in height. Their cones are long and oval and their deeply furrowed bark has a distinct vanilla or pineapple odor.



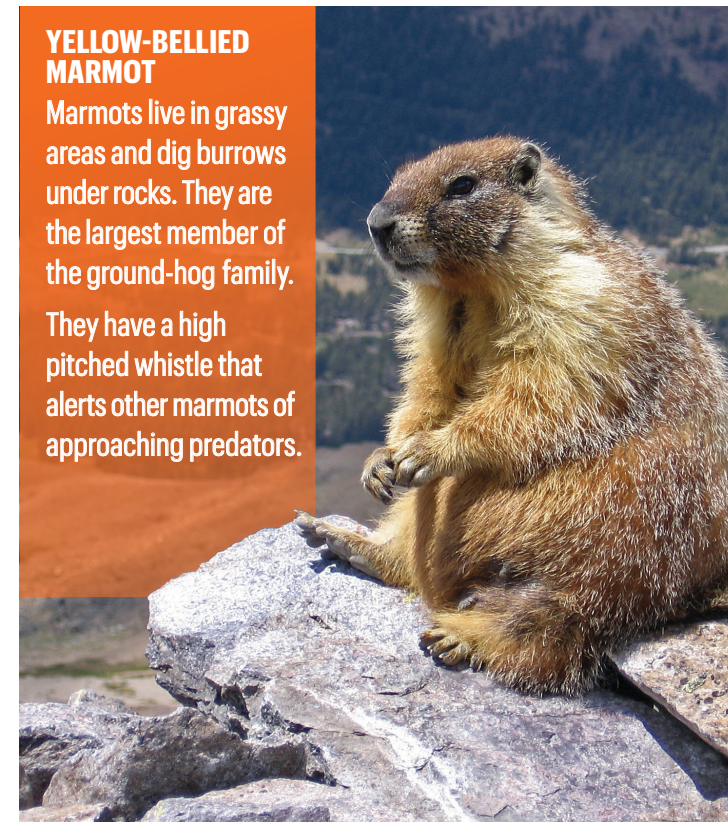
PONDEROSA PINE

These trees have an orange colored bark and their cones have sharp spines and are very prickly.



MOUNTAIN HEMLOCK

This tree grows mostly in shaded and moist areas. The cones tend to have a purple hue when young which gradually darkens as the tree ages.



YELLOW-BELLIED MARMOT

Marmots live in grassy areas and dig burrows under rocks. They are the largest member of the ground-hog family. They have a high pitched whistle that alerts other marmots of approaching predators.

Wildlife

There is a variety of wildlife at Palisades Tahoe. Please observe all wildlife from a distance.



SIERRA GRASSHOPPER

This insect makes a loud clicking sound by rubbing its wings against a rough part of its legs.



GROUND SQUIRREL

This squirrel fattens up in the summer and hibernates in the winter. They live in colonies and inhabit underground burrows than can house multiple generations.



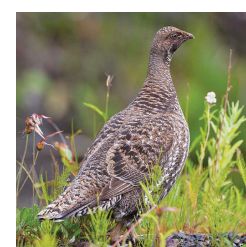
COYOTE

These animals weigh about 30 pounds and are characterized by their slender dog-like appearance and bushy tail.



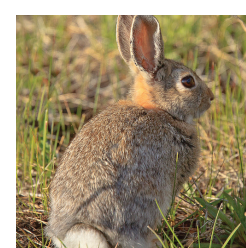
CALIFORNIA BLACK BEARS

Bears are omnivores and mostly nocturnal. Although called black they can be brown in color. They can swim, climb trees, and run up to 30mph. Keep your distance around cubs. Don't feed or provoke them.



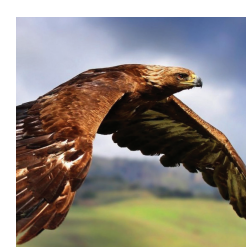
SOOTY GROUSE

This forest dwelling grouse has a long square tail and forages on the ground or in trees for food. Deep hooting sounds can often be heard from males.



MOUNTAIN COTTONTAIL

These rabbits are somewhat small. They have rounded ears at the tips that are relatively short, and a white-grey tail.



GOLDEN EAGLE

This powerful bird is North America's largest bird of prey with a wingspan of up to 7'. They eat rabbits, marmots and squirrels, diving at speeds of up to 150mph. They are a protected species.

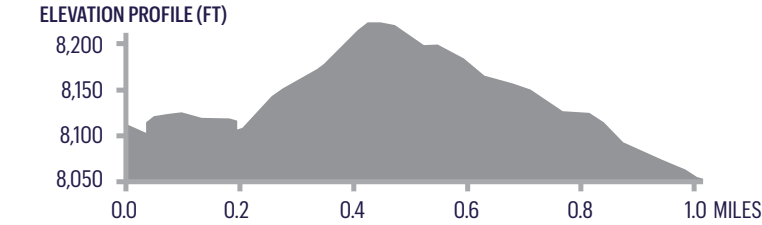
Hiking Trails from High Camp

High Camp Loop Trail

Easy

Begin at the High Camp trailhead and walk downhill on the dirt road, then right and slightly uphill on another road to the trail branching to the left. The trail winds through wildflowers and large white pines, red firs and a huge juniper around the back of the water tower, to a view of granite and volcanic peaks and ridgeline views of Lake Tahoe. Follow the trail through a wide meadow of mule ears back to High Camp.

1.0 miles (full loop) / 190 feet uphill / 180 feet downhill

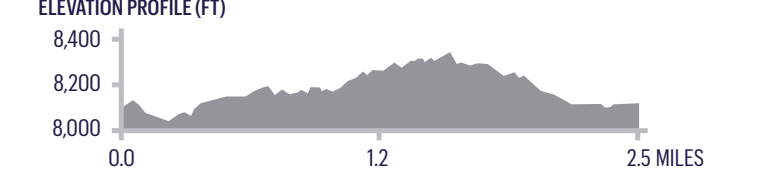


Siberia Basin Loop Trail

Easy

Begin at the High Camp trailhead following the High Camp Loop trail under the Big Blue lift around to the road. Curve left off the road onto the Siberia Basin Loop trail. This trail crosses a meadow filled with a variety of wildflowers and expansive views. The trail loops before the steep area and meanders back to the Siberia Ridge Road, higher up the slope. Follow the road around the top of the High Camp meadow and back to High Camp.

2.5 miles (full loop) / 200 feet uphill / 230 feet downhill

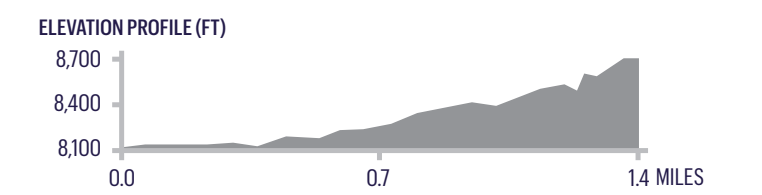


Emigrant Peak Trail (Watson Monument)

Moderate

Begin at the High Camp trailhead and hike across the meadow and up the road to the sign for Emigrant Trail. Turn right up the dirt road until a trail forks to the left into a stand of trees and up to the peak and monument.

1.4 miles (one way) / 500 feet uphill

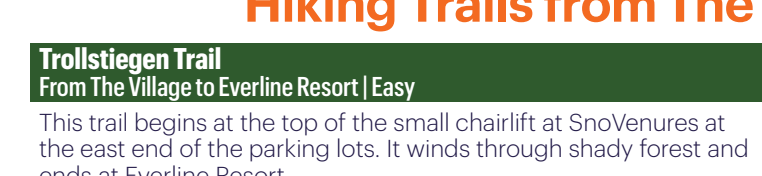


Shirley Canyon Trail

Moderate

Start at High Camp with a moderately steep downhill to Shirley Lake through granite outcrops, firs and hemlocks. Climb back up to High Camp on the steep and rockier Solitude Trail where there are many seasonal wildflowers.

2.3 miles (full loop) / 480 feet uphill / 550 feet downhill

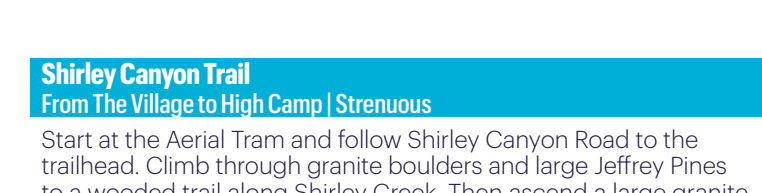


Trollstiegen Trail

Easy

This trail begins at the top of the small chairlift at SnVenures at the east end of the parking lots. It winds through shady forest and ends at Everline Resort.

0.7 miles (one way) / 100 feet uphill / 115 feet downhill

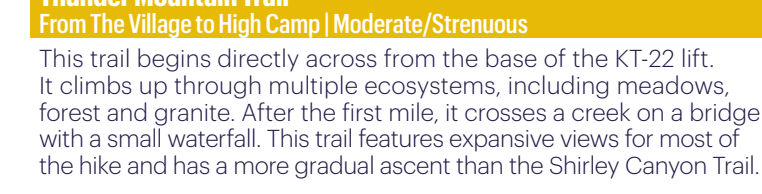


Shirley Canyon Trail

Moderate

Start at the Aerial Tram and follow Shirley Canyon Road to the trailhead. Climb through granite boulders and large Jeffrey Pines to a wooded trail along Shirley Creek. Then ascend a large granite slab with expansive views of Olympic Valley to another wooded trail to arrive at Shirley Lake, just below the bottom of the Solitude lift. From here, take Solitude Trail or Shirley Canyon Trail to High Camp, or return to The Village on the same trail.

3.5 miles (one way) / 1920 uphill / 85 downhill



Thunder Mountain Trail

Moderate/Strenuous

This trail begins directly across from the base of the KT-22 lift. It climbs up through multiple ecosystems, including meadows, forest and granite. After the first mile, it crosses a creek on a bridge with a small waterfall. This trail features expansive views for most of the hike and has a more gradual ascent than the Shirley Canyon Trail.

3.4 miles (one way) / 2240 feet uphill / 385 feet downhill



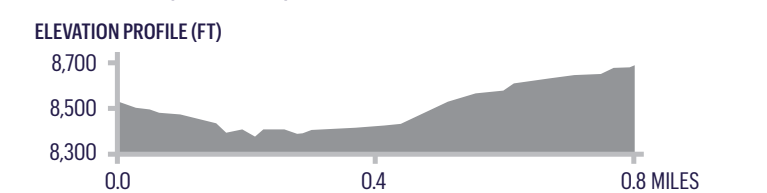
Colors above correspond to colors on the map and trail markers.

Emigrant Peak (Watson Monument)

Moderate

This trail begins at the monument on the ridge to the left of the top of the Emigrant lift. Start on the trail above the monument (Tevis Cup Trail), crossing the slope from left to right until it joins the PCT. Do not hike down the steep swale next to the fence. From the PCT intersection, hikers can go south to Five Lakes and Alpine Meadows or north towards Donner Summit.

0.8 miles (one way) / 150 feet uphill / 315 feet downhill

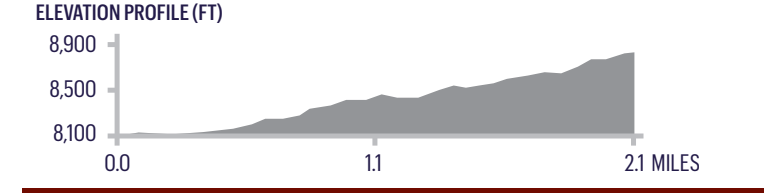


Siberia Ridge Road

Moderate

The trail begins at High Camp through the meadow to the top of the Gold Coast lift. Turn left above the lift and follow Siberia Ridge Road next to sheer volcanic cliffs. Before reaching the top of the Siberia lift, the trail turns right around the back of the peak and onto the top. The end of the trail features 360 degree views. The return trip is either back on the same trail or from the top of Siberia lift to the intersection with the Western States Trail.

2.1 miles (one way) / 690 feet uphill

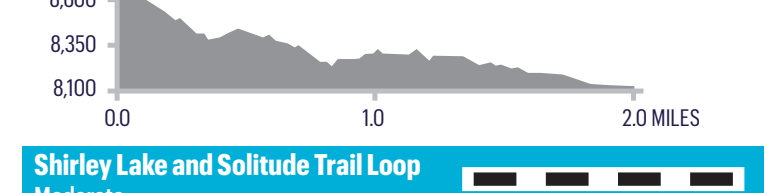


Western States Trail Connector

Moderate

This trail cuts across Siberia Bowl and continues downhill to intersect with the Western States Trail. Take Western States Trail uphill to Siberia Ridge Road and back to High Camp.

2 miles (one way) / 30 feet uphill / 500 feet downhill

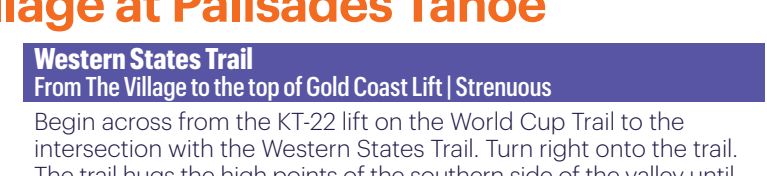


Shirley Lake and Solitude Trail Loop

Moderate

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2.3 miles (full loop) / 480 feet uphill / 550 feet downhill

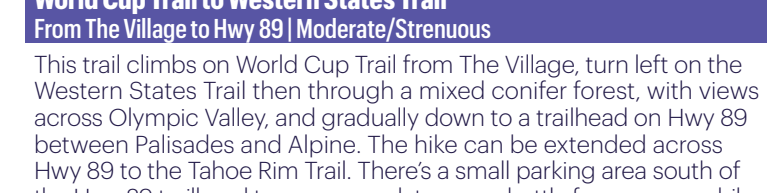


Western States Trail

Strenuous

Begin across from the KT-22 lift on the World Cup Trail to the intersection with the Western States Trail. Turn right onto the trail. The trail hugs the high points of the southern side of the valley until it turns west under the Siberia lift to the Siberia Ridge Road.

5.1 miles (one way) / 2835 feet uphill / 665 feet downhill

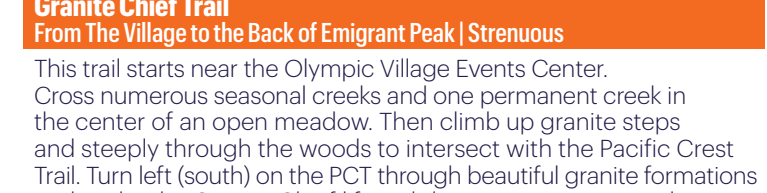


World Cup Trail to Western States Trail

Moderate/Strenuous

This trail climbs on World Cup Trail from The Village, turn left on the Western States Trail then through a mixed conifer forest, with views across Olympic Valley, and gradually down to a trailhead on Hwy 89 between Palisades and Alpine. The hike can be extended across Hwy 89 to the Tahoe Rim Trail. There's a small parking area south of the Hwy 89 trailhead to accommodate a car shuttle for a one-way hike.

3.8 miles (one way) / 670 feet uphill / 760 feet downhill



Granite Chief Trail

Strenuous

This trail starts near the Olympic Village Events Center. Cross numerous seasonal creeks and one permanent creek in the center of an open meadow. Then climb up granite steps and steeply through the woods to intersect with the Pacific Crest Trail. Turn left (south) on the PCT through beautiful granite formations and under the Granite Chief lift and down to an open meadow. To get to High Camp, follow the directions for the PCT to Emigrant Peak (Watson Monument), then from Emigrant Peak to High Camp for an additional 2.2 miles.

5.7 miles (one way) / 2270 feet uphill / 460 feet downhill



Thank You to Our Partners

Visit us in The Village at Palisades Tahoe
For hiking apparel including footwear and backpacks for everyone in the family.

Hike with Care

Please stay on designated trails and roads and obey all posted signs.

Wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots. Carry plenty of water and a snack. Never drink directly from a stream.

Sudden weather changes are possible—carry a jacket and hat. Wear sunscreen, sunglasses and a brimmed hat to avoid sunburn. During thunderstorms, stay away from ridge tops, tall trees, lift towers and large rock outcroppings as they can attract lightning strikes.

Thunderstorms, wind and weather affect Aerial Tram operations. When the Tram goes on hold, guests are responsible for hiking back to the base area.

Dogs are welcome on designated hiking trails. Please keep your dog on a leash on the Aerial Tram and in public areas in the base area and at High Camp. Pick up after dogs and dispose of waste in designated garbage cans. Do not let dogs disturb wildlife.

Please do not hike alone. It is fun and safer with a group. Stay off chairlifts. Lifts may start without warning.

No smoking. Fire danger is high during summer months.

While rare, if you see a bear, stop and quietly back away. Never approach a bear to take photos. They are wild and are unpredictable.

Be aware, company vehicles travel on mountain roads.

Download the Ikon Pass app on iPhone, Android, and Apple Watch for:

- Daily events and activities
- Dining and shopping
- Weather



Use caution. In case of emergency, dial "911". To contact Palisades Tahoe Security, call (530) 386-2538.

SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION OR CALL
1-800-403-0206



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	ROAD	
	TRAM	
	WINTER LIFT	
	WATERFALL (seasonal)	
	FIRST AID	
	GUIDED HIKES MEET HERE	
	RESTAURANT	
	RESTROOM	

Palisades Tahoe resort is situated on the ancestral homelands of the Washoe (Washoe) Tribe of Nevada and California. This has been and continues to be their home, and it is our duty and privilege to honor and respect both them and their land.

