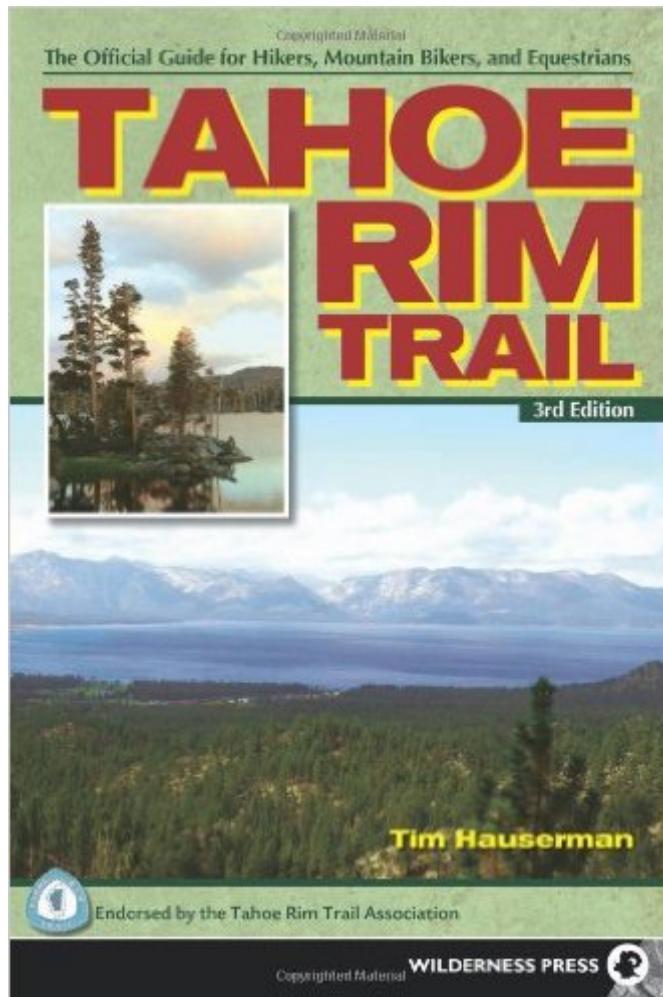


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# Tahoe Rim Trail: The Official Guide For Hikers, Mountain Bikers And Equestrians



## **Synopsis**

The 165-mile Tahoe Rim Trail is considered one of the world's premier trails. Accessible by hikers, equestrians, skiers and mountain bikers (for the non-wilderness portions), it winds completely around spectacular Lake Tahoe, the highest and largest alpine lake in North America. The trail crosses through six counties, three national forests, and two states and was completed in 2001 largely by volunteer labor. The best-selling Tahoe Rim Trail has been revised to reflect the latest conditions and routing of the trail and includes information for over 20 miles of new trail. Updated topographic maps depict the entire route, along with the easy (and fun) to read trail directions, the book includes fascinating information on the plants and animals you'll see along the trail, plus essential advice for planning a hike on the TRT, whether it's a day's outing or a 2-week circuit of the entire lake. The first and only how-to guide to this popular trail, it is the official guidebook of the Tahoe Rim Trail Association, whose mission is to improve, maintain and promote the trail.

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California is blessed to have spectacular scenery and lots of open space where distance hiking trails can be constructed. There is of course the famous Pacific Crest Trail, which traverses the mountainous backbone of the state for some 1700 miles, and the even more well known John Muir Trail which shares 170 of its 220 miles with the PCT. The Lost Coast Trail is another stunning hike. But sadly, most of the distance trails in California exist mainly in the imaginations of their proponents. Trail "advocates" will ask the government to create a trail and note various existing routes that could be used, and progress towards completing these trails comes mostly in fits and

starts, as government budgets allow. Advocates hope to eventually have a full route, but never actually deal with the very real obstacles (urban areas or wilderness restrictions) that need to be addressed for "their" trail vision to be completed. The California Coastal trail is an example of this sort of wishful thinking. But the Tahoe Rim Trail (TRT) is an exception to this rule. Why? Because the communities around Lake Tahoe did more than just ask for a trail; they actively worked to build and maintain it. And now, years after the first route was completed, the Tahoe Rim Trail Association continues to re-route, maintain, and support the trail. They also endorse an excellent guide to the trail, Tim Hauserman's Wilderness Press book, now in its third edition. The first edition of Hauserman's book came out in 2002 and after reading it, I was immediately inspired to attempt a through hike of this trail. As it happened, I was able to complete the California portion of the trail, over 100 miles, but never did get around to the Nevada portion.

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