

ABOUT LAKE TAHOE AND THE TAHOE BASIN

- Maximum depth: 1,645 feet (501 meters), making it the 11th deepest lake in the world and 2nd deepest lake in the United States
- Average depth: 1,000 feet (305 meters)
- Lake surface area: 191 square miles (495 square kilometers)
- Watershed area: 312 square miles (800 square kilometers)
- Length: 22 miles (35 kilometers)
- Width: 12 miles (19 kilometers)
- Length of shoreline: 72 miles (116 kilometers)
- Volume of water: 39 trillion gallons
- The daily evaporation from lake Tahoe (half a billion gallons) would meet the daily water needs of 5 million Americans or 10 million Australians
- The number of algal cells in Lake Tahoe is approximately 30 million trillion
- All these algae, if stacked on a football field, would stand 9 feet tall and weigh 15,500 Tonnes
- Number of inflowing streams: 63, the largest being the Upper Truckee River
- Number of large lakes worldwide with annual clarity exceeding Tahoe's: Zero
- Number of outflowing streams: one, the Truckee River, which leaves the lake at Tahoe City, Calif., flows through Truckee and Reno, and terminates in Pyramid Lake, Nev.
- Length of time it would take to refill the lake: about 600 years
- Average elevation of lake surface: 6,225 feet (1,897 meters)
- Highest peak in basin: Freel Peak, 10,891 feet (3,320 meters)
- Latitude: 39 degrees North
- Longitude: 120 degrees West
- Age of the lake: about 2 million years
- Permanent population: 55,000 (2010 Census)
- Number of visitors: 3,000,000 annually
- Vehicle miles traveled (VMT) on a midsummer's day: about 2,000,000 miles