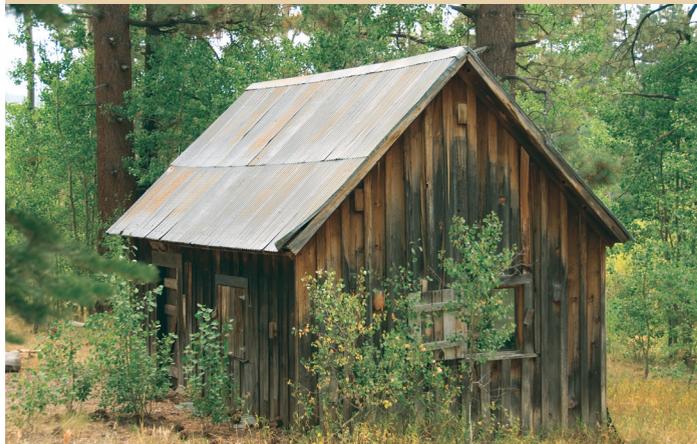


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## CAMPING

Camping is allowed at no charge 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) 298-4485.

## SPOONER SUMMIT BIKE RENTALS AND CABINS

Located at Spooner Lake, Aramark at Tahoe rents mountain bikes, operates a shuttle service and offers two beautiful backcountry cabin rentals. The cabins are available year-around. The Spooner Lodge provides a full service bike

repair shop, parts and accessories, packaged food and drinks and a variety of recreational goods. Call (775) 749-1120 or visit [www.zephyrcove.com](http://www.zephyrcove.com) for more 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*

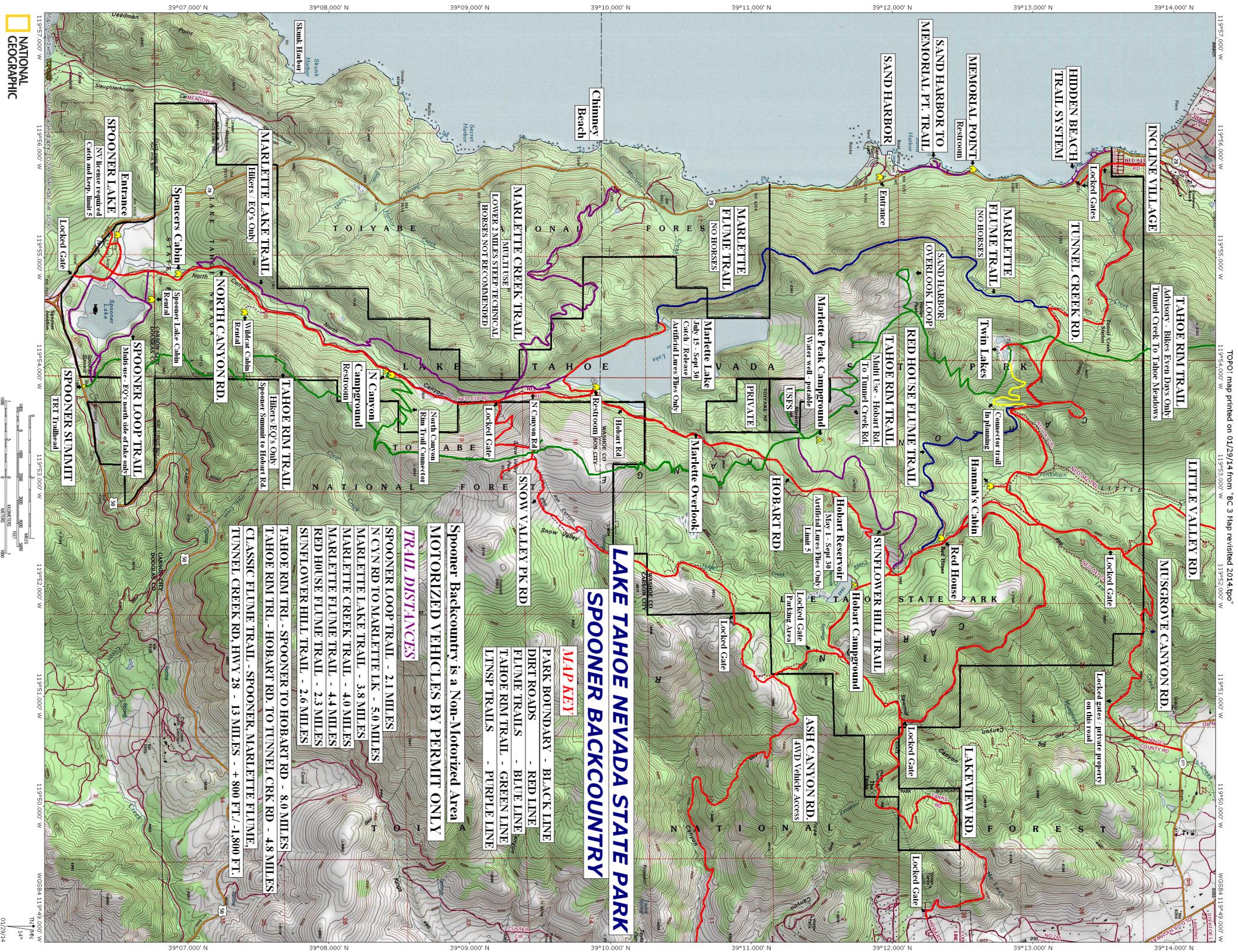
Occasionally you will encounter State Parks, fire, wildlife and other official vehicles in the backcountry on water system, ecological restoration and park business. Nevada's Tahoe Resource Team implements environmental improvement projects in the park in response to a 1997 presidential forum promoting 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.



## TRAILS FOR EVERYONE

The main access into the backcountry toward Marlette Lake is North Canyon Road a five mile route. A parallel trail for hikers and equestrians begins about a mile in and reaches Marlette Lake at it's southern end. A peaceful, quiet 2.1 mile trail encircles Spooner Lake and offers excellent nature study opportunities.

The famous and historic 4.4 mile Marlette Flume Trail is accessed from the west end of Marlette Lake or from the steeper Tunnel Creek Road. 13 miles of the 165 mile Tahoe Rim Trail (TRT) wind in and out of the park. The TRT is closed to bikers from Spooner Summit to Hobart Road. A US Forest Service advisory asks mountain bikers to use the Mt Rose to Tunnel Creek section of TRT only on even days to alleviate congestion.

Many loop opportunities exist in the backcountry and a series of historical roads add to these possibilities. Please consult the map and check with park staff for suggestions and information regarding park projects and special event schedules.