



# Fabulous Fall Hikes

Trails	Difficulty	Elevation (Low/High)	Mileage (One Way)
Stanford Rock Loop	Strenuous	6400/8470'	9 mile loop
Ellis Peak	Strenuous	7650/8740'	2.5 miles to Ellis Lake, 3.1 miles to Ellis Peak
General Creek Loop	Moderate	6300/6700'	6.5 mile loop or 4 miles to Lily Pond
Rubicon Peak	Strenuous	7000/9183'	2 miles
Rubicon Bay Trail	Moderate	6230/6580'	3.1 mi. to Emerald Point 4.4 to Vikingsholm
Meeks Creek Trail	Moderate	6240/8880'	4.5 mi. to Genevieve, 5 mi. to Crag, 5.7 mi. to Hidden, 5.9 to Shadow, 6.3 mi. to Stony Ridge, 8 mi. to Rubicon
Bayview Trail	Strenuous	6910/8440'	1 mi. to Granite, 4 mi. to Azure (x-co.), 5 mil to Dicks
Eagle Falls	Strenuous	6580/8500'	1 mi. to Eagle, 4.5 to Dicks, Upper & Middle Velmas, 5 mi. to Fontanillis
Eagle Rock	Easy	6240/6540'	½ mi. to Eagle Rock,

### Stanford Rock Loop

Very scenic trail & rough dirt roads. Multiple creek crossings & prolific wildflowers early season. Take Hwy 89 south from Tahoe City approximately 2 miles to Pineland Dr on the right. Drive thru the residential area continuing up on Ward Creek Rd. Park at large gravel pull out on the left.

### Ellis Peak

Uninterrupted views of Lake Tahoe and surrounding mountains, Blackwood Canyon & Desolation Wilderness. A spur off the trail will take you .3 miles to the lake. From Tahoe City go south on Hwy 89 approx 4 miles to Blackwood Canyon Rd on the right. Follow the road 7.2 miles to the end. The trail head is on the left side of the road.

### General Creek Loop

This loop in Sugar Pine Point State Park follows the General Creek water shed area. A side trip to Lily Pond can be accessed from this trail as well. From Tahoe City travel south on Hwy 89 for 9 miles. Look for the General Creek Campground sign on the right. Additional information on these trail s can be obtained at the park ranger station.

### Rubicon Peak

Approximately 2180' of vertical gain over 2 miles makes this hike a heart pounding experience. Your reward will be breath taking panoramic views of Lake Tahoe to the east and Desolation Wilderness to the west. From Tahoe City travel south on Hwy 89 approx 14 miles to the Rubicon Estates sign on the right. Follow the residential streets upward to Forestview Dr off of Crest Dr. Park at the gate and hike past the green water tank to locate the trail.

### Rubicon Trail

Dipping up and down along the shoreline of Lake Tahoe, this trail offers some of the most scenic views of the Lake. Bring a swimsuit, towel and picnic lunch to enjoy a sunny day at one of the many quiet coves along the way. Take Highway 89 south from Tahoe City to the D.L. Bliss State Park entrance on the left. There is a fee for day use parking. Pets are not allowed.

### Meeks Creek Trail

This moderate hike takes you along the northernmost part of the unofficial Tahoe Yosemite Trail. After following a road for approximately 1.3 miles, the trail passes a small spring, parallels Meeks Creek and continues upward into a forested valley. A chain of alpine lakes can be seen before the trail ascends 1,000 feet up a series of switchbacks leading to Phipps Pass. From Tahoe City take Highway 89 south 12 miles to the Meeks Bay. Parking is located to the right of the highway at a small dirt parking lot. Wilderness permit required.

### Bayview Trail

Offering magnificent views of Emerald Bay and Lake Tahoe, this steep trail leads you up the side of Maggie's Peak into Desolation Wilderness. Stop at Granite Lake for a short rest along the way. In 2.7 miles this trail intersects with the Eagle Falls trail. Corral and watering facilities for horses are available at the trailhead. Trail head is located in the Bayview campground at Emerald Bay 23 miles south of Tahoe City. Wilderness permit required.

### Eagle Falls Trail

Leading into the heart of desolation Wilderness, this steep trail offers majestic views of the Sierra high country. Just a 20-minute walk, Eagle Lake is a popular short hike. A longer hike will lead you to Velmas, Dick's, and Fontanillis lakes. Take Highway 89 south from Tahoe City 22 miles to Eagle Falls Picnic Area on the right. This is a very popular and congested area.

### Eagle Rock Trail

This hike offers panoramic view of the lake and surrounding ranges of the Sierra Nevada. From Tahoe City travel south on Hwy 89 approx.4.5 miles until you reach a large volcanic cliff looming over the hwy on the right. There is a dirt parking area on the south side of the rock. The trail begins on the north side and wanders over a few small knolls before the gentle climb to the top where you will be treated to a 360-degree views of the Tahoe Basin. Dogs are not recommended due to numerous crevices at the top.

Weather conditions can change rapidly. Be prepared with the proper clothing and equipment, no matter how short the hike. Backcountry users need to obtain a Wilderness Permit for any hike into Desolation Wilderness. Day hikers can obtain a permit at the self-service stations located at the trailheads. Overnight users must obtain a permit and pay fees in person at the Forest Service Supervisor's office.

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