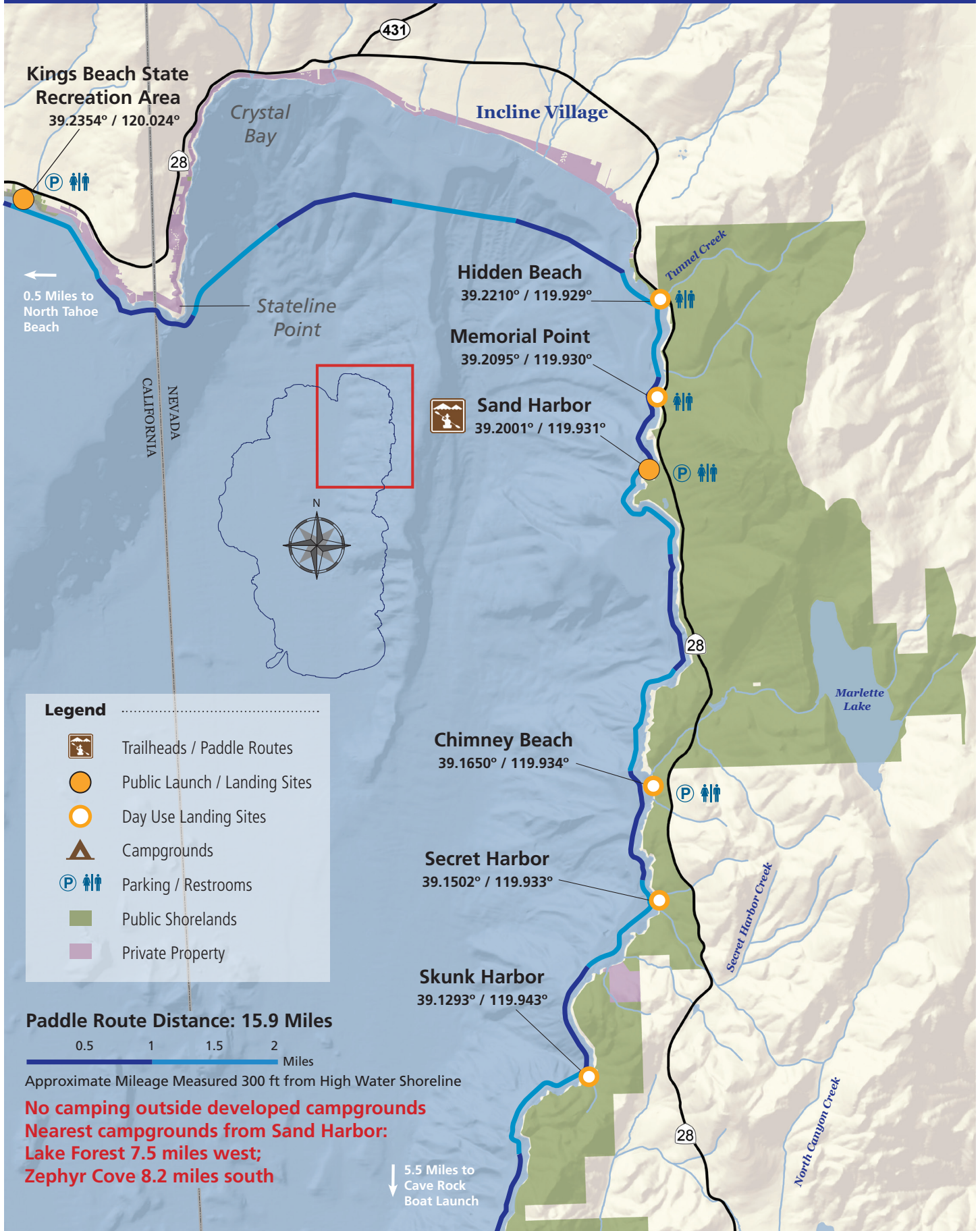


# Sand Harbor Day Trips





LakeTahoeWaterTrail.org

From **Sand Harbor**, paddlers access the remote and rocky shoreline of Lake Tahoe. Most of Tahoe's East Shore in this area is publicly owned and small inlets offer just enough beach to land for a quiet picnic lunch. Your favorite iconic photograph of a kayak or paddleboard floating in the crystal clear water above a rocky lakebed was probably taken in this area. The only launch site shown on this map is at Sand Harbor and the parking lot fills up fast during the summer; plan to launch before 10 am so you can spend the day. Support facilities are limited in this area, so practice good trail etiquette for waste products and do not light any fires. No camping outside developed campgrounds. Always wear your life jacket and SUP leash, carry a flashlight and whistle, and check conditions before you head out at [www.LakeTahoeWaterTrail.org](http://www.LakeTahoeWaterTrail.org).



Trailhead - Signage  
with Paddle Routes

Launch /  
Landing Site

Amenities

Public Lake Access Sites

<p>○ <b>Hidden Beach</b> Located at the outfall of Tunnel Creek, this small undeveloped NV State Park beach offers sand, sun, and great views down the length of Lake Tahoe.</p>	<p>Landing ONLY</p>	<p>Undeveloped beach - Pack it in, pack it out - including dog waste &amp; bags. Watch your step. Tahoe Yellow Cress in the area (see description below).</p>
<p>○ <b>Memorial Point</b> A rocky point with good landing conditions only during average to low water conditions.</p>	<p>Landing ONLY</p>	<p>NV State Parks developed vista point at the top of the bluff includes restrooms, water, interpretive trail.</p>
<p>● <b>Sand Harbor</b> The paddle epicenter of Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park, Sand Harbor offers recreational, cultural and natural resource experiences on a wooded peninsula ringed with beautiful sandy beaches.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>On-site parking year-round (fee area), kayak &amp; SUP rental, motorized boat ramp, restrooms, group and individual picnic sites, interpretive trail, visitor center, restaurant, special events amphitheater, diving cove, swimming beach. Parking lots fill by early morning during summer. No parking along the highway. Please use East Shore Express.</p>
<p>○ <b>Chimney Beach</b> US Forest Service beach, also accessible by foot trail from the highway, has a sunny southern exposure and view of the majestic West Shore.</p>	<p>Landing ONLY</p>	<p>Seasonal restroom is located 1/2 mile north at highway parking lot.</p>
<p>○ <b>Secret Harbor</b> A beautiful and remote harbor protected from afternoon winds with good undeveloped beach landing.</p>	<p>Landing ONLY</p>	<p>Undeveloped beach. No facilities. Pack it in, pack it out - including dog waste &amp; bags.</p>
<p>○ <b>Skunk Harbor</b> US Forest Service beach located in picturesque cove. Newhall House, a 1923 summer cabin once owned by George Whitell, exists on site.</p>	<p>Landing ONLY</p>	<p>Historic site with interpretation, but no developed facilities for paddlers. The Washoe Tribe owns the northern section of the harbor and host sacred ceremonies here. Please be respectful of this ancient cultural treasure and other usage.</p>

> Afternoon summer winds from the south-southwest can create unpredictable and dangerous waves along the East Shore, creating a longer and more arduous paddle back to your vehicle during windy conditions.

> The lake in this remote area is a long way from roadway access and offers very limited opportunities to get off the lake in adverse conditions. Be sure to bring food/water with you and watch the weather.

> Thunderbird Lodge is a nationally registered Historic Site operated by the non-profit Thunderbird Lodge Preservation Society. Due to security concerns for the historic structures, site access is limited and the small beach, pier and boat house are not open to general public landing.

> Tahoe Yellow Cress (TYC), a small plant that is a member of the mustard family, exists on isolated beaches in this area. TYC is an endemic plant found on sandy beaches at Lake Tahoe and no where else in the world. It is easy to miss, so make it a practice to avoid walking or pulling your boat over any shoreline vegetation.

> Respect Private Property - Much of the Nevada shoreline is developed with impressive lakefront residential homes which is private property. The Nevada shoreline is private and no public access easement exists on beaches. Landing on these beaches is considered trespass unless permission is obtained from the owner. Homeowner association beaches can look as though they are public but no public launching or landing is allowed. *Please be respectful of residential privacy and land only at the public beaches shown on this map.*