SUNNYSIDE WATERSPORT RENTALS

Lake Tahoe Boat &
Watersport Rental Guide

Facts of Lake Tahoe

- Around 15 million people visit Lake Tahoe every year. With 72 miles of shoreline, what's not to see??
- Lake Tahoe is the 2nd deepest lake in the nation - deeper than the Empire State Building is tall.
- The Lake water is so blue & beautiful and has been tested at 99.994% pure (cleaner than most commercially distilled water!)
- Keep Tahoe Blue - a non profit organization that is solely focused on keeping Lake Tahoe as beautiful & blue as possible!

  Learn more at
  https://www.keeptahoeblue.org

History of Sunnyside Marina
(and restaurant too!)

- Sunnyside Resort dates back all the way to 1908 when it was originally a summer home.
- In 1946, it opened up as a small lodge & marina for guests & visitors of Lake Tahoe.
- In 1986, 80 years after it was first built, it went under major renovations. Once reopening in 1987, Sunnyside became an iconic gathering place once again.
- The restaurant and lodge are operated by TS Restaurants who operate many restaurants throughout California and Hawaii.

Places to Visit on the Lake

By Boat or Jet Ski:

Emerald Bay

Spend the day relaxing at Emerald Bay Beach – a National Natural Landmark with 360 degree views that encompass Emerald Bay, Fannette Island, Eagle Falls and Vikingsholm Castle. This dramatic bay setting has been called one of the "most photographed places on earth." Emerald Bay is located 22 miles south of Tahoe City and Meeks Bay on Highway 89.

Sand Harbor

Across the lake from SS, great place to boat picnic, swim, etc. Beautiful part of lake where the water is crystal clear.

Fleur du Lac

Used as a backdrop for the filming of the Godfather, fun to check out & take pictures.

Crystal Bay

Located on the North Shore
A cove surrounded by granite boulders that go all the way down to the deepest part of the whole lake!
Great place to stop and swim, boat picnic, etc.

East Shore

Along with having some of the best views of Lake Tahoe, the rugged east shoreline has numerous beaches and coves with brilliant turquoise water that rivals the Caribbean. Except instead of palm trees, it's pine trees and snow-capped mountains that surround the crystal clear water. Some places to visit on the east shore include: Creek Beach, Secret Cove, Chimney Beach, Bonsai Rock, and Sand Harbor.

By Kayak or SUP

Hurricane Bay

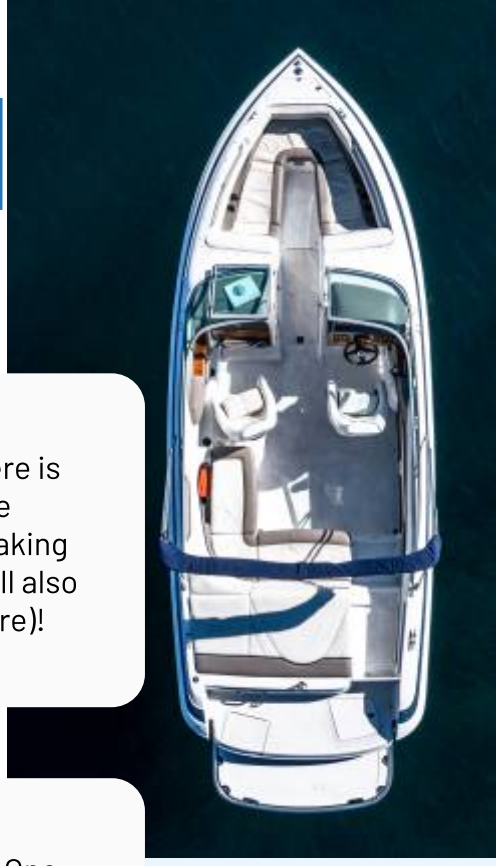
- Dog friendly beach that extends across a half mile of shoreline with great North Lake Tahoe views and amazing crystal clear water.
- Parking is along hwy 89

William Kent Beach

- Located in front of Sunnyside Restaurant.
- This is a small, sandy beach with camping, picnic tables and fire pits.

Rental Itineraries:

Boating:



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Quick trip to Meeks Bay, Rubicon Bay, and Emerald Bay. With two hours there is so much to see in so little time! If it is your first time visiting Lake Tahoe we highly recommend cruising down to Emerald Bay and taking in the breathtaking views of the most iconic part of the lake. On the way to Emerald Bay you will also pass by Meeks and Rubicon which are both beautiful (the tour de West Shore)!

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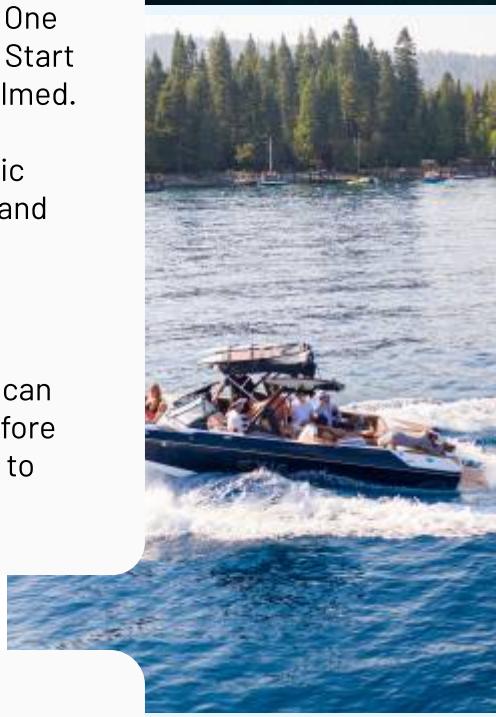


A four hour rental allows you to have a few options for your day on the lake. One option is to cruise down the West Shore and visit a few different locations. Start by visiting Fleur Du Loc, which is where the second Godfather movie was filmed. Next, cruise down to Sugar Pine Point and swim in the crystal clear water. Afterwards, you can visit Meeks Bay and Rubicon Bay. Finally, visit the iconic Emerald Bay where you can take pictures of the breathtaking views, float, and enjoy a picnic lunch.

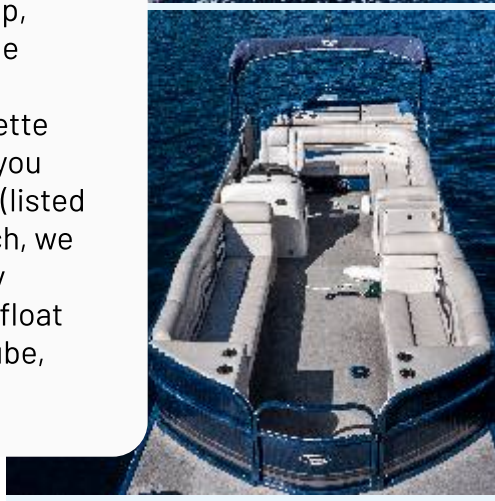
Another option is to head across the lake and visit the East Shore. We recommend going to West Shore Market before your rental, and bringing sandwiches for your day on the lake. Once you arrive at the East Shore you can visit many of the beautiful coves that spread along the entire shoreline. Before beginning your rental be sure to discuss this option with an SWS employee to ensure the weather is favorable for a trip across the lake.

6hr

A six hour rental gives you the opportunity to visit a few different places around the lake. During a six hour tour you have time to visit the West Shore, Emerald Bay, and the East Shore. These are the three places we highly recommend visiting during your rental. Emerald Bay is known for its beautiful views, being surrounded by 360 degree views of snow-capped mountains, and Fannette Island. After visiting Emerald Bay you'll want to continue your adventure and cruise alongside the East Shore. The East Shore has tons of beautiful coves for you to stop and float, swim, and enjoy the turquoise water. Another option during your six hour rental is to visit one of the lakeside restaurants. Enjoy your day on the boat, and then stop by one of the lakefront restaurants to enjoy lunch on the water.

8hr

An eight hour rental allows you to cruise to a variety of different areas around the lake, with plenty of time to float, relax, and enjoy your time on the water. We recommend beginning your day (in the morning) by heading over to the East Shore while the lake is calm. Typically the lake is calm in the mornings, which allows for an enjoyable ride across the lake. Visit Sand Harbor and the beautiful coves that run alongside the East Shore. You'll also have the chance to stop, float, and swim in the turquoise waters. After you finish your morning in the East Shore, head south and visit Emerald Bay. Emerald Bay is the most picturesque place on Lake Tahoe, and you can enjoy boating around Fannette Island in the middle of the bay. After spending some time in Emerald Bay, you may be ready for some lunch. Visit one of the iconic lakefront restaurants (listed on this forum), and enjoy a relaxing lunch overlooking the water. After lunch, we recommend heading back to the West Shore and spend the rest of the day touring along the shoreline. Sugar Pine Point is another beautiful place to float and swim. If you brought watersports toys, this would be a great time to tube, wakeboard, etc.



SUP/Kayak:

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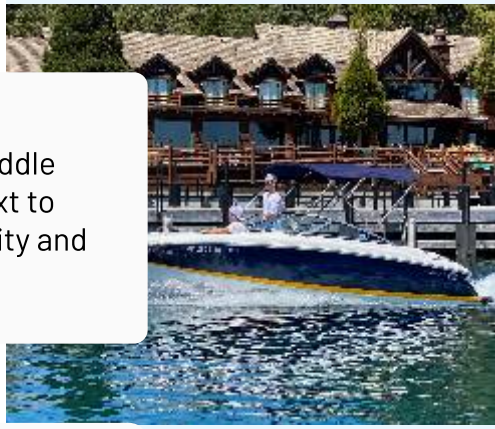
We recommend paddling south and visiting Hurricane Bay. There is a beach where you can stop and swim before heading back to Sunnyside.



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Two hours gives you a little more time and a few more options. You can paddle north towards Tahoe City and visit 64 Acres Beach. 64 Acres is located next to Tahoe Tavern on the way to Tahoe City. Next, you can paddle into Tahoe City and pull up to Commons Beach where you can swim before heading back to Sunnyside.

4hr

We recommend heading north towards Tahoe City and visiting 64 Acres Beach located next to Tahoe Taverns. You can pull up on the shoreline, swim, and relax. Once you are ready to continue your paddle, head into Tahoe City and stop at Commons Beach. It is more of a lively scene at Commons Beach, and you can also visit one of the lakefront restaurants here in town. If you are wanting to continue your paddle, you can keep going and paddle towards Lake Forest Beach. Just make sure you allow enough time to paddle back to Sunnyside.

All day

An all day paddle gives you ample time to visit a few different places on the West Shore. You can head south and pass through Hurricane Bay, Mckinney Bay (Homewood Area), and end at Sugar Pine Point. Be sure to stop by Chambers Landing for food and a well-deserved Chambers Punch! Or you can head north towards Tahoe City and visit 64 Acres Beach (Tahoe Taverns), Commons Beach (Tahoe City), and end at Lake Forest Beach (Just before Dollar Point). While passing through Tahoe City you can stop and enjoy lunch at one of the iconic lakefront restaurants. Be sure to check wind conditions with an SWS employee before setting out on either of these adventures.

Restaurants to visit on Lake Tahoe:

West Shore

- Sunnyside Restaurant
  Most beautiful lakefront dining on the lake! Famous for their zucchini fries & fish tacos.
- Chambers Landing
- West Shore Market
  looking to picnic on the lake? Located right next to Sunnyside, West Shore Market is perfect for grabbing some snacks & sandos for your next boat trip
- Obexer's Market

North Shore

- Garwoods
- The Hyatt (Incline)
  By reservation only (through the Hyatt), recommended for 6-8hr boat rentals
- Jake's on the Lake
- Za's Pizzeria
- Moe's Original BBQ

South Shore

- Rive Grill on the Lake

We rented two jet skis and a boat, the location is very convenient, and the staff was terrific. We've rented from other sites around the lake, and Sunnyside Marina & Watersports is by far the calmest, most straightforward, and most effortless we've ever used. Recommend.

- Shannon Roberts, Los Angeles CA

Had a wonderful experience renting a pontoon boat to tour around north lake Tahoe with. The workers were friendly, helpful, kind and courteous. I will be going back to go wake surfing later this month.

- Jill Spelta, Boulder CO

What is the difference between renting a boat myself or renting with a driver?

We work with a third party Tahoe Boat Drivers who assigns and schedules boat drivers to drive the boat for you during your rental. Book your boat rental with us and we will send your reservation info over to Tahoe Boat Drivers and they will assign you a driver and send you an email with your driver details a few days before your rental. Drivers must be compensated directly, all drivers charge $50/hr. Drivers are fully knowledgeable about our boats, the lake, and can make your experience more enjoyable and stress free. With a driver you won't have to worry about anything - your only job is to sit back, relax, and enjoy the gorgeous scenery with friends and family.

What to bring with you on the day of your rental:

- Sunscreen
- Water (stay hydrated!)
- Towels
- Food, cooler, etc. (you are more than welcome to bring coolers with food and drinks on the boat with you. All we ask is that anything you bring with you comes off with you as well. We want to keep our boats & lake clean!)

Our Rental Fleet

Cobalt & Pontoons:

- 22' Cobalt — 8p Capacity
- 24' Cobalt — 10p Capacity
- 27' Cobalt — 12p Capacity
- 24' Pontoon — 10p Capacity
- 25' Pontoon — 11p Capacity
- 27' Pontoon — 12p Capacity

Watersport/Wakesurf:

- Axis — 12p Capacity

Jet Skis, Kayaks, Stand Up Paddleboards:

- Jet Ski — 2p Capacity
- SUP — 1p Capacity
- Single Kayak — 1p Capacity
- Double Kayak — 2p Capacity

Available Add-Ons

- Towable Tube — $60
- Water Skis — $50
- Wakeboard — $50
- Wetsuit — $20
- Cooler — $20
- Ice — $6.99

Parking

We have 2 options for parking:

1. Marina building parking lot - across the street from the lake/rental tent/restaurant. You must leave your keys with the marina office if you choose to park here as the marina staff are moving boats around constantly and might need to move your car to get to a boat.

2. Parking lot on Pineland - this is another open lot for Sunnyside guests. Coming from Tahoe City go past Sunnyside and turn right onto "Pineland" and the lot is on the right hand side

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BASE SEASON

May 1st - June 13th, Sept 3th - Oct 31st (Mon-Sun)
June 14th - Sept 2nd (Mon-Thurs excluding holidays)

BASE SEASON: BOATS Without gas fee	2hr	4hr	6hr	8hr
22' Cobalt	$515	$815	$1,145	$1,315
24' Cobalt	$565	$895	$1,255	$1,445
27' Cobalt	$635	$1,005	$1,415	$1,625
24' Pontoon	$565	$895	$1,255	$1,445
25' Pontoon	$615	$955	$1,335	$1,515
27' Pontoon	$635	$1,005	$1,415	$1,625
Axis	$615	$1,125	$1,505	$1,915

BASE SEASON: Jet Skis, Kayaks & SUP's	1hr	2hr	4hr	8hr
Jet Ski	$179	$349	$579	
Single Kayak	$30	$55	$75	$115
Double Kayak	$45	$80	$105	$145
SUP	$30	$55	$75	$115

PEAK SEASON

June 14th - Sept 2nd (Fri-Sun Only, includes holidays;
July 4th (6/28-7/8) and Labor Day (8/30-9/2)

PEAK SEASON: BOATS Without gas fee	4hr	6hr	8hr
22' Cobalt	$905	$1,265	$1,455
24' Cobalt	$985	$1,385	$1,595
27' Cobalt	$1,105	$1,565	$1,795
24' Pontoon	$985	$1,385	$1,595
25' Pontoon	$1,075	$1,505	$1,745
27' Pontoon	$1,105	$1,565	$1,795
Axis	$1,245	$1,635	$2,015

PEAK SEASON: Jet Skis, Kayaks & SUP's	1hr	2hr	4hr	8hr
Jet Ski	$189	$359	$589	
Single Kayak	$30	$55	$75	$115
Double Kayak	$45	$80	$105	$145
SUP	$30	$55	$75	$115

Available Add Ons	Tube	Water Skis	Wakeboard	Cooler	7lb Ice Bag
PRICE	$60	$50	$50	$20	$6.99

FAQ

Is gas included in my rental?

Gas is at a set fee depending on your rental length.

2hr - $20 gas fee | **4hr** - $40 gas fee | **6hr** - $60 gas fee | **8hr** - $80 gas fee

What time and where do I check-in on the day of my rental?

We ask that you arrive about 20min prior to your rental time with your whole group present.
You will check in at our rental tent down by the water. If you are looking at Sunnyside Restaurant from the street we are located on the right hand side (walk all the way down to the dock)

How old do I need to be to rent a boat or jet ski?

Boats: You must be 25 or older to rent a boat and drive without a driver.
You must be 21 or older to rent a boat with a driver
Jet Skis: You must be 18 or older to rent and drive a jet ski.
(Passengers must be at least 5 years old to ride).

Can we bring our own coolers with food/drink?

Yes, you are more than welcome to bring your own coolers, drinks, food, etc.
We just ask that you keep all your trash and dispose of it once you return to the marina, not in the boat or lake. Let's Keep Tahoe Blue!

Can we stop at a lakeside restaurant for lunch?

Yes, but Sunnyside requires our renters to use the lakefront tender services.
NO tying off on piers or other boats.

Can we anchor or beach our rental boat?

There are anchors on the boat for safety purposes only.
Renters are not permitted to use the anchors unless for emergencies.
Our boats and jet skis can not be beached. Beaching our boats/jet skis will cause an extensive amount of damage that you will be liable for.

Do all of the boats have bimini coverings?

Yes, all of our rental boats have bimini's (shade coverings)

What is the cancellation policy for Sunnyside Watersports?

Sunnyside takes a 50% deposit (payment) at the time of booking.
Cancellations can be made up to 3 days (72 hours) prior to your reservation for a full refund.
If cancellations are made within the 72hr period, the 50% deposit will be forfeited*.
Cancellations can be made by emailing
reservations@marinasunnyside.com or by calling 530-583-7201

*Exceptions: Weather conditions can be very unpredictable in Tahoe. Full refunds or rebookings (dependent on availability) will be given if we decide it is not safe to be on the water.

Map of Lake Tahoe

We rented a Cobalt 27 for 4 hours and had a very good experience. The team at Sunnyside was very friendly and helpful from the reservation to the check-out and check-in. The boat was in great shape and well equipped. Getting out on Lake Tahoe is always a fun experience. The Cobalt 27 is a perfect Tahoe boat: fast to get places, good swimming decks, comfortable seating and deep V hull for when it gets choppy. We had 12 people, which fills it up but is still comfortable.

- Tiffanie Borders, San Francisco CA