

Squaw Valley Hiking Map



Free Guided Hikes (with purchase of aerial tram ticket)

Fri., Sat. & Sun., June 22 - Sept. 9 | Sat. & Sun., Sept. 15 - 23

Hikes on the 1.5 mile interpretive trail depart from the lawn just outside of High Camp at 12:30pm & 2:30pm, weather and conditions permitting. Hikes will be based on group ability and size. Some trails are accessible with "sport" type strollers. Sturdy shoes, water, sunscreen and a camera are highly recommended. Groups of ten or more please call in advance for space availability. 530-452-7273

Easy to Moderate Hikes

High Camp Loop (approximately 1 mile*). **A** - This gentle trail begins at High Camp, then traverses the ridge to the top of Shirley Lake Express. While enjoying beautiful views of Lake Tahoe and the seasonal wildflowers, hikers loop down through the upper mountain's spacious open bowls back to High Camp. During the winter this area serves as Squaw Valley's beginner ski and snowboard slopes.

High Camp to the top of the Gold Coast Chairlift (approximately 2 miles*). **A C F** - Follow **A** just past Shirley Lake Express. Then follow **C** up and to your right. From this trail you'll arrive at the **F** junction.

Follow **F** until you reach the top of the Gold Coast Chair. Return to High Camp on the same trails. This trail offers more expansive views of Lake Tahoe, the surrounding mountains and the meadows below.

Moderate to Difficult Hikes

High Camp Loop to the Siberia Basin (approximately 3 miles*, 460' elevation change). **A C F D C** - Follow **A** from High Camp to **C** until you reach **F**. Follow **F** until you are just beyond the Gold Coast chairlift. Turn downhill onto **D** and continue until you've reached **C**. Enjoy your way back to High Camp by way of **C C2** or **G3** and continue back on **A** to High Camp. These trails offer views of Lake Tahoe and have many creeks along which you'll discover a great diversity of seasonal wildflowers.

High Camp to the top of Emigrant Peak (approximately 3 miles*, 500' elevation change). **A C F E** - Follow **A** to **C** to **F** then proceed a short distance and continue your hike on **E** to the right and continue on to the peak. This trail offers a stunning 360° view including Lake Tahoe and the surrounding mountains. The historic Watson Monument is located on the saddle of Emigrant Peak.

High Camp to the top of Squaw Peak (approximately 4.4 miles*, 600' elevation gain). **A C F** - Follow **A** to **C** to **F**. At the saddle you can hike straight up the ridge or follow the switch back route behind it for a more mellow ascent. The breathtaking 360° views from this peak include Lake Tahoe, Granite Chief Wilderness, surrounding mountains and Squaw Valley below.

High Camp to Shirley Lake (approximately 3 miles*, 650' elevation change). **A B G2** - Conditions permitting **G** and **G3** are available for descent or return. If too much snow is present on G and G3, follow **A** to **B** (this is a relatively steep section with loose pebbles and rocks) proceed to **G2** and continue to Shirley Lake. This beautiful mountain lake is an ideal spot for lunch, swimming and catch & release fishing.

Shirley Lake down Shirley Canyon (approximately 2.5 miles one way, 1,250' elevation change). From this point on follow the National Forest Service trail (marked in blue). There are some steep sections to negotiate and the trail may be difficult to follow in some areas. Keep the creek on your left and follow to the base of the canyon. This mountain canyon hike meanders along stunning waterfalls and spectacular granite boulders.

*Round-trip mileage.