



Truckee River Recreation Map



A guide for river activities along the Truckee



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"Leave No Trace" – Outdoor Ethics

Keep these seven "Leave No Trace" principles in mind when you are paddling, tubing, fishing, hiking, or biking and reduce your impact on the Truckee River.

- Plan ahead and prepare.** Unnecessary impact can be avoided by carefully preparing for your trip. Know the area and what to expect: popularity, potential weather and river conditions, and regulations.
- Travel and recreate on durable surfaces.** Use established sites and parks where available as indicated on the map. Avoid making new trails.
- Dispose of waste properly.** Pick up and pack out all of your litter. Trash and litter have no place on river corridors. Set a good example-pick up litter left by others.
- Leave what you find.** Allow others a sense of discovery by leaving rocks, plants, archaeological artifacts and other objects of interest as you find them.
- Minimize campfire impacts.** Use established fire rings or barbeque grills provided in the parks.
- Respect wildlife.** Respect wildlife's need for plenty of space and undisturbed habitat for breeding, raising young, and feeding.
- Be considerate of other visitors.** Being considerate of others and practicing good river etiquette will ensure that everyone enjoys their river recreation.

* Leave No Trace Inc. is a non-profit organization working with the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Park Service to educate the public in the ways of low impact recreation.



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Truckee Meadows Water Authority is a not-for-profit, community-owned water utility, overseen by elected officials and citizen appointees from Reno, Sparks and Washoe County.

The Truckee River is a wonderful and beautiful place to recreate, whether you are whitewater rafting, kayaking, inner tubing, swimming, fishing, or wading. Like any outdoor activity, these activities involve risk when you are in and around the river and you are responsible for your own safety. This map is only a guide and in no way a substitute for experience, skill, judgment and common sense. Hands-on education from qualified instructors, clubs, experienced boaters, and commercial companies is always the best way to ensure your adventure will be safe and memorable.

The Truckee River provides most of the drinking and irrigation water for the Reno-Sparks community. The river can be fun and it should always be respected for its potential hazards and safety issues. Please be responsible when using the river. Employ sanitary practices and be sensitive to the river's fragile ecosystem. Please, Leave No Trace. Here are some guidelines to follow when recreating in and around the Truckee River:

- Always wear a lifejacket.
- Always wear shoes that won't come off your feet in the river and have a good foothold.
- Helmets are mandatory for kayaking and Class IV-V rapids.
- Carry first aid kits and know how to perform CPR.
- Have appropriate equipment (throw bags, extra paddles, repair kit, pump, river knife).
- Carry plenty of water to avoid dehydration.
- Beware of changing flows.
- Never run or get into a river that is at or near flood stage.
- Weather and temperature are always a factor. The cold water can cause hypothermia, which can be deadly.
- Stay clear of bushes and trees in or across the river. These can trap you.
- Scout or portage all man-made dams. They can be extremely dangerous because of severe drops, deadly reversals, protruding bars and foot entrapments.
- Know how to recognize and avoid river hazards such as dams, weirs, reversals, holes, snags, wrap rocks, and undercutts.
- Know the carrying capacity of your raft. Don't overload it.
- Know how to float in whitewater: On your back, feet first, and do not try to stand up until water is less than knee deep.
- Never swim, fish, or boat alone and always tell someone where you are going.
- Alcohol and river recreating don't mix.

Scale of River Difficulty

Class I: Easy. Rapids are merely ripples – small waves and no obstacles.

Class II: Novice. Rapids have bigger boulders and no major obstructions in the channel.

Class III: Intermediate. Rapids are longer and rougher than Class II, and they have considerably bigger hydraulics (waves, holes, and currents). Route finding is sometimes necessary through Class III rapids and generally requires no more than a few maneuvers. Advanced and expert boaters can usually "read and run" them, but less experienced river runners should scout from shore. In addition, Class III rapids may seem easy to passengers who have been guided by experts, but intermediate and even advanced boaters sometimes run into trouble in them.

Class IV: Advanced. Rapids are generally steeper, longer and more heavily obstructed than Class III rapids. They are often "technical" runs requiring a number of turns and lateral moves. Preliminary scouting of all Class IV rapids is definitely recommended.

Special to the Truckee River
The Truckee River is unique in that it has numerous man-made structures. All these structures should be handled with extreme caution. Scouting and portaging of these areas is strongly recommended.

Truckee Meadows Water Authority continues its policy of community service to the Truckee Meadows and the surrounding areas. Visit our website at www.tmh2o.com.

A guide of features and their locations along the Truckee River

MILE	FEATURES	DESCRIPTION
14.15	Access L	Class III from mile 14.1 to 20.1
15.41	Donner Creek inflow left bank	
16.44	Trout Creek inflow left bank	
17.82	Power line crossing	
18.02	Truckee Falls Rapid (III-III+)	
19.67	Morris Creek inflow right bank	
20.14	Access R	Class III+ from mile 20.1 to 24.6
21.57	Union Valley Creek inflow right bank	
22.35	Bridge at I-80	
23.07	Prosser Creek inflow left bank	
23.92	Bridge at I-80	
24.00	Little Truckee River inflow left bank	
24.67	Access L	Class II (one IV) from mile 24.6 to mile 31.8
25.37	Tel	
26.40	Hirschdale Bridge	
26.87	Juniper Creek inflow right bank	
27.17	Juniper Creek inflow right bank	
27.30	Casey Canyon Creek inflow right bank	
29.21	Gray Creek - right bank, Railroad Bridge; Railroad Rapid (II-III)	
30.92	Bronco Creek inflow right bank	
31.20	Bronco and Jaws Rapid (III - IV)	
31.79	Access L	Class II from mile 31.8 to 33.8
31.96	Farad Diversion Dam Site (Temporarily Washed Out)	
32.52	Bridge at I-80	
33.77	Access L	Class III from mile 33.8 to mile 42.0
34.38	USGS Gauging Station - Farad, left bank	
36.17	Railroad Bridge	
37.19	Fleish Diversion Dam - portage left	
37.50	Dead Man's Curve Rapid (III-IV)	
37.60	Son of Dead Man's Curve Rapid (III)	
38.15	California / Nevada State line	
38.26	Steamboat Canal Diversion Dam - portage right	
38.50	Steartcase Rapid (III III+)	
39.57	Fleish Power House - return flow right bank	
39.60	Unnamed Rapid (III III+)	
40.39	Vendi Diversion Dam - portage left	
41.40	Bridge at I-80	
41.97	Access R, Tel, Water, Fishing	
42.42	Bridge at U.S. 40 - Crystal Peak Park	
42.74	Power line crossing	
42.77	Dog Creek inflow left bank	
43.65	Old Steel Bridge - Vendi	
43.77	Power line crossing	
44.07	Vendi Power Plant - return flow right bank	
44.33	Bridge at U.S. 40 - Vendi	
45.32	Washoe / Highland Diversion Dam - portage left	
45.52	Access L	Class III from mile 45.5 to 50.00
46.22	River Bend, Rapid (III)	
47.00	Power House Rapid (II+ III)	
47.37	Washoe Power Plant - return flow left bank	
47.53	Steel Bridge to Washoe Power Plant	
47.54	USGS Gauging Station - Mogul	
48.27	Class II rapids (note dams) below here	
49.52	Last Chance Diversion Dam - stay left	
50.00	White Fir Bridges	
50.39	Access L	
50.57	Access L, Fishing	
50.60	Dorostkar Park	
51.45	Abandoned Diversion Structure - Ambrose Park - right bank	
51.57	Orr Ditch Diversion	
52.00	Chalk Bluff Diversion Dam - portage left	
52.20	McCarran Blvd. Bridge	
52.45	Alum Creek inflow right bank	
52.70	Crisse Caughlin Park - right bank	
53.45	Oxbow Park - left bank	
54.00	Access R, Tel, Water, Fishing, RR	
54.67	Idlewild Park - right bank	
54.81	Booth St. Bridge	
55.37	Keystone Bridge	
55.58	Access R, Tel, Water, RR	
55.70	Virginia St. Bridge	
55.90	Lake St. Bridge	
56.00	Second St. Bridge	
56.20	Kuenzli St. Bridge	
56.78	Wells Ave. Bridge	
57.07	Foot Bridge	
57.40	Kietzke Lane Bridge, USGS Gauging - Reno - left bank	
57.72	Access L, Fishing, RR	
58.22	Fisherman's Park - left bank	
58.61	Glendale Diversion Dam - portage left	
58.95	Pioneer Diversion Dam - portage left	
60.11	Rock Blvd. Bridge	
60.15	USGS Gauging Station - Sparks - left bank	
60.80	McCarran Blvd. Bridge	
62.74	Cottonwood Park	
64.04	Steamboat Creek inflow right bank	
64.37	USGS Gauging Station - Vista left bank	
65.17	Railroad Bridge	
66.22	Lagomarsino - Noce Ditch Diversion left bank	
66.50	Lagomarsino Bridge	
68.02	Long Valley Creek inflow right bank	
68.37	Upper Mustang Ranch Bridge	
69.87	Lower Mustang Ranch Bridge	
71.25	McCarran Ditch Diversion left bank	
71.25	McCarran Ranch Bridge	

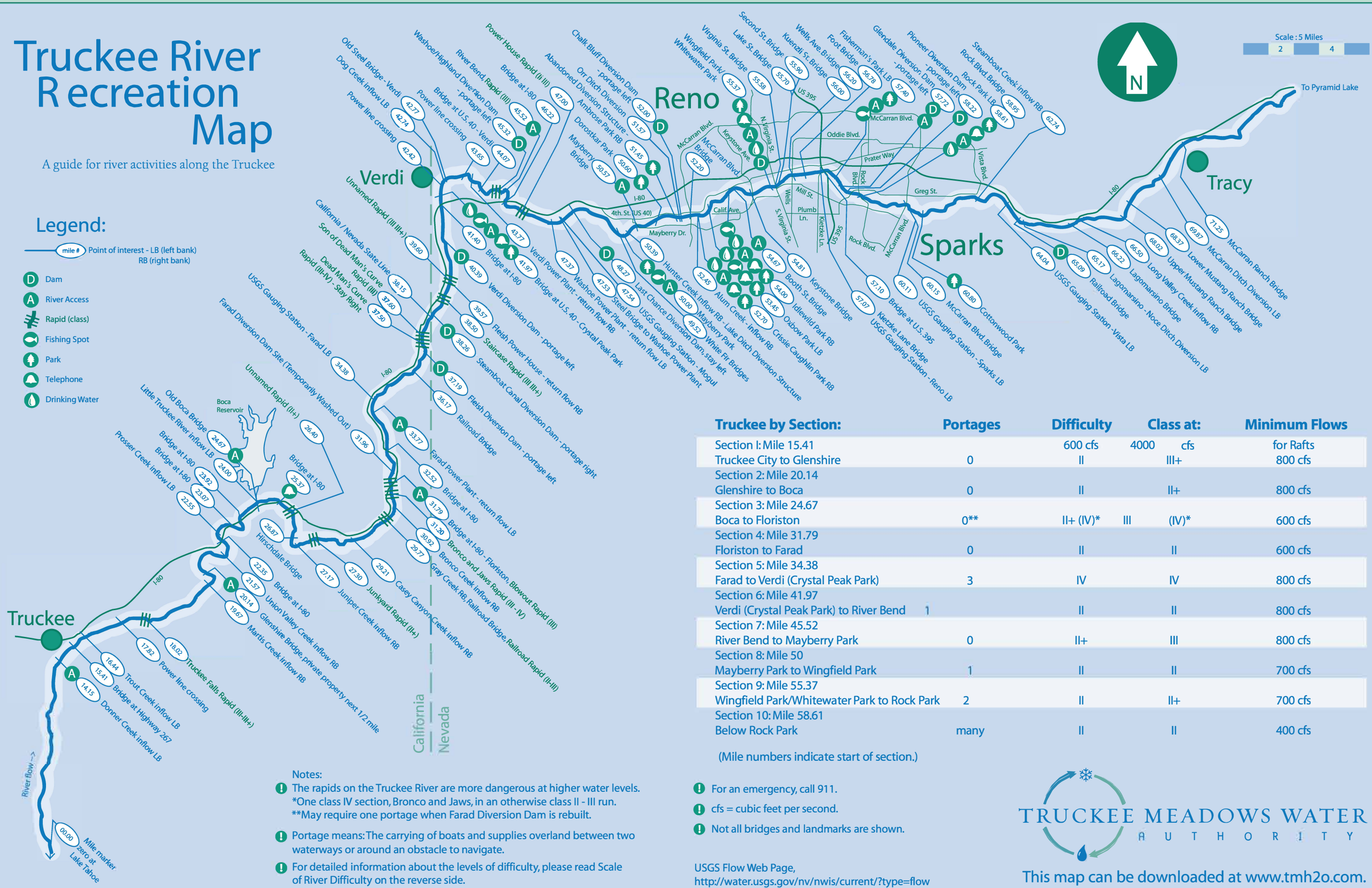
Tel = Telephone RR = Rest Rooms Access R or L = Access to River, right or left

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Legend:

- mile # Point of interest - LB (left bank) RB (right bank)
- Dam
- River Access
- Rapid (class)
- Fishing Spot
- Park
- Telephone
- Drinking Water



Truckee by Section:	Portages	Difficulty	Class at:	Minimum Flows
Section 1: Mile 15.41 Truckee City to Glenshire	0	600 cfs II	4000 cfs III+	for Rafts 800 cfs
Section 2: Mile 20.14 Glenshire to Boca	0	II	II+	800 cfs
Section 3: Mile 24.67 Boca to Floriston	0**	II+ (IV)*	III (IV)*	600 cfs
Section 4: Mile 31.79 Floriston to Farad	0	II	II	600 cfs
Section 5: Mile 34.38 Farad to Verdi (Crystal Peak Park)	3	IV	IV	800 cfs
Section 6: Mile 41.97 Verdi (Crystal Peak Park) to River Bend	1	II	II	800 cfs
Section 7: Mile 45.52 River Bend to Mayberry Park	0	II+	III	800 cfs
Section 8: Mile 50 Mayberry Park to Wingfield Park	1	II	II	700 cfs
Section 9: Mile 55.37 Wingfield Park/Whitewater Park to Rock Park	2	II	II+	700 cfs
Section 10: Mile 58.61 Below Rock Park	many	II	II	400 cfs

(Mile numbers indicate start of section.)

- Notes:
- The rapids on the Truckee River are more dangerous at higher water levels.
*One class IV section, Bronco and Jaws, in an otherwise class II - III run.
**May require one portage when Farad Diversion Dam is rebuilt.
 - Portage means: The carrying of boats and supplies overland between two waterways or around an obstacle to navigate.
 - For detailed information about the levels of difficulty, please read Scale of River Difficulty on the reverse side.

- For an emergency, call 911.
 - cfs = cubic feet per second.
 - Not all bridges and landmarks are shown.
- USGS Flow Web Page,
<http://water.usgs.gov/nv/nwis/current/?type=flow>

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