

Aloha Lake / Echo Lake

South Lake Tahoe

12 August 2025

Signups required: joanrubino@gmail.com

Please indicate if you plan to take the boat ride (details below)

- Difficulty (Rating):** Strenuous
- Hike Distance:** 12.3 miles (out-and-back) or 10.3 miles with optional boat ride
- Elevation:** Start 7,420' highest 9,280' gain 1,860'
- Pace:** Fast.
- Trail Conditions:** Course granite path with rocky outcrops, meadows, and lake views. Trail is quite rocky making it a challenge at times.
- Description:** See two beautiful glacially formed Sierra alpine lakes nestled in granite basins. There is also plenty of sun with little shade around the lakes. We return on the same trail - not a loop.
- After arriving at trailhead we will hike along the length of Echo Lake, and then climb on to Aloha Lake where you'll be surrounded by views of Pyramid Peak and Mt Price. We return using the same trail.
- Wildflowers, shade, views, lakes, ferns, rocks. For the hardy Swimming is possible!
- Lunch at Aloha Lake.
- Optional scenic boat ride back for the last 3 miles, price approx \$20 per person.
- Carpool according to preference on Optional Boat Ride
- Facilities:** Rest stop, porta potty at trailhead
- Drive Time/Miles:** 2hr drive time, 91 miles distance to trailhead
- Donation:** \$15
- Hike Leader/Sweep:** *Leader: Joanie Rubino 916-510-9138 joanrubino@gmail.com*
Sweep: Mike Rubino 916-510-9128
- Meetup/Leave Time:** Meet 6:30 AM / Leave 6:45 AM

Meet at far end of Orchard Creek Parking Lot in front of Fitness center, rows 12-14.

Preparation for Hike:

- Being prepared physically as well as having the right equipment makes for a better experience, not only for you, but for your fellow hikers.
- **If you have any health issues, please consider your condition before hiking at high altitude or at a fast pace.**

What to Bring:

- **PLENTY OF WATER!** Recommend 50 oz. /1.5 liters minimum for 5-mile hike – more if longer. Electrolytes suggested. Higher altitudes are dehydrating even when cool.
- Hiking boots/shoes, hat, sun protection, insect repellent, small first aid kit. Wind/rain jacket always advisable in the mountains. Trekking poles recommended.
- ID (driver's license), health insurance card, and emergency contact / phone number.
- Extra pair of shoes to change into after hike and a plastic bag for muddy/dusty hiking boots to keep your driver's car clean.

Hike Route (Optional):

ALLTRAILS Planned Route

<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/california/lake-aloha-trail?sh=lnpmta>

ALLTRAILS Actual Route with water taxi:

<https://www.alltrails.com/explore/map/aloha-lake-with-boat-taxi-at-end-2ba8698>

Driving Directions: Link to directions: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/z663Xr4a1UgMT9Gy8>

Or navigate to Echo Lake Trailhead, Echo Lake, CA 95721
Trailhead, parking, and road are paved