

Triathlon expected to impact traffic in Tahoe

Expect delays throughout the Lake Tahoe Basin this weekend as competitors in the Lake Tahoe Triathlon take to the road.

There are four events scheduled – a sprint course Aug. 23; and Olympic, half and duathlon courses Aug. 24. All events start from Sugar Pine Point State Park and all will use Highway 89 for the cycling portion. Runners will also be crossing Highway 89 back and forth from the Ron Beaudry Trail in the park but will not be running along the highway.

Highway 89 will not be closed during the events, but CHP officers will be conducting traffic control at several locations along the courses, including several turnaround spots for the cyclists. Those turnaround locations are just north of Sequoia Avenue in Sunnyside (Sunday only), just north of the lakeside entrance to Sugar Pine State Park, just south of 3 Ring Road in Rubicon Bay (Saturday only) and just north of Baldwin Beach Road near Camp Richardson.

Cyclists should be off the highway by 9am Saturday during the sprint triathlon and by 12:30pm Sunday during the half, which features a 56-mile bike ride, the longest of the events, and is the only race where cyclists will ride north of the state park along Highway 89.