

USFS beginning to open Tahoe sites for the season

The U.S. Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit will soon begin opening recreational facilities in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

Weather and snow conditions permitting, Inspiration Point will be the first site to open on April 15. The Taylor Creek Visitor Center opens May 19, and will be staffed weekends only until Memorial Day weekend. The Tallac Historic Site parking area opens May 1, and will be staffed beginning May 27.

The following is a list of opening dates, weather and snow conditions permitting:

Campgrounds

- William Kent, Kaspian, Meeks Bay, Bayview, Fallen Leaf, and Nevada Beach campgrounds open May 12.
- Luther Pass Campground opens May 2.
- Blackwood Canyon and Watson Lake campgrounds open June 1.

Day-use areas

- Inspiration Point – April 15
- Baldwin and Nevada beaches – April 29
- Kiva Picnic Area, Chimney Beach, Secret Harbor, and Big Meadow Trailhead – May 1
- Sandpit Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Area – May 10
- Sawmill Pond and Tallac Point* – May 15

- Eagle Falls restrooms – May 19
- Pope Beach and McKinney Rubicon OHV Area restrooms – May 26

*The water in the marsh at Taylor Creek is much higher than previous years, which has moved the waterfowl nesting habitat closer to the edge of the marsh near Tallac Point. The Tallac Point parking lot will remain closed until May 15, and the public is asked not to allow their dogs in that area. This will give the waterfowl the opportunity to complete their nesting period without disruption. The Kiva Picnic Area parking lot will open on May 1 to accommodate visitors while the Tallac Point parking lot is closed.

Until sites officially open, there is no parking, trash removal or restroom facilities available.