

Festival to celebrate the fish of Lake Tahoe

The Fall Fish Festival will take place at the Taylor Creek Visitor Center on the South Shore on Oct. 7-8.

Hosted by the U.S. Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit in collaboration with the Tahoe Heritage Foundation, the festival is an opportunity to learn about the variety of fish species that live in Lake Tahoe and its streams including the federally threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout.

The festival is from 10am-4pm each day. On Saturday, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's giant inflatable fish will serve as the gateway to fun activity stations for kids. Saturday and Sunday festival mascots Lulu the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout and Sandy and Rocky Salmon will make appearances and there will be special appearances by Smokey Bear.

New this year is an iNaturalist booth and bioblitzes, which are open to anyone and family-friendly. Bring smartphones with the iNaturalist app already downloaded to help catalog the natural wonders of Taylor Creek.

Festival events also include children's activities, food vendors, educational booths, streamside information and Kokanee Trail Runs on Sunday sponsored by the Tahoe Mountain Milers.

The Forest Service encourages attendees to bike, walk or take public transportation to the event.

For more information, go **online**.