TAHOE NUDE BEACH AREA: On the East Shore (Nevada) of Lake Tahoe can be found one of the World's most beautiful open bathing areas. This small section of U. S. Forest Service-administered land lies just south of the Nevada State Parks boundary and offers several coastline miles of private or social clothing-optional recreation. Within the area are several sand beaches and dozens of private spots among the boulders that comprise much of the shoreline. The west-facing view offers a spectacular panorama of the High Sierras across the lake, as well as warm sun all afternoon. The Forest Service has posted several signs (some high up on trees to discourage theft) warning that nude sunbathers may be encountered ahead.

DIRECTIONS: From Spooner Summit (US 50), drive North 4.5 miles on Nevada State Route 28 toward Incline Village. Park as far outside of the white "fog line" as practical. Roadside parking on the lakeside of the highway North of the old shuttle stop is prohibited. On the mountainside, the rock rip rap and asphalt curb has all but eliminated space to park, although "NO PARKING" signs have yet to reappear. Look for one of the four trails that begin with wooden steps and lead traversely in a southerly direction toward the lake. Shan any steep trails or slides (and encourage others to do likewise) as they are detrimental to the fragile environment. For an easier but longer hike, park in the USFS West 30-car lot about 1/2 mile farther North and follow the dirt access road South, turning off at the beach of your choice.

CAUTIONS: It's OK to straddle the low concrete curb lakeside but driving over the asphalt curb is not advised. Leave no valuables or luggage in sight in your vehicle. Other than the port-o-potties and trash cans above Paradise (Secret) Cove or the single port-o-potty above Secret Harbor Creek Beach and the trash can near Whale Beach, there are no improvements. Bring your own refreshments, snacks/lunch and beach needs (it's a long hike back to the car). As a final note: PLEASE clean up after yourself and take all trash back when you leave (and maybe a little extra you may find). This perfect spot could be lost to us sunlovers if it is not cared for. Have a nice day.

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