

ABOUT LAKE TAHOE AND THE TAHOE BASIN

- Maximum depth: 1,645 feet (501 meters), making it one of the deepest lakes in the world and second deepest lake in the United States
- Average depth: 1,000 feet (305 meters)
- Lake surface area: 191 square miles (495 square kilometers)
- Watershed area: 312 square miles (800 square kilometers)
- Length: 22 miles (35 kilometers)
- Width: 12 miles (19 kilometers)
- Length of shoreline: approximately 75 miles (120 kilometers)
- Volume of water: 39 trillion gallons, plus or minus
- The daily evaporation from Lake Tahoe (half a billion gallons) would meet the daily water needs of 5 million Americans
- The number of algal cells in Lake Tahoe is approximately 30 million trillion, within a few trillion or so
- A single *Daphnia* can consume 100,000 fine particles every hour
- It would take a single, pin-head sized *Daphnia* one week to clear a gallon of Tahoe water of all fine particles
- On a bad day there currently are over 60 billion *Mysis* shrimp in Lake Tahoe
- On a good day in the future, there will be less than 15 billion *Mysis* shrimp, allowing the *Daphnia* population to rebound and help restore ecological health
- Number of inflowing streams — 63, the largest being the Upper Truckee River
- Number of large lakes worldwide with annual clarity exceeding Tahoe's: 0
- Number of outflowing streams: one, the Truckee River, which exits at Tahoe City, California, flows through Truckee and Reno, and terminates in Pyramid Lake, Nevada
- Number of monitoring TERC maintains in the Tahoe Basin: 224
- Length of time it would take to refill the lake: about 600 years
- Average elevation of lake surface: 6,225 feet (1,897 meters)
- Highest peak in basin: Freel Peak, 10,891 feet (3,320 meters)
- Latitude: 39 degrees North
- Longitude: 120 degrees West