ABOUT LAKE TAHOE AND THE TAHOE BASIN

• Maximum depth: 1,645 feet (501 meters), making it the 11th deepest lake in the world and 2nd 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: 72 miles (116 kilometers)
• Volume of water: 39 trillion gallons
• Number of inflowing streams: 63, the largest being the Upper Truckee River
• Number of outflowing streams: one, the Truckee River, which leaves the lake at Tahoe City, Calif., flows through Truckee and Reno, and terminates in Pyramid Lake, Nev.
• Average residence time of water in 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
• Age of the lake: about 2 million years
• Permanent population: 66,000 (2000 Census)
• Number of visitors: 3,000,000 annually