

# Topaz Lake

## Description

Topaz lake is an outdoor-lovers paradise with camping, fishing, boating, water skiing and gambling all at the lake. The lake is known for trophy trout (rainbows and browns) which can be caught from January 1 through September 30. Topaz is popular with boaters, jet skiers, personal water crafts and water skiers. Nevada style gambling is located on the west shore which contains slots to blackjack to craps tables. Topaz Lake is fed by the famous West Walker River, well known for great fishing.

Rating ♦♦ Estimated time: 5+ hours

Turn left out of the Rider's Convenience Center. Turn right onto Harvard. Turn left onto Market and make an immediate right onto Louise. Turn right onto Mill Street and follow the signs to the onramp of 395 South. Follow 395 and take the 57B exit (Carson City/Virginia City). Follow 395 through Carson City, Minden, and Gardnerville then on the Topaz Lake.

## Options

- 1) On the way there take Franktown Road, a side road off the 395 in Washoe Valley. It's scenic!
- 2) After visiting the lake, if you have time continue on 395 South to Bridgeport, Lee Vining or even Yosemite

## Return Route

You can return and go back the same way that you came or take the 395 to Highway 89. Take 89 through Monitor Pass and toward Markleeville. Follow 89 to Highway 88. Turn right onto Highway 88 and follow it toward Minden/Carson City. Take the 395 North in Minden and pass through Carson City. Continue on 395 through the Washoe Valley. As you come into Reno get in the right lane just before Mount Rose Highway and get into the right lane. Highway 395 will turn to the right. Follow Highway 395 to Mill Street. Turn right onto Mill Street. Turn left onto Louise and immediate left onto Market. Follow Market around to the Reno Harley-Davidson/Buell dealership and back to the Rider's Convenience Center.

## Places to stop along the way:

- Franktown Road-Bowers Mansion (Park with swimming and picnic areas)
- Walker River B-B-Q (Biker friendly)
- Walker River (fishing stop)
- The Chocolate Factory-candy store off 395 in Washoe Valley



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