



D.L. BLISS STATE PARK

WELCOME! The grandeur and setting of D. L. Bliss State Park (SP) stems from successive upheavals of the mountain-building processes that raised the Sierra Nevada and formed Lake Tahoe. Campers and day-use visitors can enjoy swimming or scuba diving in the lake's crystal-clear water, picnicking and relaxing on its sandy beaches, or hiking or snowshoeing the Rubicon, Lighthouse and Balancing Rock trails. From promontories such as Rubicon Point you can see over 100 feet into the depths of Lake Tahoe. Lester Beach is a popular location to launch your kayak, paddleboard or canoe. The park is named for a pioneering lumberman, railroad owner and banker of the region. His family donated 744 acres to the California State Park System in 1929.



D. L. Bliss State Park
Lester Beach Road
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150



Day-Use Areas:
Sunrise to sunset



Day-Use Parking:
\$10/vehicle/day



**California State Parks
Passes Accepted:** Disabled
Discount, Distinguished Veteran,
Golden Bear, Senior Golden
Bear, Explorer, Golden Poppy,
State Library, Tahoe Regional



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RECREATION

Camping—The park has 165 campsites, each with a table and food locker, plus nearby restrooms and hot showers. Although there are no hookups, some sites will accommodate trailers up to 15 feet or motor homes up to 18 feet.

Water Recreation—There are no motorized vessel launching facilities in the park. Scuba diving is allowed in the underwater preserve. Visitors can swim at Lester and Calawee Cove beaches. Lester Beach has accessible parking.

Rubicon Trail—This 5 mile (one-way) hiking trail follows the scenic lake shore from Calawee Cove at D. L. Bliss SP past Vikingsholm to Upper Eagle Point Campground at Emerald Bay SP. For a shorter option, the Lighthouse Trail at D. L. Bliss SP is 0.9 miles (one-way) and forms a loop with part of the Rubicon Trail. The trail features stunning overlooks and passes the historic lighthouse.

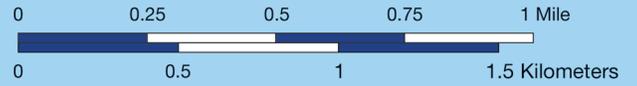
PLEASE REMEMBER

- Jumping and diving into the water from shore, rocks or piers are not permitted.
- Smoking is prohibited on trails due to fire danger. Campfires must be confined to provided fire rings and barbecues. Do not gather wood; camp hosts sell firewood.
- Except for service animals, dogs are allowed only in campgrounds, not on trails or beaches. Pets must be kept on a 6-foot-maximum leash during the day and in an enclosed vehicle or tent at night. Clean up after all pets.

BEAR ENCOUNTERS

- All food and garbage, when not actively being used, must be stored in the bear-resistant facilities provided in the campground or be discarded in a bear-proof dumpster.
- Cars and coolers are not bear-proof. Do not store any scented items in vehicles in campgrounds.
- If you see a bear in the campground, do not run. Be aggressive; assert your dominance by standing tall and making loud noises to scare the bear away.
- In the woods, respect the bear's territory. Pick up small children and appear as big as possible. Stay calm and quiet; back away slowly.

to Tahoe City
(15 miles)



- Major Road
- Paved Road
- Unpaved/Service Road
- Trail: Accessible
- Trail: Hike
- Underwater Park
- Locked Gate
- Accessible Feature
- Campfire Center
- Campground
- Fishing
- Parking
- Picnic Area
- Restrooms
- Scuba Diving Area
- Showers
- Swimming
- Viewpoint
- Visitor Center

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