Lake Tahoe Statistics

AVERAGE ANNUAL SNOWFALL
216 Inches (18 Feet)

AVERAGE ANNUAL RAINFALL
8.3 Inches

SUNSHINE-
300 Days per year

DIMENSIONS
22 mile long
12 miles wide

ELEVATION AT LAKE LEVEL
6,229 Feet

TOTAL SURFACE AREA
191 Square Miles

WHY IS LAKE TAHOE BLUE?
All the colors of the sky and landscape are reflected in Lake Tahoe—the bottom of the Lake adds shades to the blue, sand reflects as light blue, rock and drop canyons reflect as virtually black.

JANUARY AVERAGE AIR TEMPERATURE
High 36°—Low 16°

TAHOE STEAMER
Sank off
Glenbrook Bay in 1940

WHERE DOES LAKE TAHOE FLOW?
Lake Tahoe's water does not eventually flow into the ocean. The Truckee River, it's only outlet, flows east through Reno and drains into Pyramid Lake in Nevada.

JULY AVERAGE AIR TEMPERATURE
High 79°—Low 43°

WHY DOESN'T LAKE TAHOE EVER FREEZE?
The Lake's great depth and volume of water always in motion keep it from freezing. Some ice forms n Emerald Bay at times, as well as in protected inland areas.

RECORD FISH
37 lbs., 6 oz. mackinaw
Caught June 24, 1974 off
South Shore by Robert Aronsen

DEEPEST SHORELINE ON LAKE
Rubicon Point—The lake drops 1,400 feet straight down