



Tenaya Lake Area Plan



What is the Tenaya Lake Area Plan?

Tenaya Lake is a magnificent High Sierra lake surrounded by granite domes, lodgepole forests, and Yosemite's vast wilderness. It is the largest natural lake in Yosemite. Because of its remarkable scenic qualities, its inviting blue water, and its proximity to Tioga Road, Tenaya Lake is one of the most popular destinations for summer visitors in Yosemite. Problems associated with visitor use, visitor safety, and resource impacts have been occurring for decades.

The Tenaya Lake Plan will provide for a formal, public analysis of these long-standing issues and will provide a plan to remedy these issues. Actions considered in this plan include extensive ecological restoration at lake banks, wetlands, and road shoulders. Additional actions include improving picnic areas, trails, and parking—which will better protect resources, while providing appropriate high-country visitor experiences. An environmental assessment will be completed as part of this plan.

Why is the project needed at this time?

Planning is underway for the Tuolumne Wild and Scenic River and the Tuolumne Meadows area. Separated by only a few short miles, Tenaya Lake and Tuolumne Meadows have similar visitor use, resource impacts, and traffic problems. By working on the Tenaya Lake area plan concurrently with the Tuolumne Meadows plan, we can benefit from data that has already been acquired for Tuolumne Meadows.

Planning and Project Goals

PROTECT NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

- Restore impacted areas.
- Protect water quality of Tenaya Lake.
- Better delineate visitor use areas to protect plant communities and cultural resources.
- Provide well-sited bear-proof food storage lockers and appropriate garbage/recycling facilities.

IMPROVE VISITOR ENJOYMENT AND INCREASE SAFETY

- Provide appropriate high-country day-use areas that retain the existing rustic and natural character that is so highly valued by the public.
- Provide safe, appropriate parking for visitor amenity areas.
- Clarify to visitors where different amenities are located to decrease confusion.
- Decrease traffic congestion along Tioga Road.
- Provide accessibility to day use areas for visitors with disabilities.

PRESCRIBE APPROPRIATE USER CAPACITY

- Address appropriate parking needs for cars, motorcycles, RVs, tour buses and shuttle buses.
- Address needs for accessible parking.

Public Participation

The *Tenaya Lake Area Plan Environmental Assessment* will be available for a 30-day public review period during Fall 2010.

Here are some ways to continue to stay involved in this project:

- **To obtain a copy of the plan** visit the plan website at www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/tenaya to download the plan or email yose_planning@nps.gov to request a CD or printed copy of the plan.
- **Provide a comment.** Your comments are essential to ensure that all potential impacts of this plan are fully considered. The best way to comment on the Tenaya Lake Area Plan is through the PEPC website at parkplanning.nps.gov. Comments will still be accepted via mail. Send regular mail to:
Superintendent, Yosemite National Park
Attn: Tenaya Lake Area Plan
PO Box 577
Yosemite, CA 95389
- **Attend a National Park Service public open house.** The monthly open house is held on the last Wednesday of the month from 1pm to 4pm in the Auditorium in Yosemite Valley. Park admission is waived for attendees.
 - The public open house on **Wednesday, October 27, 2010**, will feature a presentation on the Tenaya Lake Area Plan that will begin at 2:30 pm.
- **Add your name to the park's planning emailing list** and receive the park's periodic electronic newsletter, which contains planning-related notices.
- **Visit online:** www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/planning.htm to find out about plans and projects.

Public participation is essential for the success of this and all other park projects.