

## Title:

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## Article Body:

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Development of Lake Tahoe actually began only in the 1950s. Roads going towards the basin began to be plowed every year, thereby making way for a permanent residence. And in the Winter Olympics of 1960 at Squaw Valley, Lake Tahoe was finally put on the map as a famous skiing center of the United States.

Tahoe basin is surrounded by the Sierra crest on the west side and the Carson Range on the east. Also, there is a prominent volcano to the north of the lake. Before its discovery, the Lake Tahoe Basin was a summer congregation area for three bands of Washoe Indians. For this tribe, Lake Tahoe always held a

spiritual meaning, and was also a place where sacred ceremonies were held.

With time, the attractions at Lake Tahoe have shifted from the traditional tranquility of Sierra to casinos, skiing and hotels. However, Lake Tahoe still continues to offer visitors a taste of historic eras and the eternal beauty of the lake itself.