

TAHOE DONNER HIKING CLUB HIKE COMPARISON MATRIX

Description	GREEN	BLUE	BLACK
Hike Day	Monday + occasional weekend	Wednesday + occasional weekend	Thursday
Drive to Trailhead	At leader's discretion - generally under 1 hour	At leader's discretion - generally under 40 minutes	At leader's discretion
Hike Distance	Typically 5-8 miles with shorter options for hikes > 6 miles	Typically 7-10 miles	Typically 10 miles or more
Hike Style	Frequent stops to regroup	Periodic stops to regroup	At hike leader's discretion
Recommended Pace	1.5-2 miles per hour on flat trails	2.0-2.5 miles per hour on flat trails	2.5+ miles per hour on flat trails
Food Breaks	Typically includes a lunch stop	Typically includes a short snack stop	Typically includes a morning snack break and a lunch stop.
Trail Conditions	Established trails	Typically on a trail, but may be narrow and rough underfoot at times	Typically on a trail, but sometimes includes off trail and/or scrambling
Leader	Waits at all decision points and at end of hike	Waits at all decision points and at end of hike	Marks turns with blue tape and/or waits for next hiker who waits, etc.
Leader's Speed	Hikes at group's pace	Waits for slower hikers	Monitors group speed through conversation with sweep via radio
Sweep	Designated sweep + companion	Designated sweep + companion	Volunteer sweep at start
Sweep Duties	Stays behind the last hiker	Stays behind the last hiker	Can change during the hike – person at back of group always carries the radio
Group Size	Goal is 20 or less; can be broken into smaller groups on the trail	To be reviewed if the group size becomes a problem	To be reviewed if the group size becomes a problem
Timing	Typically ends early afternoon	Typically ends around 1:00pm	Plan for an all-day adventure
Dogs	In accordance with club and local rules and at leader's discretion	In accordance with club and local rules and at leader's discretion	In accordance with club and local rules and at leader's discretion