

CCHC Outings Trip  
Minden/Gardnerville, NV  
SAVE the DATE  
October 4-8, 2026  
Sign-ups: June TBA

Discover the hidden secrets where the Nevada high desert meets the California High Sierras. We will hike the Fay Luther trail in the high desert, Tahoe Rim Trail, Winnemucca Lake from Carson Pass via the Pacific Crest trail and visit the River Fork Ranch Nature Conservancy where the area's rich ranch history meets nature conservancy.

For a truly local experience, optional group dinner at JTs Basque restaurant. TBA

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Drive Hwy 50 to the Holiday Inn (1659 Hwy 878, Minden, NV). There are many places to explore along the way: Placerville, ("Hangtown"), Coloma (start of the Gold Rush), Apple Hill (<https://www.applehillca.com>), hiking at Pyramid Creek Trailhead, El Dorado National Forest, and Big Meadow, Tahoe Rim Trail just before Luther Pass.

Monday, October 5, 2026

AM: River Fork Ranch Nature Conservancy, West Fork trail. Guided walk to Whit Hall Interpretive Center. Level walk along the Carson River, rich with ranch history and protected habitat. 4.1 miles, 13 feet.



River Fork Ranch Conservancy, West Fork Trail



Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest,  
Fay Luther trail/Jobs Peak

PM: Fay Luther trail. High Desert. Walk through several different eco systems (scrub desert, forest, riparian creeks) at the foot of Jobs peak. 4.5 miles. Elevation 700 feet

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Everybody drives 29 miles to the Carson Pass, visitor center, Winnemucca Lake.

Group A: Carson Pass to Winnemucca Lake. Moderate group, five miles, out and back, 500 feet elevation, lunch at the lake and return

Group B: Harder group. 7 miles, 1400 feet elevation. After stopping at Carson Pass, drive to Woods Lake trailhead to Winnemucca Lake. Lunch at the lake and return. Loop or shuttle.

Winnemucca Lake



Wednesday, October 7

Tahoe Rim trail

Group A: Out and back on the rim trail with optional Castle Rock loop. 5+ miles, 570 feet elevation.

Group B: Dagget Loop and Castle Rock. 7.3 miles and 1500 feet elevation.

Gorgeous views of Lake Tahoe on both hikes.

Group dinner at the Pink House in Genoa.

Tahoe Rim Trail



Other activities available in the area: historic Dangberg Ranch, Stewart Indian School (preserved boarding school), Douglas County Museum in Minden and Genoa, Minden Mills Distillery, tours by reservation. Markleeville, an old NV town has two great restaurants (Cutthroat for lunch and Stonefly for dinner). It is near Grover Hot springs (reservation) and Leviathan Peak which has a fire tower a short walk from a parking lot and views for miles. Nearby Carson City is the low-key state capitol which has tours, Nevada State Museum, Bank Saloon (pause for cocktails between demonstrations at the capitol.) Reno is not far away (one hour) and has an excellent art museum (Nevada Museum of Art).

Thursday, October 8

Drive home, option to go via Hwy 88

Scouting team: Ed Osada, Lynne Vogensen, Helen Johe and Jan Lecklikner