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# The Great Tahoe Flume Race

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*A mountain bike race to remember*

### **The Flume Trail**

The Flume Trail, with spectacular views of Lake Tahoe, follows the route of an old flume and tunnel system dating back to 1877 that carried water from Marlette Lake to Virginia City. The trail was cleared for riding by Max Jones in 1983 to complete the first loop ride in the park. Max is a former veteran National Champion and member of the Mountain Bike Hall of Fame. Max founded and ran the Great Flume Race from 1984-1996. He operates **Flume Trail Bikes** at Spooner Lake which not only handles much of the trail work on the Flume Trail, but offers a fleet of high end rental bikes, an hourly shuttle service, and overnight backcountry cabin rentals.

### **Bike Patrol** - [www.tahoebikepatrol.org](http://www.tahoebikepatrol.org)

The Bike Patrol in the Lake Tahoe-Nevada State Park is in its 10th year of service. In that time, it has helped countless users of the backcountry with directions, mechanical help, and medical assistance. The organization is one of the largest chapters of IMBA's National Mountain Bike Patrol. All proceeds from this event will go to the Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park Backcountry Patrol, Inc., a non-profit organization to fund patrol equipment, medical supplies, and first aid training for patrollers.

### **Course Description**

Starting near Spooner Lake at an elevation of 7000', the course starts up a 4 mile, 1100' climb to the top of North Canyon. A short descent takes the riders around Marlette Lake and onto the Marlette Flume Trail. Along the Flume Trail there is a mandatory dismount at the rockslide. Once off the Flume Trail, a short but steep climb takes riders over Tunnel Creek Road where a sandy downhill drops riders onto the Red House Flume. Passing the historic Red House, riders begin the brutal climb up Sunflower Hill. Halfway up the climb, they will divert to the freshly built upper section of the Marlette-Hobart link trail and climb that singletrack up to the Tahoe Rim Trail near the Marlette Campground. They will then descend the TRT to Hobart Road and continue down to Marlette Lake where the final climb takes them to the finish line at the top (saddle) of North Canyon Road. The course is **19 miles (23 miles total) with 3200' of climbing**. After the finish line, there is a 4 mile downhill ride back to the start. *It is important that riders control their speed and yield to other trail users through this section.*

### **Sierra Cup Regional Championship Series**

This event is the sixth race of the Sierra Cup Regional Championship Series for Northern California and Nevada. To be eligible for the Regional Championship series, you must hold a 2011 USA Cycling Mountain Bike Racing License. Full series rules are posted on the Reno Wheelmen website.

### **Registration**

Race is limited to 200 racers. Online Registration on [www.BikeReg.com](http://www.BikeReg.com) will open on August 1st and close on Wednesday, September 7 at 8pm PDT or when filled.

Online Pre-Registration is **\$35** (\$20 for Women and Juniors). \$10 late fee for Day-Of registration, if space is available. Race is held under USA Cycling permit and insurance. A 2011 USA Cycling Mountain Bike Racing License is required or a one-day racing license may be purchased for \$5 (except for Pro Category). Race Day Registration/check-in opens at **7:30am** and closes at **9:15am**.

Registration fees include a memorable race on beautiful high Sierra trails, a huge product raffle, BBQ lunch and beer, and hopefully live music.

### **Race Times**

Race starts at **9:30am** in one minute waves  
BBQ lunch served from 11am-1:30 pm  
Awards Ceremony around 1:30pm  
Product Raffle around 1:45 pm

### **Prizes**

\$300 cash purse to top 3 fastest Male and Female racers regardless of category. Medals to top 3 in each category. Custom plaques for the fastest male + female racers.

### **Parking**

There is limited parking, please try to carpool. Parking is available at the race site inside the State Park for a fee. Overflow parking is available across Hwy 28 approximately ¼ mile south of the park entrance. Please obey traffic laws and ride single file when riding on Hwy 28.

### **Questions**

Please refer to [www.renowheelmen.org](http://www.renowheelmen.org) or [www.BikeReg.com](http://www.BikeReg.com) for additional information and if you still have a question, e-mail Kevin at [mtb11@renowheelmen.org](mailto:mtb11@renowheelmen.org)