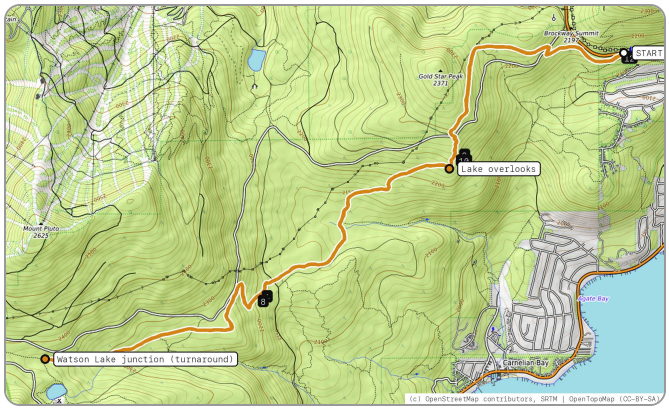
RIDE 94 · NORTH AND EAST SHORE, LAKE TAHOE · ADVANCED ·

Dear Watson

The Tahoe Rim Trail west from Brockway Summit: a stiff climb to big lake views, then rolling ridge singletrack to Watson Lake and back.

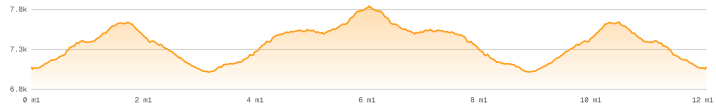
Heads up: Recent rain (0.44 in in 48 hrs). If your tires leave ruts, turn around and save it for another day. Cold (high 45°F). Layers and full-finger gloves.

⚠ **Not yet ridden by us.** This line was routed from OpenStreetMap trail data and hasn't been ridden end to end yet. Trail access and direction can change: check posted signs and the land manager before you ride.



12.3	2,260	7,792
MILES	FT CLIMB	FT HIGH POINT
2:00	**Low**	
EST. MOVING	CHUNK (0%)	

singletrack 100% · dirt road 0% · pavement 0%



Get the GPS file

Scan with a friend's phone, or tap below. Then open it in your ride app.

`https://bsqrd-designs.com/dirt/dear-watson/`

GETTING THERE

Park at Tahoe Rim Trail, Brockway Summit Trailhead

CA-267 about 0.5 mi below Brockway Summit, 3 mi above Kings Beach, CA 96143

- Paved roadside spaces along Highway 267, free. They fill by 9 or 10 a.m. in summer. Cross the highway with great care.
- Start and finish are the same spot. Follow the cue sheet and the arrows on the map.

CUE SHEET

0.0	Tahoe Rim Trail SINGLETRACK via Lake overlooks · Watson Lake junction (turnaround)	12.3 mi
12.3	Back at Tahoe Rim Trail, Brockway Summit Trailhead	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Big day: about 12 miles out and back on the Rim Trail with roughly 2,250 ft of climbing, most of it on the way out. Bring plenty of water.
- The Rim Trail between Brockway Summit and Tahoe City is open to mountain bikes every day. Do not ride east of the highway past the bike limit toward Mount Rose; that section runs into the Mount Rose Wilderness, which is closed to bikes.
- E-bikes are not allowed on the Tahoe Rim Trail here.
- The Rim Trail crosses Mount Watson Boulevard and several forest roads; stay on the signed Rim Trail.
- Shared with hikers and horses. Busy on summer weekends.

RIDE SMART

- **Water:** plan on about 1.5 L for this ride. There's none on the trail.
- **Signal is spotty.** Tell someone your route and your time back.
- **Emergency:** call 911 and say "Dear Watson ride, parked at Tahoe Rim Trail, Brockway Summit Trailhead, North and East Shore, Lake Tahoe", plus the coordinates from Locate me.
- **Wildlife:** give horses, burros and anything with horns room, and never feed them.
- **Stay on trail.** Desert crust and mountain soil take decades to heal.