

BURTON CREEK STATE PARK GENERAL PLAN INFORMATION

1978 CA State Parks acquired the property for the purpose of resource protection and outdoor recreation opportunities.

Park Declaration of Purpose:

“The purpose of Burton Creek State Park is to provide the opportunity for high quality active and passive forms of recreation in an area featuring splendid views of the Lake Tahoe Basin, the Carson Range and the Sierra Nevada Crest. Local, regional and statewide visitors will recreate in conifer forests bisected by cool, clear perennial streams that support a hosts of plants and animals.”

“California State Parks will preserve, protect, restore, interpret and manage the unit’s natural, cultural, aesthetic and scenic resources, features and values making them available to the public for their educational, inspirational and recreational benefits.”

Park Vision:

The park is a healthy mixed conifer forest, typified by park-like stands dominated by large over story pine and fir trees. Little dead and down wood exists, limiting the potential for catastrophic wildfire. The conifer forest bisected by cool, clear perennial streams devoid of water diversions. The creeks and surrounding riparian areas support a host of aquatic dependent and terrestrial species. The parks juxtaposition between the lake and upland areas in the basin makes it a critical habitat corridor for the flow of plants and animals from lake to highlands.

The park is a great recreation experience for Lake Tahoe residents and visitors providing excellent interpretive displays and developed recreation facilities. The developed recreation facilities provide the desired balance between recreation and featured resources blending well with surrounding communities and existing uses.

Visitors are attracted in all seasons to the exceptional recreational experiences, aesthetic qualities, and the support facilities provided by the park and in nearby communities.

The property was heavily logged between the 1800s through 1950s. Meadows were heavily grazed.

Approximately 2000 acres

1999 started the General Planning Process

Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared

November 2005 General Plan Approved

CA Tahoe Conservancy (CTC) Dollar Property (900 acres) included in General Plan for CTC indicated they would transfer the Dollar Property to CA State Parks when the General Plan was completed.

Development proposed in the General Plan include:

- Day Use Facilities
- Four trailhead parking areas
- Roads
- Trails
- Administrative Buildings
- Campground

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- 25-200 sites plus a group camp
- Traffic impacts on Hwy 28 to be considered
- Access road from near Tamarack Lodge

Park wide goals include:

Natural Resources

- Provide special protection for listed species and exceptional natural resources
- Reduce fire hazard and develop old growth stands
- Protect native wildlife
- Preserve, rehabilitate and establish effective habitat linkages to maintain biological diversity.
- Establish and preserve buffers around existing significant park resources
- Rehabilitate watershed functions reducing soil erosion
- Identify the beneficial uses and the surface water quality objectives

Cultural Resources

- Protect, stabilize, preserve and interpret cultural resources

Recreation

- Provide multi-recreational opportunities

Interpretive Resources

- Interpret resources, resource protection and restoration efforts. Make a connection between the quality of the environment and the quality of the recreational experience.

Future Plans Include:

- Roads and Trail Plan
- Forest Management Plan
- Interpretive Plan
- Cultural Resource Management Plan

Preserves:

Two preserves exist on the property: Burton Creek and Antone Meadows

9 CA State Park units in the Tahoe Basin

Kings Beach State Recreation Area

Burton Creek State Park

Tahoe State Recreation Area

Ward Unit

Ed Z'berg Sugar Pine Point State Park

D.L. Bliss State Park

Emerald Bay State Park

Washoe Meadows State Park

Lake Valley State Recreation Area