

## SPRING & FALL

In between busy seasons, the tranquility of the Sierra Nevada is at its peak. Escape into this solitude, and discover warm weather for spring skiing and crisp air for invigorating fall hikes. You can enjoy the outdoors throughout the year at Clair Tappaan Lodge.



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**Clair Tappaan Lodge is for kids, families, couples, singles, and groups. The rates are all-inclusive, making any length of stay a very good buy.**



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## DIRECTIONS

Clair Tappaan is located at 7,000 feet, a 45-minute drive west of Reno and a 90-minute drive east of Sacramento, just off Interstate 80. From I-80, take the "Soda Springs/Norden" exit and go 2.4 miles east on Donner Pass road. Look for our sign slightly up the hill on your left and the wide footpath leading to the Lodge. Parking is available on either side of the road.

Visit our website, phone, e-mail, or fax the Lodge for current rates, reservations, and additional information.

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In 1934, a dedicated group of Sierra Club volunteers built Clair Tappaan Lodge. The Lodge is located 25 miles from Lake Tahoe in the Central Sierra Nevada, and is situated on a forested hillside near historic Donner Pass. Its proximity to premier areas for winter skiing and summer hiking and climbing make it the perfect getaway retreat.

Today the time-honored Lodge is still thriving. The moment you step through the massive doors into the comfortable interior, it is evident that the Lodge retains all of its original rustic charm. The Lodge boasts a cheerful dining room, a large living room with a huge fireplace, a cozy library with a wood-burning stove, a recreation room, and a hot tub. Sleeping accommodations include separate dormitories for men and women, small rooms for couples,

and larger rooms for families. Guests must bring their own sleeping bags or bedding. The bathrooms are shared.

The professional chefs cook hearty breakfasts and dinners that are served family-style in the dining room. Guests prepare their own brown bag-lunches from plentiful and varied ingredients. There are vegetarian options for all meals.

As evening descends on the Sierra Nevada, the Lodge takes on a relaxed atmosphere. You might choose to challenge your mind with

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jigsaw puzzles, engage in a friendly game of ping-pong, or take a break from your busy day by chatting with friends in the hot tub.

To maintain the communal spirit in which the Lodge was fashioned, each guest pitches in daily by doing a simple chore.

### SUMMER

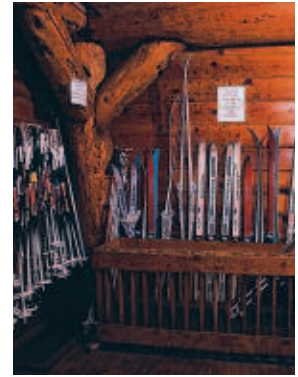
The Lodge is minutes away from refreshing lakes, towering peaks, hiking and biking trails, and Lake Tahoe's finest rock climbing. The Pacific Crest Trail, leading from Mexico to Canada, is a scant two miles away. Donner Lake is only a 10-minute drive and offers great swimming and windsurfing.

History buffs can visit California's Gold Country nearby, or spend time away from the Lodge in Reno, Carson City, or Virginia City. Those who aren't interested in leaving the property can stroll along the Lodge's own Nature Trail or just sit on one of the many sunny decks and bird watch.

### WINTER

Ski or snowshoe in a winter wonderland. The area around Donner Pass receives the greatest average annual snowfall in North America. Nordic skiing and snowshoeing are available right outside our backdoor on 13 kilometers of groomed trails owned by the Lodge. Royal

Gorge's Nordic trail system, the largest in the entire Sierra Nevada, is not far away. If you forget your equipment, don't worry; the Lodge offers Nordic ski and snowshoe rentals, plus lessons on how to use 'em. Fantastic downhill skiing and snowboarding for everyone from the seasoned expert to the complete beginner can be found nearby at Sugar Bowl, Donner Ski Ranch, and Soda Springs. A free shuttle services all three resorts. In addition, world-famous Squaw Valley is 25 miles away and several other ski areas occupy the Lake Tahoe region. Sorry, no downhill or snowboard equipment is available at the Lodge.



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