



# LEG 15

## 5.5 MILES/MORE CHALLENGING

**XP 14 GPS: Eagle Falls Trailhead, Emerald Bay**

38.951878, -120.112120



**XP 15 GPS: Taylor Creek Visitor Center**

38.933465, -120.051443



### Leg Description

One of the iconic legs of RTO, Leg 15 navigates a thin but gorgeous part of State Route 89. Enjoy the best views of Lake Tahoe and the City of South Lake Tahoe while running the ridgeline that drops into the south end of the lake. The shoulders are thin so run safe; run AGAINST traffic, stay aware of vehicles and wear as many lights as you can.

### Runner Directions

1. At XP 14, cross State Route 89 IMMEDIATELY to begin running AGAINST traffic.
2. Proceed up and then down this very windy stretch of the highway, running AGAINST traffic as close to the edge as possible and running CAUTIOUSLY.
3. Continue running AGAINST traffic for 3.92 miles and then turn left onto the bike path, near the intersection of Spring Creek Rd.
4. Follow the bike path for 1.5 miles to XP 15. Please note that the bike path is parallel to the road, just north of the road, and will wind through the trees.

### Van Directions

Leave XP 14 and drive VERY CAREFULLY along CA State Route 89. Follow to XP 15. The road has many sharp corners and thin shoulders. Be alert to the runners and give them space. Do not attempt to stop anywhere along 89. Last note, Camp Richardson is not part of RTO, do not stop there unless you booked a room.

### Key Rules

1. Runners must cross the road at XP 14 BEFORE beginning leg 15 and run AGAINST traffic the entire way to the bike path.
2. **From dusk till dawn**, runners are required to wear: Lighted or reflective vest; 2 blinking lights on the back; headlamp on the front; and wear/carry as many extra lights as you can.



### Total Elevation Gain/Loss

**Total Gain 325 ft**

**Total Loss 623 ft**