



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

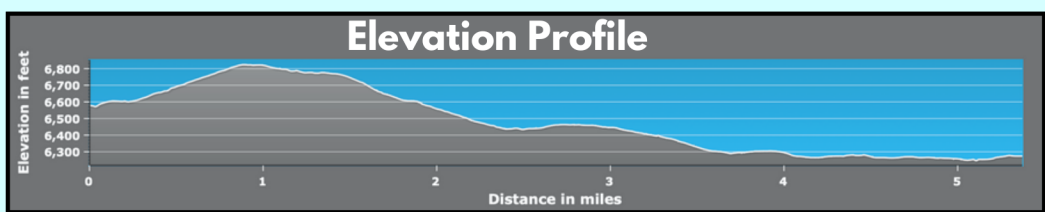
1. At XP 14, cross State Route 89 IMMEDIATELY to begin running AGAINST traffic.
2. Proceed up and then down this very windy stretch of the highway, running AGAINST traffic as close to the edge as possible and running CAUTIOUSLY.
3. Continue running AGAINST traffic for 3.92 miles and then turn left onto the bike path, near the intersection of Spring Creek Rd. There will be a large event sign pointing you to the bike path.
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. Night Running: From dusk till dawn, runners must wear a lighted vest or reflective vest, then two blinking lights visible on their back and carry a lighted flashlight, a headlamp or waist lamp on the front. Wear as many lights as you can.



Total Elevation Gain/Loss
Total Gain 325 ft
Total Loss 623 ft