

## WDSI 2010 –Conference – April 6 -10 2010 – Hyatt Lake Tahoe

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#### Getting to the Tahoe Region

##### By Air

The best arrival point is the Reno/Tahoe airport, airport code RNO (<http://renoairport.com>).

United, American, Delta/Northwest, Alaska/Horizon, and US Airways all have service to this airport, but Southwest Airlines ([www.southwest.com](http://www.southwest.com)) has the most flights; see [http://renoairport.com/flight\\_info/arrivals-reno-tahoe-international-airport/](http://renoairport.com/flight_info/arrivals-reno-tahoe-international-airport/).

Since Southwest does not seem to have formal arrangements with most other airlines on bookings, attendees arriving from outside the US may want to investigate the possibility of making their own connections;

Southwest does serve the four Los Angeles area airports (LAX, BUR, ONT, SNA), the three San Francisco area airports (SFO, SJC, OAK), San Diego (SAN), and on the east coast New York La Guardia (LGA), Washington Dulles (IAD), Baltimore (BWI), Boston Logan (BOS), and Orlando (MCO) among others.

##### By Road

One can drive from SFO or another San Francisco area airport to Lake Tahoe, but this is about 215 miles and 3.5 to 4 hours on the Interstate 80 freeway, with the possibility of winter weather when driving over Donner Summit, the highest point (7200 ft / 2200 m), near Truckee California.

##### Rental Cars from Reno airport

At the Reno/Tahoe airport, one can rent a car from any of eight agencies: Alamo, Avis, Budget, Dollar, Enterprise, Hertz, and National vehicles are “on airport” (most convenient),. Advantage and Thrifty are “off airport”.

The drive from Reno airport to the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe is about 35 miles / 45 minutes in good weather, on State Route 431, a rather winding road (one lane in each direction) over a 8900 ft / 2700 m mountain pass; winter snow conditions are still quite possible for April 6-9.

All the agencies normally have cars equipped for winter driving.

##### Shuttle Bus from the Airport

The Hyatt has a direct shuttle service to the Reno/Tahoe airport.

Another option is to take a shuttle bus from North Lake Tahoe Express ([www.northlaketahoeexpress.com](http://www.northlaketahoeexpress.com)); this is said to be a reliable service in winter (it is privately operated, but subsidized by local government agencies), and it runs nonstop from the airport to the Hyatt.

The shuttles run at fixed times several hours apart, so it can pay to consult the schedule on their website when choosing flights into the Reno/Tahoe airport.

Checking the [www.northlaketahoeexpress.com/rates](http://www.northlaketahoeexpress.com/rates) web site shows the shuttle is US \$40 one way, \$75 round trip for a single passenger, but this can be reduced significantly if a group reservation can be made – even two people at once can ride for \$80 round trip, only \$5 more than a single person. However, many people will probably make travel arrangements as “singles.”

We will be checking to see whether NLTE at the Reno/Tahoe airport will set up a group reservation code at a good price per person We are optimistic that this may be possible.

## **Restaurants & Other Amenities**

The Hyatt Lake Tahoe (<http://laketahoe.hyatt.com>) is a *very* nice resort hotel.

It has three major on-site restaurants – the Lone Eagle Grille is right on the lakefront.

The area immediately surrounding the Hyatt on its east side is called Country Club Centre (<http://countryclubcentre.net>): which includes half a dozen restaurants, and some specialty shops, all within easy walking distance.

Just north of the Hyatt, there are two golf courses in town, but these won't be operating in April.

## **Nearby Shopping & Post Office**

There are two main shopping centers in Incline Village, each about one mile from the Hyatt:

- Raley's Center (anchored by a large Raley's supermarket) at Tahoe Blvd and Village Blvd, and
- Village Center (which includes the local Post Office) at Southwood Blvd and Mays Blvd.

There are multiple restaurants in each of these centers, and on the roads surrounding them.

## **Medical**

There is a small community hospital just west of Raley's Center.

## **Local Help**

Frontline Systems, who will be an exhibitor at the conference, have offices ([www.solver.com](http://www.solver.com)) at 913 Tahoe Blvd, directly across the street from Raley's Center.

Daniel Fylstra from Frontline has suggested that anyone attending the conference who needs local assistance or advice is welcome to call them at 775-831-0300, before or during the conference (just press 0 for the receptionist).

I thank Daniel for the considerable help and advice that he has already provided.

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