

LAKE TAHOE VIKINGSHOLM

SWIM FACT SHEET



LOCATION: USA - CALIFORNIA / NEVADA

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POPULARITY

A fun swim with the sun on your back, the Vikingsholm swim traverses the southern portion of Lake Tahoe. Swims can be done solo, tandem (with pilot approval) and 2-6 person relays. Book up to 6-12 months for best dates; late bookings are often available 3-months in advance for those with flexible travel dates. The season typically runs from mid-July to the third week in August.

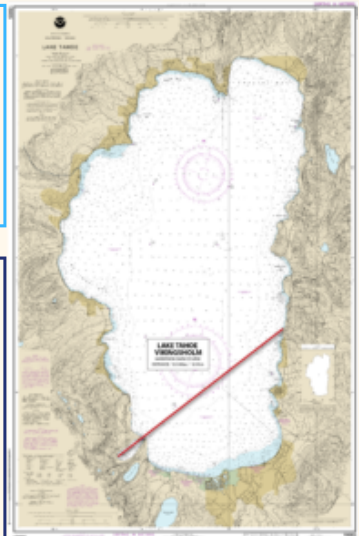
KEY CONTACTS

Lake Tahoe Open Water Swimming Association

(www.swimtahoe.org) - a 501(c)3 non-profit

2020 - \$395 application fee for solos (\$195 goes to the Observer as a stipend)

Pilots: Pacific Open Water Swim Co. (www.swimtahoe.com); optional crew services are available for swimmers traveling solo.



KEY FACTORS

At 1,900 meters, the altitude can be a challenge for swimmers.

Stunningly beautiful swim with the crisp air, clean, sapphire blue water and mountains

The Vikingsholm starts early in the morning ~4:30am

Most swims finish in under 8 hours

The last 2 miles of the course is often congested with tourist boat traffic

Swim start and swim finish locations are clearly defined and must be adhered to

Kayaks are discouraged; feeds are handled from the boat

RULES

“Channel Rules” + Garmins and other smartwatches are not allowed

An observer will be appointed to ensure you adhere to the rules

You must clear the water at the start and finish of the swim

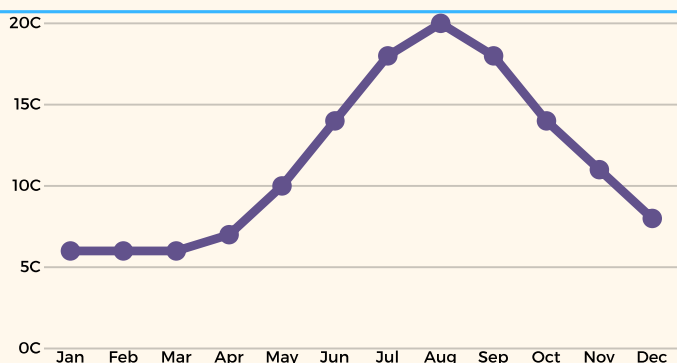
You may not touch the boat or any other person

You may have a support swimmer after the first three hours for up to one hour at a time with a minimum two hour gap in between; no drafting

FINAL THOUGHTS

- Unless you are seeking the Lake Tahoe Triple Crown, skip the Vikingsholm and swim the True Width instead. Pilot and association fees are the same for both, and the True Width is simply a better swim in views, distance, and little to no boat traffic.
- Swim as a tandem with a similar-speed friend to save money on pilot and Association fees
- Part of the Lake Tahoe Triple Crown (Length of Tahoe, 12-mile True Width, 10.6-mile Vikingsholm)
- Accommodations can be pricey as Lake Tahoe is a destination for Californians; book early or ask your pilot for shared housing options.

AVERAGE WATER TEMPERATURE



QUICK VIEW

	-VE	+VE
Temperature (16.6-20.5C)	●●●●	●
Distance (10.6 miles)	●●●●	●
Conditions	●●●●	●
Success rate (80%)	●●●●	●
Price (<\$2,300)	●●●●	●
Iconic	●●●●	●
Water quality (stellar!)	●●●●	●