

# HUFFAKER HILLS LAKEVIEW LOOP

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### Trail Information:

Length of Trail: 0.7 miles

Trail Type: Loop trail, compacted soil with many rocks

ADA Accessible: No

Restroom/Drinking Fountain: No

Other: Dogs are allowed on trail but must be kept on leash. Good area to look at geology and wildflowers.

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### History Highlights:

- Before settlers arrived to this region, the Pauite tribe used these lands to forage and hunt
- From 1844 there were several routes settlers took into Truckee Meadows from the River at the Pah Rah and Virginia Range. It is possible that the trail went up into the Virginia Range at Lockwood, dropped into Hidden Valley and crossed just north of Rattlesnake Mountain in these volcanic hills.
- Named after Granville W. Huffaker, an early (1860's) pioneer and homesteader in the Reno area. Modern-day descendants say he lived in a dugout cave for a while before building a house.

### Local Biodiversity:

#### Sagebrush:

**Identification:** Sagebrush is a perennial shrub native to the Western United States. It can be identified by its silvery color and trident shaped leaves

#### Fun Facts:

- Sagebrush is Nevada's state flower
- The sage grouse depends exclusively on sagebrush for shelter and food
- Sagebrush has no relation to sage. It is instead part of the sunflower family.
- Both the fruit and the leaves of sagebrush are edible
- Native Americans used the leaves to treat coughs, colds, headaches, stomach aches, and to reduce fevers

#### Geology:

**ID Characteristics:** Horn blend rich (Ca, Mn, Fe, Al, S, K) andicite, which is an extrusive igneous rock. It weathers to a dull brown, but new broken pieces are black (containing around 60% silica). If the rock is coated with colorful a substance, it will usually be a type of lichen.

**History:** Huffaker Hills and Rattlesnake Mountain are a group of cone-shaped volcanic domes. These were formed because of the silica content in the lava forcing the sediment to collect around the entrance of the volcanic vents.



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