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Echo Lake Trail is a scenic hiking route in the southern Sierra Nevada near Echo Lake. The trail begins at the Echo Lakes Chalet and follows the shoreline of the Upper and Lower Echo Lakes, offering stunning views of clear alpine water, granite cliffs, and surrounding peaks. Much of the trail runs along a relatively level path cut into the mountainside, making it popular for families, day hikers, and backpackers heading toward the Desolation Wilderness. In summer, hikers can shorten the trip by taking the seasonal water taxi across the lake. The area is known for its crisp mountain air, wildflowers, and panoramic vistas, making it a classic gateway hike into the high country.