North Shore marrying adventuring and beer drinking

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After a long bike ride, it’s natural that your mind shifts into beer mode—time to relax! In anticipation of that post-workout appetite, one of Lake Tahoe’s tourism bureaus has commissioned an interactive map to help steer you from the trails to the nearest watering holes.

It’s called the Ale Trail, and it’s essentially a beer-drinking outdoorsman’s dream itinerary planner: Pick an activity—hiking, road and mountain biking, and paddling are all included—choose a trail, and the Ale Trail Map will ensure there’s a frosty pint somewhere near the finish.

To be clear, no new trails in North Lake Tahoe were blazed during the creation of the Ale Trail; it’s simply an organization of trails that abut great bars, breweries, alehouses, and taverns. The map does, however, highlight some of Tahoe’s lesser-known trails.

If you check out the map, you’ll notice that most routes suggest an outdoor activity and then a single bar as a destination.

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