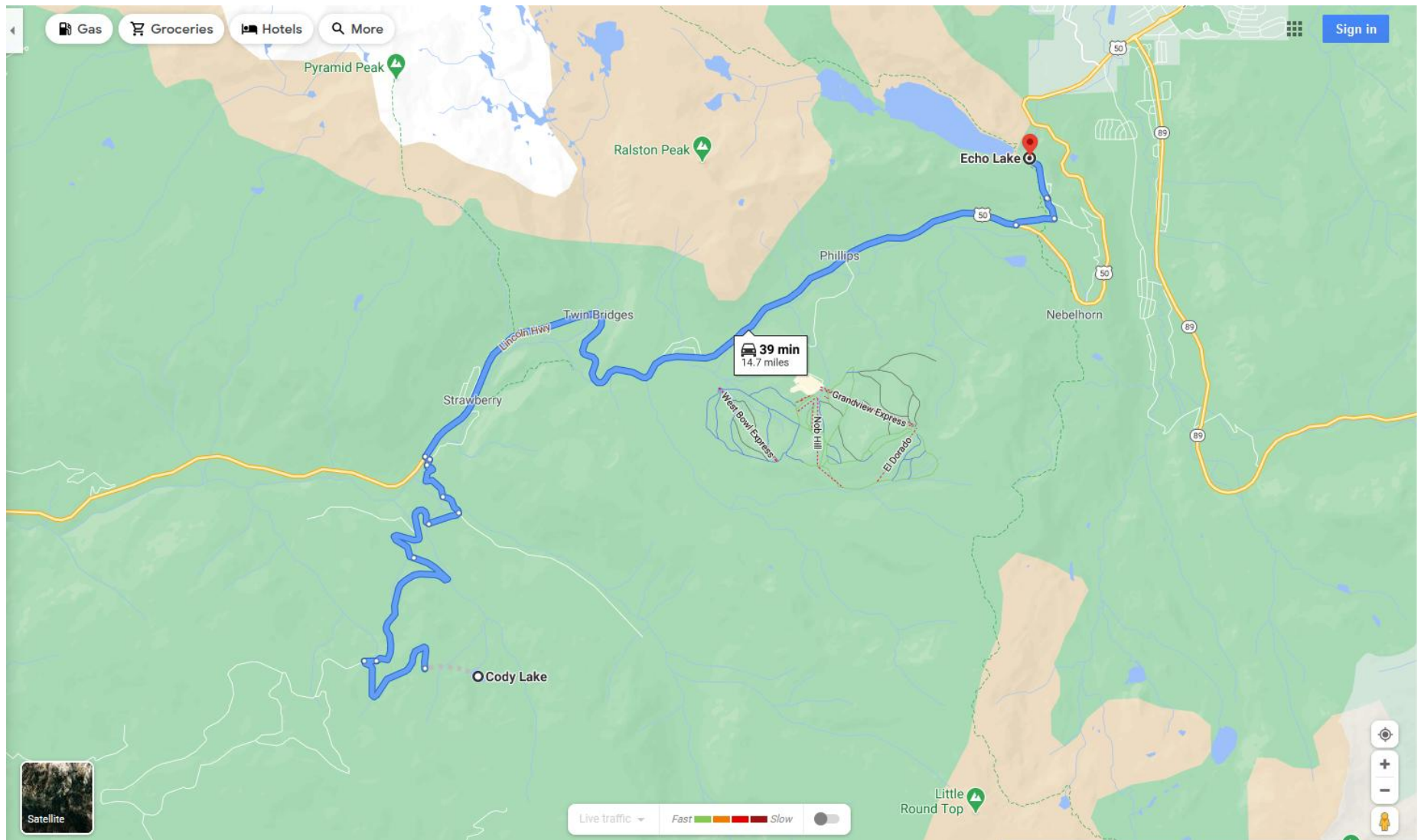


Lower & Upper Echo, Tamarack, Ralston, Fallen Leaf and Aloha lakes trailhead



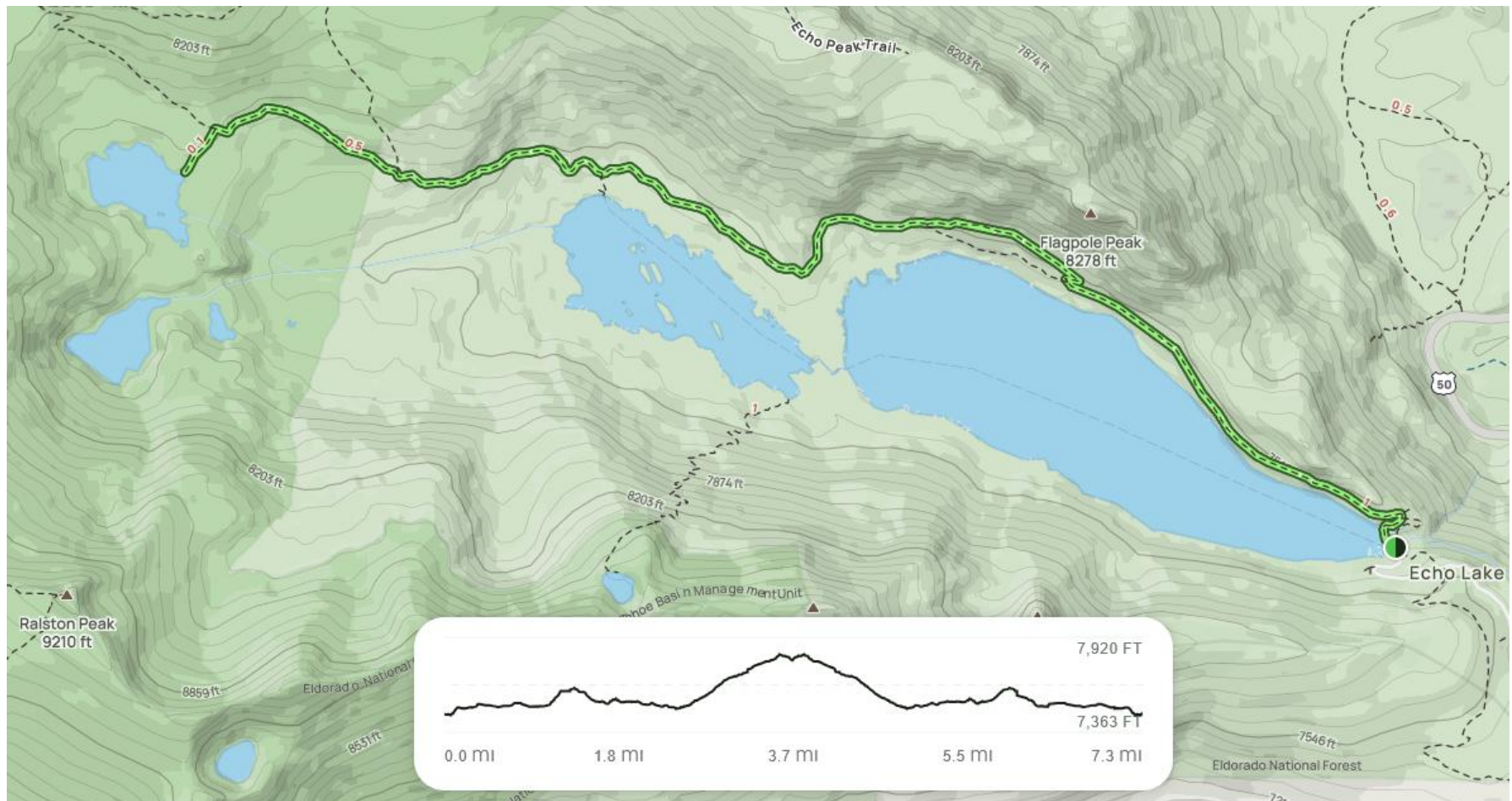
Driving directions from Camp Cody parking lot (38.759109, -120.148707) to **Echo Lake parking lot (38.833630, -120.042871)** and the trailhead for Lower & Upper Echo, Tamarack, Ralston and Aloha lakes.

NOTE: the Echo Lake trailhead leads to Lower & Upper Echo, Tamarack, Ralston, Fallen Leaf and Aloha lakes.

Driving distance and time to Desolation Wilderness trail head parking lot is approximately 56 min (18.2 miles) via Wrights Lake Rd.:

- 1. From Camp Cody Parking lot take Cody Meadow Rd, Pack Saddle Rd and Pack Saddle Pass to US-50 East headed for South Lake Tahoe. 24 min (5.6 mi) +**
- 2. Turn right onto US-50 East (El Dorado Fwy) 10 min (8.0 mi)**
- 3. Continue on Echo Summit Rd/Johnson Pass Rd. Take Echo Lakes Rd to Terkoyze Lane. 5 min (1.4 mi)**
- 4. Echo Lake Trailhead**

Tamarack Lake trail



Generally considered a moderately challenging route, it takes an average of 3 h 1 min to complete. This is a very popular area for backpacking, hiking, and snowshoeing, so you'll likely encounter other people while exploring. The best times to visit this trail are March through November. The trail is short, but the climb is rocky. There is a water taxi available at Echo Lake. More information on fees and hours for the water taxi can be found here: <https://www.echochalet.com/>. Permits are required to hike in the Desolation Wilderness and are available at both upper/lower Echo Lakes.

Length : 7.3 mi Elevation gain: 898 ft Route type: Out & back 3h estimated time