

Recreation Opportunities on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest



The Shasta-Trinity National Forest is one of the most diverse in the National Forest System. For the recreation enthusiast they offer unparalleled opportunities to pursue a wide variety of outdoor interests. Here you will find wilderness, national recreation areas, wild and scenic rivers, national scenic byways, national scenic and recreation trails, state parks, wild trout streams, lakes and reservoirs for water sports and fishing, a variety of landscapes for hunting, trail and road systems for hiking, running, horseback riding and mountain biking, off-highway vehicle areas, snowmobile parks, downhill skiing and snowboarding, snow play areas, terrain for cross country skiing, wildlife viewing areas, hundreds of developed, primitive, and boat-in campgrounds, picnic areas, historic sites, and a couple of rental lookouts just to name a few of the attractions. You will also find a very supportive infrastructure of private services in and around both forests. Tourism is a way of life here in the far reaches of Northern California and the Shasta-Trinity touts the best of the best.

Travel: Major highways make getting from one part of the forest to another a simple affair. Interstate 5 bisects the Shasta-Trinity from north to south almost down the middle. 299 West and Highway 36 both cut through the heart of the Trinity National Forest as they wind from the California's Central Valley to the Pacific Ocean. Highway 299 East skirts the southern fringe of the Shasta National Forest and together with Highway 89 take the traveler from the rugged Sacramento River Canyon up and into the heart of the high desert and volcanic highlands of immense beauty. A system of Forest roads provides good access to the heart of the Shasta-Trinity. Forest Maps are available at all Ranger Units.

Services: Recreationists and travelers find that Redding seems to be the gateway to the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. It is the economic hub of the region and centrally located to allow for easy access to all points east and west, north and south. Highway 299 and Interstate 5 both radiate from Redding and the Supervisor's Office for the Shasta-Trinity National Forests is located here.

There are other important communities and towns scattered throughout the Forests which offer a variety of goods and services. Weaverville, Hayfork, Lewiston, Big Bar, Junction City, Trinity Center, Coffee Creek, Callahan, Mt. Shasta, Weed, Dunsmuir, McCloud, Lakehead, and Shasta Lake City are just a few.

The Shasta-Trinity National Forest offers a series of Recreation Opportunity Guides that specifically outline a variety of services and opportunities, both public and

private and can be picked up or requested by phone or over the internet. Important phone numbers and the Forest Service Internet address are included in this publication.

The Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area: This is actually a group of three separate areas so designated by Congress in 1965. They focus on Whiskeytown, Trinity, Lewiston and Shasta Lakes and the areas immediately surrounding them. By far, the vast majority of recreationists who visit the Shasta-Trinity seek out the water oriented activities provided by these areas. They are focal points for houseboating, water skiing, wakeboarding, fishing, sailing, and wildlife viewing. An extensive array of Opportunity Guides are available for the Shasta and Trinity Units that describe these areas in detail.

Wilderness Areas: There are five nationally designated wilderness areas on the Shasta-Trinity. They include the Yolla Bolly-Middle Eel, Trinity Alps, Chanchellula, Castle Crag and Mt. Shasta Wilderness areas. Each is unique and beautiful, offering untold opportunities for anyone willing to hoist a pack to their shoulders and get away from it all. Maps and brochures are available for most of these areas. There are special restrictions and guidelines for the Mt. Shasta Wilderness. If you plan on climbing Mt. Shasta you need to be current with the latest regulations. Specific Recreation Opportunity Guides are available for the Mt. Shasta Wilderness. Wilderness permits are required for overnight stays, groups entering the Trinity Alps are limited to 10 persons.

Scenic Byways: There are three Nationally designated scenic byways on the Shasta-Trinity. They include the **Trinity Scenic Byway** that follows Highway 299 West between the small community of Shasta on the outskirts of Redding all the way to Blue Lake near Arcata on the coast. There is the **Trinity Heritage Tour** that begins in the historic mining town of Weaverville and ends on Interstate 5 just north of Weed. Brochures are available for both the Trinity and Trinity Heritage National Scenic Byways. The **Modoc Volcanic National Scenic Byway** incorporates parts of Highway 89 out of McCloud and Highway 49 northeast to Medicine Lake. There are two Recreation Opportunity Guides available for the Modoc Volcanic National Scenic Byway.

Lookout/ Cabin Rentals: Looking for a great place to get away? The Shasta-Trinity National Forest has just what you're looking for with several fire lookout stations and historic cabins available for rent. Varying from rustic rentals to the more modernized, these facilities provide the perfect location for families or friends at an affordable price with spectacular views. Get into the great outdoors today with the Shasta-Trinity National Forest.

Reservations are required and can be made online at recreation.gov or by phone at 1-877-444-6777.

National Scenic and Recreation Trails: In addition to the network of wilderness and general use hiking trails on the Shasta-Trinity there are also other designated National Scenic and Recreation Trails. Perhaps the most well known is the Pacific Crest Trail which winds its way through the Shasta-Trinity on its route from Mexico to Canada. A Recreation Opportunity Guide describing access to the PCT is available.

- **The Sisson-Callahan National Recreation Trail** follows an early Forest Service trail between Siskiyou Lake near Mt. Shasta City to its junction with the Pacific Crest Trail near Deadfall lakes at the foot of Mt. Eddy on the Trinity Divide. A Recreation Opportunity Guide is available that describes this trail.
- **The South Fork National Recreation Trail** follows a portion of the South Fork of the Trinity River from just below Forest Glen to Smoky Creek. A Recreation Opportunity Guide is available that describes this trail.
- The **Salmon Summit National Scenic Trail** and the **Horse Ridge National Recreation Trail** are both located in the far northwestern edge of the Trinity Alps Wilderness.

Mountain Biking, Horseback Riding, Trail Running: A system of general use trails, open to hikers, equestrians, mountain bikers and runners are located on all three units of the Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area. Recreation Opportunity Guides are available for some of these trails, especially on the Shasta Unit.

Four areas of particular interest to mountain bikers are the **Bowerman Ridge** area in the Trinity Unit, the **Indian Valley-Butter Creek** area near Hayfork, the **Weaver Basin Trail System** near Weaverville and a wonderful trail system located within the Whiskeytown Unit. Recreation Opportunity Guides are available for Bowerman and Indian Valley-Butter Creek. A trail brochure is available for the Weaver Basin trail system. Check with the **National Park Service** for the latest information on the trails in the Whiskeytown Unit.

Wildlife Viewing: Several areas have been designated and signed for this popular activity on the Shasta-Trinity. They are **White's Bar** on the Trinity River, the **Sven-Olbertson Side Channel** below Lewiston Dam, **Coots Roost** and **Pine Cove Boat Ramp** on Lewiston Lake, the **Jones Valley** and **Packers Bay** areas of Shasta Lake and the **McCloud River Loop** area east of the town of McCloud. Recreation Opportunity Guides are available for most of these areas.

Off-Roading and Snowmobiling: There are hundreds of miles of roads on the Shasta-Trinity that offer access for off-highway vehicle enthusiasts but the most popular area for this pursuit is the **Chappie-Shasta Off-Highway Vehicle Area** located between Shasta Lake and Clear Creek. This area incorporates a system of roads and trails set aside just for this use. The main staging area is located

just below Shasta Dam. Mountain bikers also use this area. **Please Note:** Driving across Shasta Dam is allowed for recreation (I.e., fishing, hiking, Shasta-Chappie OHV area). Due to Homeland Security guidelines, a valid driver's license and current vehicle registration are required. All vehicles, trailers and their contents are subject to security inspections. The dam crest is closed between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Reclamation reserves the right to revoke access across Shasta Dam in the event that security requirements are modified, or if visitors requesting access fail to comply with security provisions.

Snowmobilers will enjoy approximately 260 miles of signed trails, warming huts and other amenities in the **Tri-Forest Snowmobile Trails Area** east-northeast of Mt. Shasta. This area is comprised of the **Doorknob, Deer Mountain, 4-Corners** and **Pilgrim Creek Snowparks**.

Fishing and Hunting: This area is rich with wild game and fish. Public lands within the Shasta-Trinity are generally open for these two activities. Enthusiasts need to be aware of current state and federal regulations as they apply to specific areas. Of particular interest to Fly fishers is the Trinity River Fly Fishing Section between Lewiston Dam and the old Lewiston Bridge, the Upper Sacramento and McCloud Rivers and the high country lakes. A Recreation Opportunity Guide is available for the Big Bar & Weaverville Ranger Units.

Whitewater Kayaking and Rafting: This is a sport that has really taken off on the Shasta-Trinity in recent years. Most enthusiasts head for the Trinity River between Lewiston and Del Loma along Highway 299 West, but the Upper Sacramento River is also gaining in popularity. The Weaverville and Big Bar Ranger Units offer a Recreation Opportunity Guide for the Trinity River area.

Rock Climbing: The high granite country of the Trinity Alps and the Trinity Divide have always attracted adventurous rock climbers, but Castle Crags Wilderness and Castle Crags State Park seem to be the focal points for most of this activity. Another area of surging popularity are the Trinity Pinnacles just off Highway 299 West near Burnt Ranch. The Forest Service has no information available on rock climbing, but local guides are available at most book stores.

Downhill and Cross Country Skiing: Downhill ski and snowboard enthusiasts will find excellent facilities at the Mt. Shasta Ski Park on the southern slope of Mt. Shasta near McCloud. Cross Country and back country skiers have unlimited opportunities to test their skills across a broad variety of landscapes on the Shasta-Trinity. The Weaverville and Mt. Shasta Ranger Units offer Recreation Opportunity Guides that specifically address cross country skiing and snow play.

Recreation Information

For additional information or to obtain information about recreation opportunities on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, call or visit the nearest Forest Service office or go online at www.fs.usda.gov/stnf.

<p>USDA Service Center Shasta-Trinity National Forest 3644 Avtech Parkway Redding, CA 96002 (530) 226-2500 711 (TTY)</p>	<p>Big Bar Ranger Station Star Route 1, Box 10 (28451 State Hwy 299 West) Big Bar, CA 96010 (530) 623-6106 711 (TTY)</p>
<p>Hayfork Ranger Station P.O. Box 159 (111 Trinity Street) Hayfork, CA 96041 (530) 628-5227 711 (TTY)</p>	<p>McCloud Ranger Station P.O. Box 1620 2019 Forest Road McCloud, CA 96057 (530) 964-2184 711 (TTY)</p>
<p>Mount Shasta Ranger Station 204 West Alma Mt. Shasta, CA 96067 (530) 926-4511 711 (TTY)</p>	<p>Shasta Lake Ranger Station 14225 Holiday Road Redding, CA 96003 (530) 275-1587 711 (TTY)</p>
<p>Weaverville Ranger Station P.O. Box 1190 210 Main Street Weaverville, CA 96093 (530) 623-2121 711 (TTY)</p>	<p>Shasta Lake Concessionaire Shasta Recreation Company 14538 Wonderland Blvd. Redding, CA 96003 (530) 275-8113</p>
<p>Trinity & Lewiston Lakes Concessionaire Shasta Recreation Company 14538 Wonderland Blvd. Redding, CA 96003 (530) 275-8113</p>	<p>Yolla Bolla Ranger Station HC01 Box 400 (2555 State Highway 36) Platina, CA 96076 (530) 352-4211 711 (TTY)</p>

Other visitor information offices for the north state:

Shasta Dam Visitor Center - (530) 275-4463

Shasta Dam Tour/Guide Info—(530) 247-8555 or <https://www.usbr.gov/mp/ncao/shasta-dam.html>

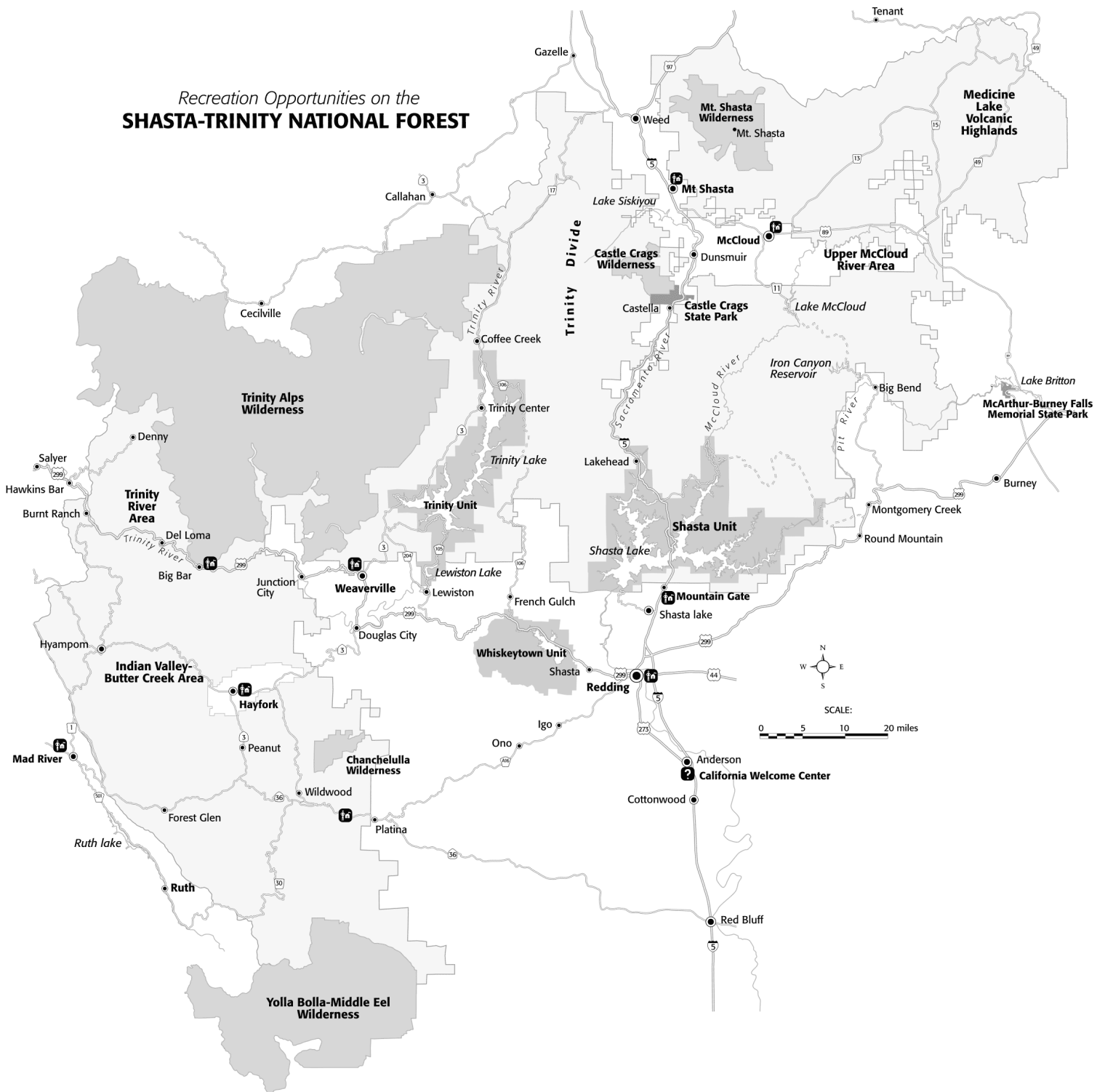
Shasta-Cascade Wonderland Association - (530) 365-7500 - <https://www.shastacascade.com/>

Whiskeytown Visitor Center - (530) 242-1225 - www.nps.gov/whis

For information about State Parks in the area call one of the following offices or on the web at: www.parks.ca.gov

- Weaverville Joss House State Park: (530) 623-5284
- Castle Crags State Park near Dunsmuir: (530) 235-2684
- Shasta State Historic Park in Shasta: (530) 243-8194
- McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park: (530) 335-2777
- Ahjumawi Lava Springs State Park: (530) 335-2777

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