

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, snowplay 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...

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 traveller 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 travellers find that Redding seems to be the gateway to the Shasta-Trinity National Forests. 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, Shasta Lake City are just a few.

The Shasta-Trinity National Forests 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 is available for the Shasta and Trinity Units that describe these areas in detail.

Wilderness Areas: There are 5 nationally designated wilderness areas on the Shasta-Trinity. They include the *Yolla-Bolla-Middle Eel*, the *Trinity Alps*, the *Chanchelulla*, the *Castle Crags* and the *Mt. Shasta Wilderness areas*. Each is unique and each is 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. Groups entering the Trinity Alps are limited to 10 persons.

Dispersed Recreation: Not everyone wants to camp or recreate with crowds. There are dozens of campgrounds located outside of the National Recreation Areas that offer a little more seclusion and a lot less noise. Of particular interest to forest visitors are the Trinity Divide Country between Interstate 5 and Highway 3, the South Fork of the Trinity River and the area just south of Hayfork. Recreation Opportunity Guides are available that describe these areas.

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Scenic Byways: There are 3 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.

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.

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 abounds 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 Big Bar Ranger Unit offers 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 snowplay.

RECREATION INFORMATION

For additional information or to obtain information about recreation opportunities on the Shasta-Trinity National Forests, call or visit the nearest Forest Service office...

Shasta-Trinity National Forest
3644 Avtech Parkway
Redding, CA 96002-9241
(530) 226-2500 (voice)
(530) 226-2490 (TTY)

Mt. Shasta Ranger Station
204 West Alma
Mt. Shasta, CA 96067
(530) 926-4511 (voice)
(530) 926-4512 (TDD)

Shasta Lake Ranger Station
14225 Holiday Drive
Redding, CA 96003
(530) 275-1589 (voice)

Big Bar Ranger Station
Star Route 1, Box 10
Big Bar, CA 96010
(530) 623-6106 (voice)

Shasta Lake Concessionaire:
Shasta Recreation Company
PO Box 378
Lakehead, CA 96051
(530) 238-2824

Hayfork Ranger Station
P.O. Box 159
Hayfork, CA 96041
(530) 628-5227 (voice)
(530) 628-5222 (TDD)

McCloud Ranger Station
P.O. Box 1620
McCloud, CA 96057
(530) 964-2184 (voice)
(530) 964-2692 (TDD)

Weaverville Ranger Station
P.O. Box 1190
Weaverville, CA 96093
(530) 623-2121 (voice)
(530) 623-2124 (TDD)

Yolla Bolla Ranger Station
2555 State Highway 36
Platina, CA 96076
(530) 352-4211 (voice)
(530) 352-4212 (TDD)

Trinity Lake concessionaire:
Hodge Management
PO. Box 2303
Weaverville, CA 96093
(530) 286-2666

If you prefer, you can get most of this information, and more, by contacting the Shasta-Trinity National Forests on the world wide web at: **www.fs.fed.us/r5/shastatrinity**

For more information on North State recreation opportunities contact the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland Association at the California Welcome Center located just off Interstate 5 at the Factory Outlets in Anderson, California. Call them at (530) 365-1180, (530) 365-7500 or at 1-800-474-2782. Contact them on the world wide web at: **www.shastacascade.org**

For more information about the Whiskeytown Unit of the Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation area call (530) 242-3400 or contact them on the world wide web at: **www.nps.gov/whis**

For information about State Parks in the area call:

- Joss House State Park in Weaverville: (530) 623-5284
- Castle Crags State Park near Dunsmuir: (530) 235-2684
- Shasta State Historic Park in Shasta: (530) 225-2065
- McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park and Ahjumawi Lava Springs State Park: (530) 335-2777
- Contact them on the world wide web at: **www.parks.ca.gov**

