

Iron Canyon Reservoir...

Shasta Lake Unit • Shasta-Trinity National Forest



Iron Canyon Reservoir is a beautiful 500 acre lake resting in a gentle mountainous area of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest at an elevation of 2,665 feet. With 15 miles of forested shoreline, quiet environment, and surrounding natural environment, the reservoir is a pleasant destination for anglers, campers, hunters, and 4 wheel drive enthusiasts.

There are two developed campgrounds, many undeveloped camping spots, a boat ramp for small boats, and a network of primitive roads and trails surrounding the reservoir. Nearby is the Pacific Crest Trail and the Pit River Canyon. Solitude is not uncommon, despite the lake's popularity.

Groceries, bait and tackle and gasoline are available in Big Bend. The National Forest Guard Station, located on the north side of Big Bend, is not open on a regular schedule.

Camping

Site	Managed by	# sites	Water	Toilets	Max Trailer size	Reservations available	Unit Fee	Seasons
Deadlun	Forest Service	25	no	Vault	24'	no	Free	Open all year
Hawkins Landing	PG&E	10	no	Vault	20'	no	yes	Mid-April to Mid-October

Camping is also permitted outside of developed campgrounds. During fire season, a campfire permit is required to build a campfire or use any open flame device (gas stove, barbecue, gas lantern). If fire restrictions are in effect, and you plan to camp along the shoreline of Iron Canyon reservoir, fires must be at least 50 feet from any vegetation and within 10 feet of the waters edge.

Fishing

There are some big trout in the lake, and fishing can be good. Almost all of the shoreline is easily accessible from the road that goes around the lake. The lake level varies greatly during the year depending on weather and the demands for electrical power at the P.G. & E. powerplant which the reservoir serves.

Trolling is also popular. Larger boats with deep draft are not recommended due to shallow lake levels. Tree stumps, rocks and landforms may become exposed or may lie just below the water surface when then the lake level drops, but owners of smaller, low-speed boats find Iron Canyon ideal.

Powerboats, rowboats, canoes, sailboats and inflatable boats are allowed on the lake. A launch ramp is available near Hawkins Landing Campground (PG&E). ***It is unsafe and a violation of State law to swim, fish, dive from or sunbathe on any courtesy dock or within 200 feet of a boat launching ramp. No vessels shall be operated within 200 feet of the intake portal.***

Hiking

Primitive, unimproved trails skirt the lake providing fishing and lake access. The Pacific Crest Trail follows the ridge which forms the north rim of the Iron Canyon Basin. It can be reached by following the road to McCloud (38N12). The trail crosses the road at Ash Creek, about six miles from Iron Canyon Reservoir.

Backcountry driving

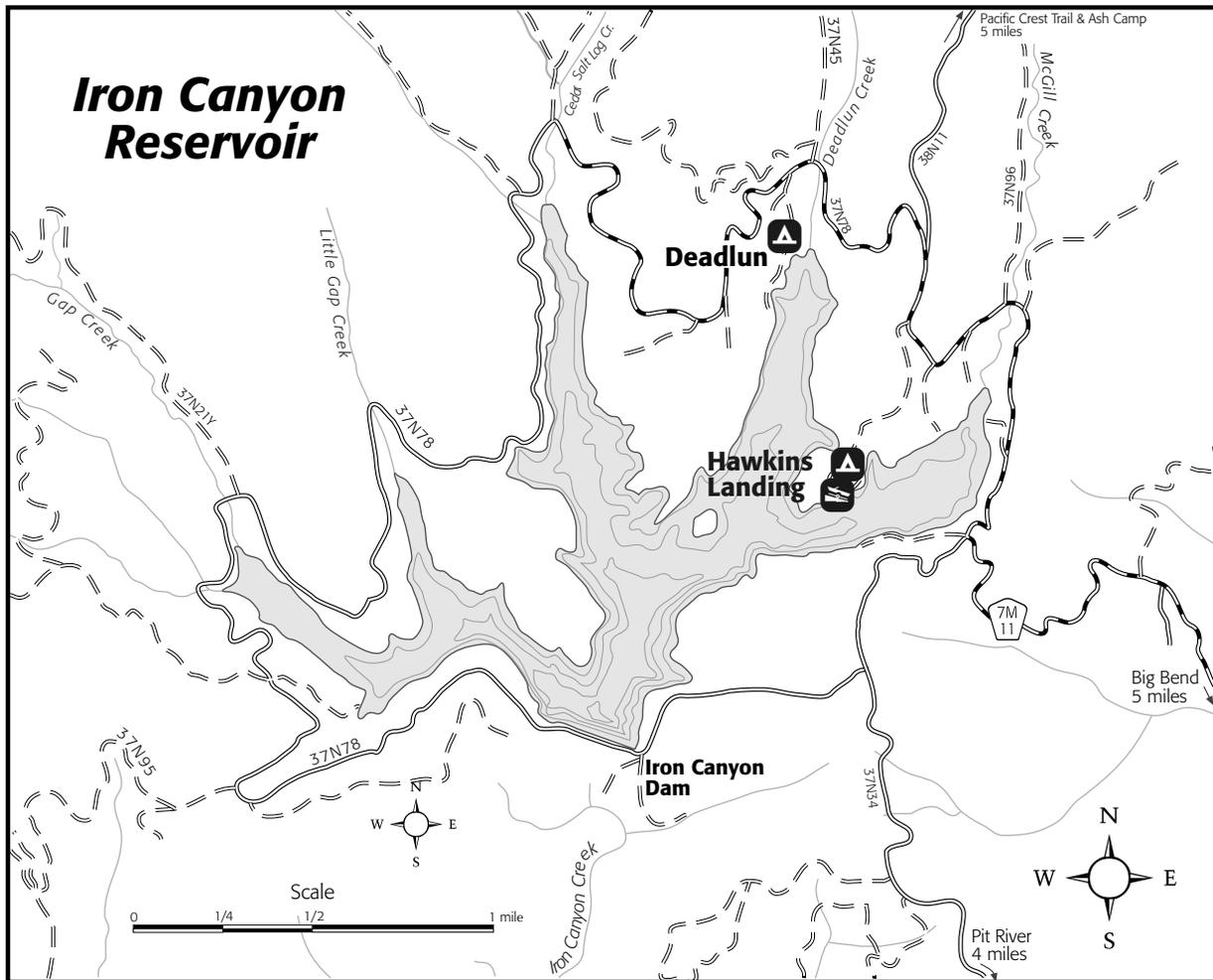
Primitive roads and "jeep" trails radiate from Iron Canyon Reservoir. Many are suited only for high clearance and/or 4 wheel drive vehicles and offer numerous opportunities for challenging extended loop trips. Off road driving is permitted, however, please be alert for local closures and remember to respect the rights of private property owners.

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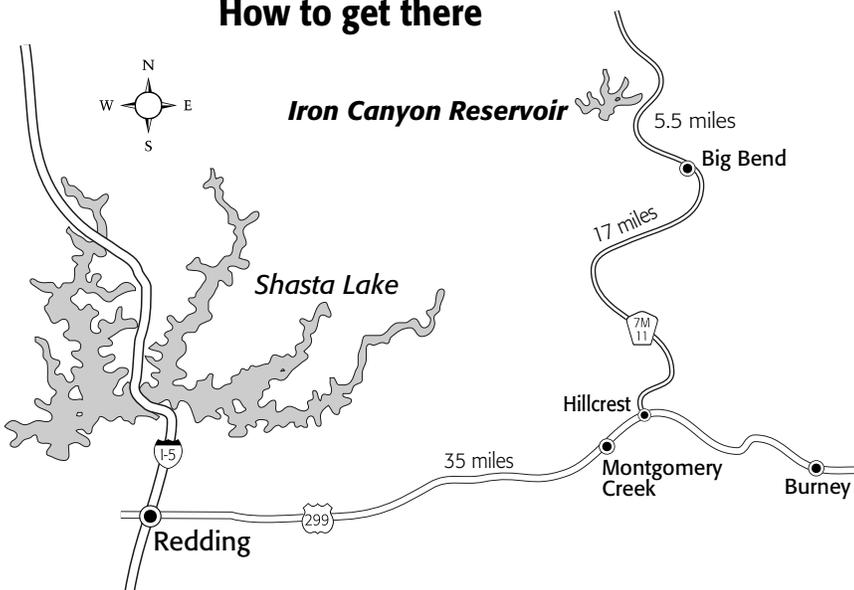
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How to get there



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www.pge.com/recreation

DIRECTIONS

From Interstate 5 take Highway 299 East 35 miles to Big Bend Road (Co. 7M01). On Big Bend Road, drive 17 miles to the town of Big Bend then 5.5 miles to Iron Canyon. Caution is advised for all drivers once leaving Highway 299E due to intermittent heavy logging truck traffic.