

Access to the Mt. Shasta Wilderness

Mt. Shasta & McCloud Ranger Stations - Shasta-Trinity National Forest



Before you enter the Mt. Shasta Wilderness there are some things you need to know about the Fee Enhancement Program, the Human Waste Packout Program and Wilderness Permits. Information concerning these programs is available from the Mt. Shasta Ranger Station (530) 926-4511, the McCloud Ranger Station, (530) 964-2184, from local mountaineering shops and other sources. A list of available Forest Service publications that address these programs can be found on our web site: fs.usda.gov/stnf.

Trailheads from the Everitt Memorial Highway

Bunny Flat (6900 feet). From the Mt. Shasta Ranger Station, head east on Alma Street (toward the Mountain). Cross the railroad tracks and turn right at the signal onto Mt. Shasta Blvd. Continue two blocks to the next signal at Lake St. and turn left. Stay on lake St. as you climb a hill and veer left. You are now on Everitt Memorial Highway. Stay on this road through the four way stop, past the school on the right, and over the railroad tracks. You will leave town and begin driving up the Mountain. In 12 miles you will come to a parking area with a restroom on the left. This is Bunny Flat. The trail to Horse Camp and Avalanche Gulch begins on the right side of the restroom.

Sand Flat (6800 feet). This trailhead is an alternative to Bunny Flat. To get there, turn around at Bunny Flat and head downhill on the highway for approximately 0.8 mile. There will be a dirt road on your right. Turn northwest onto this road and drive another 0.7 mile to a T intersection with another dirt road. Turn right onto this road and stay to the right at the next Y intersection. Continue 0.4 mile to the trailhead. This is the original Horse Camp trail and connects to the trail from Bunny Flat in a short distance.

Panther Meadows (7600 feet). From Bunny Flat, remain on the Everitt memorial Highway for another 1.7 miles to the junction with Panther Meadows Campground. Turn right into the campground, park in the parking area, and walk to the meadow. The Gray Butte

Trail crosses the meadow and provides access to the summit of Gray Butte.

Old Ski Bowl (7800). From Panther Meadows Campground, continue on the Everitt Memorial Highway for another 0.7 mile to the Old Ski Bowl Parking Lot. The trail winds north through the bowl and provides access to Green Butte. You can also cross over the ridge to the west and drop into Avalanche Gulch.

Trailheads from Highway 97

North Gate (7000 feet). From the Mt. Shasta Ranger Station, head west on Alma St. to the stop sign at Pine St. Turn left and drive one block to Lake St. Turn right and continue to the freeway. Turn north on I-5 and drive eight miles to the town of Weed. Take the exit for Highway 97 to Klamath Falls. Follow the signs through town and drive 15 miles north on 97 to Military Pass Road (Road 43N19). Turn right and drive four and a half miles to the junction of Andesite Logging Road and stay right. From this point to the trailhead, the route is marked with roadside direction signs. It is approximately four more miles to the trailhead.

Bolam/Whitney Falls (5,600). Follow the directions above to the town of Weed and take the exit for Highway 97 to Klamath Falls. Follow the signs through town and drive 12 miles north on Highway 97 to Highway A-12. Using this road as a landmark, safely turn around and head back south on Highway 97 approximately 0.2 mile to the first dirt road on your left. Turn south on this road (43N21) and drive 1.7 miles, staying right at all forks in the road. At this point you will cross over a set of railroad tracks and the road will become much rougher and rockier. To reach the old Bolam Trailhead, now renamed Whitney Falls Trailhead, continue straight on 43N21 another 2.2 miles to the road's end at 5600 feet. Here you will see the results of a flash flood and debris flow from the summer of 1997. The trailhead was buried to a depth of 6 feet or more in mud, boulders and trees. The first mile of the trail up the Bolam Creek drainage was obliterated. Determined hikers can hone their orienteering skills and carefully negotiate a way up the debris-choked drainage to pick up the remaining two miles of trail that heads south out of the Bolam drainage to an overlook of Whitney Falls and creek which usually only flows in midsummer.



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Trailheads from Highway 89

Clear Creek (6800 feet). From the Mt. Shasta Ranger Station, head west on Alma St. to the stop sign at Pine St. Turn left and drive one block to Lake St. Turn right and cross over the freeway. Turn south on I-5 one mile to Highway 89 and head east 10 miles to the town of McCloud. Continue east on 89 for 2.8 miles and turn left onto Pilgrim Creek Road (Road 13). Drive 5.2 miles and turn left on Widow Springs Road. Proceed 5 miles to the junction of McKenzie Butte Road (Road 31). Cross the McKenzie Butte Road and follow the roadside direction signs approximately 2.5 miles to the trailhead.

Brewer Creek (7200 feet). Follow the directions above to Pilgrim Creek Road (Road 13) and turn left. Drive 7.1 miles (past the Clear Creek turnoff) to Sugar Pine Butte Road (Road 19) and turn left. From this point to the trailhead, the route is marked with roadside direction signs. It is approximately 12 more miles to the trailhead.

Day Hikes

There are only a few trails within the Mt. Shasta Wilderness. Most of these trails are old jeep roads that are now closed to vehicle traffic. Day hike options are listed below. Please remember that wilderness permits are required for entering the Wilderness Area and that a Mt. Shasta Summit Pass is required if you plan on climbing above 10,000'.

Horse Camp. From the Sand Flat or Bunny Flat Trailheads, follow the trail to Horse Camp (1.5 miles or 1.7 miles, respectively, one way). The Sierra Club Foundation owns historic Shasta Alpine Lodge at Horse Camp, built in 1923. Visitors are asked to respect this private property and to respect wildlife by not bringing pets. Summer caretakers provide climbing and LEAVE NO TRACE information. Seasonal spring water is available. A small library is located inside the cabin. From Horse Camp, the Olberman Causeway extends another half mile up the gulch. This stone walkway was constructed in the 1920s by Mac Olberman, the first Horse Camp caretaker, out of large boulders in the area.

South Gate Meadows. This trail goes east from the Upper Ski Bowl parking lot and ascends a low saddle into the Mt. Shasta Wilderness. The trail then descends into a valley known as "The South Gate" before turning northeast towards a series of spring-fed sub-alpine meadows similar to Panther Meadows, but more

secluded. The distance one way is approximately two miles.

Brewer Creek. From the Brewer Creek Trailhead, follow the trail for 1.5 miles. Shortly after crossing Brewer Creek, the trail separates into two branches, both in poor condition. The right hand branch is approximately 0.5 miles long and climbs to the 8400 foot elevation. Continuing past the fork, the left branch extends for approximately 1½ miles to the 9600 foot elevation. Scenery includes stands of Shasta red fir, whitebark pine and hemlock. You can also see the Wintun and Hotlum Glaciers from this trail.

Clear Creek. From the Clear Creek Trailhead, this trail follows the rim of Mud Creek Canyon for 2.5 miles. The trail ends near Clear Creek Springs and provides views of the Konwakiton Glacier and of Mud Creek Canyon and Falls.

Mt. Shasta Wilderness Regulations

Some special restrictions apply to the Mt. Shasta Wilderness. Group size is limited to 10 persons or less. Camping is limited to seven nights within a 30-day period. Due to scarcity of fuel, wood fires are not permitted. Dogs are not allowed anywhere within the Mt. Shasta Wilderness including the Sierra Club property at Horse Camp.

Climbing Routes

There are numerous routes to the summits of Mt. Shasta and Shastina. Many of them are considered to be technical climbs requiring special equipment and ability. Information about these routes, necessary equipment and physical ability is available at the Mt. Shasta and McCloud Ranger Stations, local mountaineering shops and from local guides.

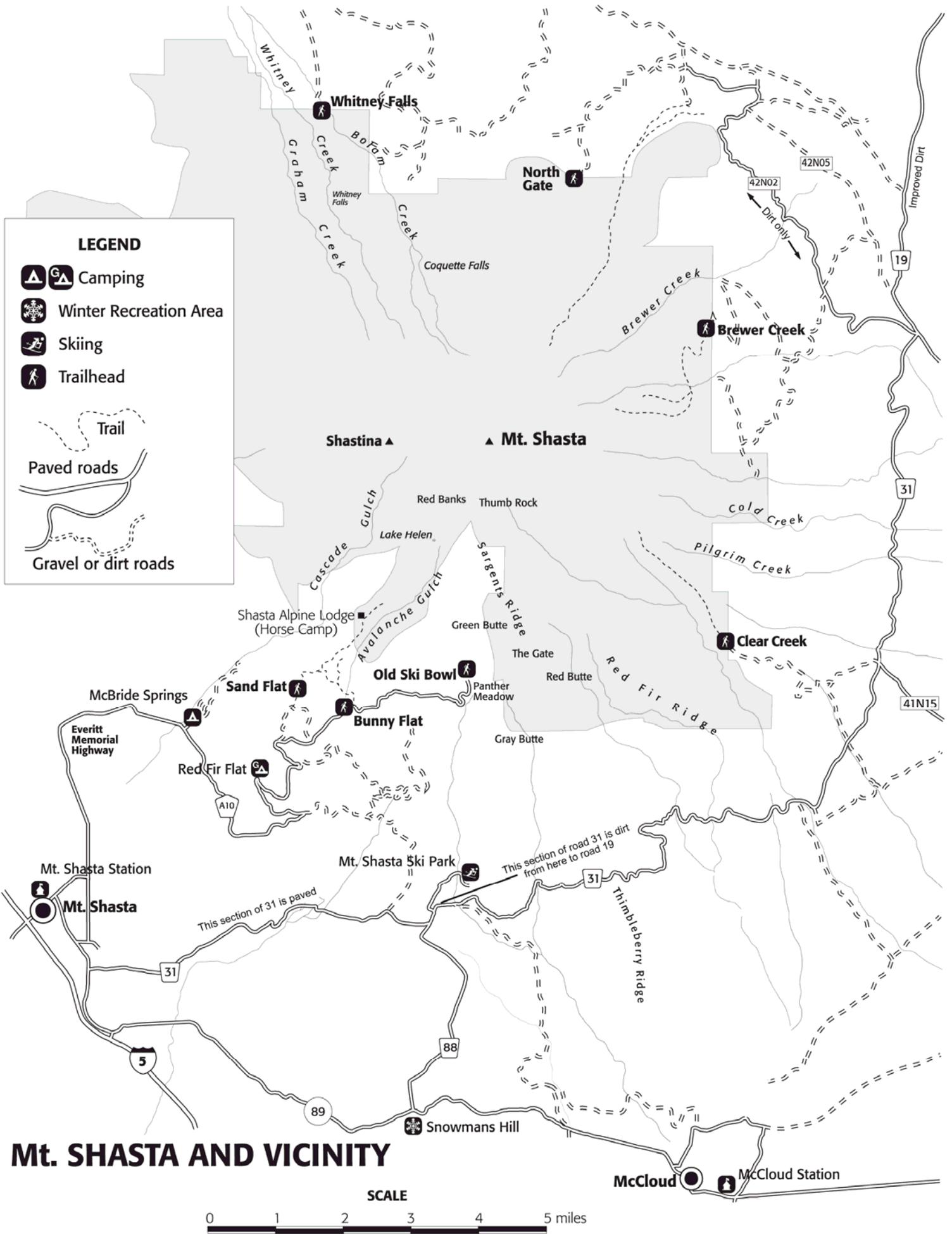
Remember

Back country travelers may encounter a variety of dangerous conditions. It is your responsibility to inform yourself about these inherent risks and take precautions.

For current route, snow and weather information, call: (530) 926-9613 or visit www.shastaavalanche.org.

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