

Shasta Lake Trails Guide

Shasta Unit • Whiskeytown - Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area

Shasta-Trinity National Forest



Many of the trails at Shasta Lake follow the lake shoreline. They offer plenty of opportunities for day hiking, mountain biking, running, fishing, sightseeing and wildlife viewing (summertime temperatures at Shasta Lake are generally not suited for multi-day backpacking). Three of these shoreline trails, Bailey Cove, Waters Gulch, and Klikapudi make loops that return to their point of origin. Klikapudi Trail is the most extensively developed trail at the lake and requires two to three hours to walk. Bailey Cove, Klikapudi and Waters Gulch are also very popular with mountain bikers and trail runners. The Waters Gulch loop is impassable to horseback riders.

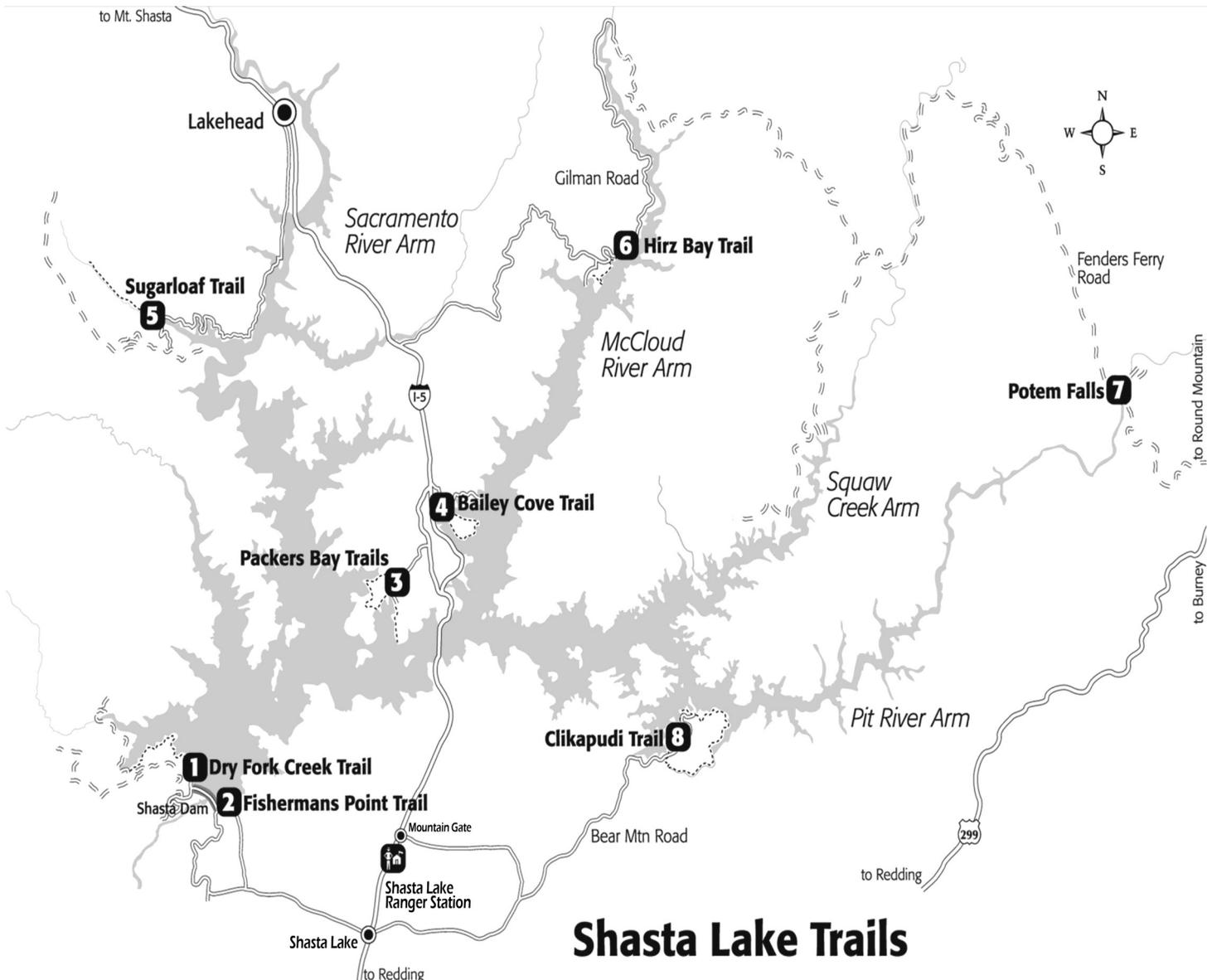
The Hirz Bay Trail connects Hirz Bay and Dekkas Rock campgrounds. This is an easy trail and especially pleasant in the summer during warm evening or cool morning hours. The trails

at Dry Fork and Fisherman's Point were developed to assist fishermen to get into the good fishing areas near Shasta Dam.

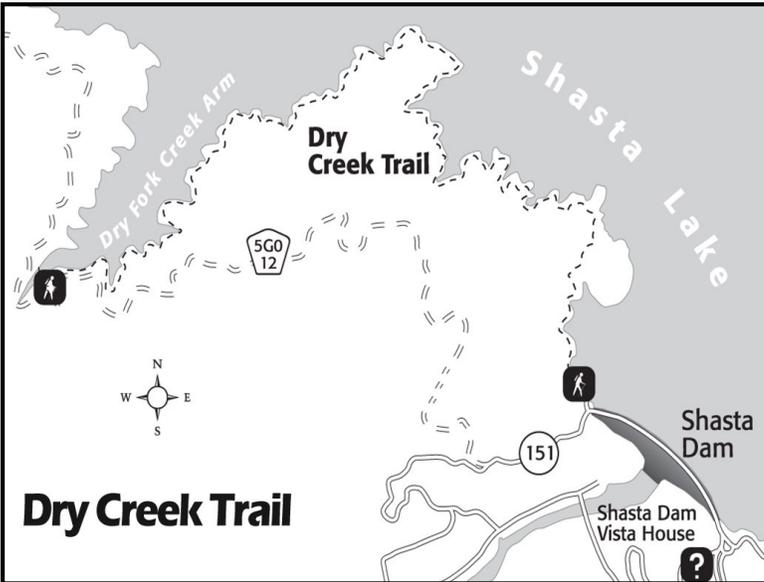
Please help us maintain these beautiful trails by practicing the following trail ethics: If you carry it in, carry it out.

DO NOT BURY YOUR GARBAGE. Animals will dig it up and scatter it. Please pick up litter as you encounter it. Bury human waste at least 200 feet away from trails, water sources and campsites. Dig a cat hole six inches deep, make your deposit and cover it with the soil that you removed.

All trails are subject to occasional closures due to things such as storm damage. Please check <http://www.fs.usda.gov/recmain/stnf/recreation> for the most up-to-date information before your visit.



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1 Dry Creek Trail...4.7 miles

Exit # 685 off of I-5. Follow Shasta Dam Blvd. to Shasta Dam. After you cross Shasta Dam, parking for the 1st trailhead is located on the right. For the 2nd trailhead, follow County Road 5G012. Trailhead is located just before you cross the bridge at Dry Fork Creek.

Begins/Ends: West side of Shasta Dam and at Dry Fork Creek on County Road 5G012

Use: Fishing and sightseeing

Constructed primarily to extend fishing access north of Shasta Dam, this trail is a good way to see this area. There are great views of the lake, Mt. Shasta and lots of opportunities to fish and swim.

The trailhead located on the west side of the dam is accessible only when the lake is down about 15 feet or more at Shasta Dam.

2 Fisherman's Point Trail...0.5

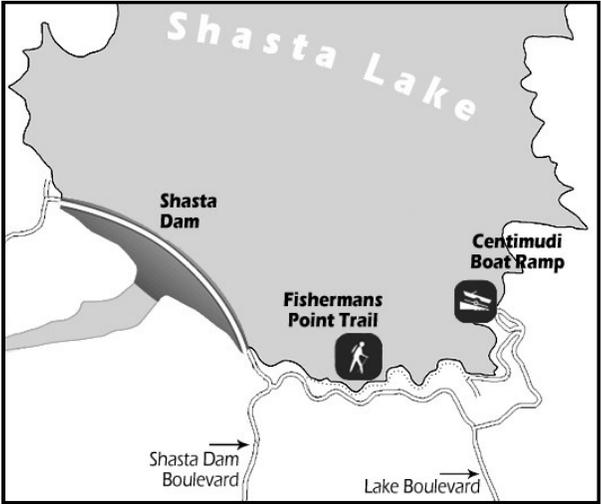
Exit # 685 off of I-5. Follow Shasta Dam Blvd. to Shasta Dam. Trail is located on the east side of the dam.

Begins: Fisherman's Point Day Use Area

Ends: Centimudi Boat Ramp

Use: Fishing access to Shasta Lake

Constructed primarily to extend fishing access east of Shasta Dam, this trail provides opportunities for fishing and swimming.



3 * Packers Bay Trails...

Northbound I-5 traffic, Exit # 695, turn west and join the I-5 southbound traffic to Exit # 694. Follow the Packers Bay signs. There are four trails in the Packers Bay trail system.

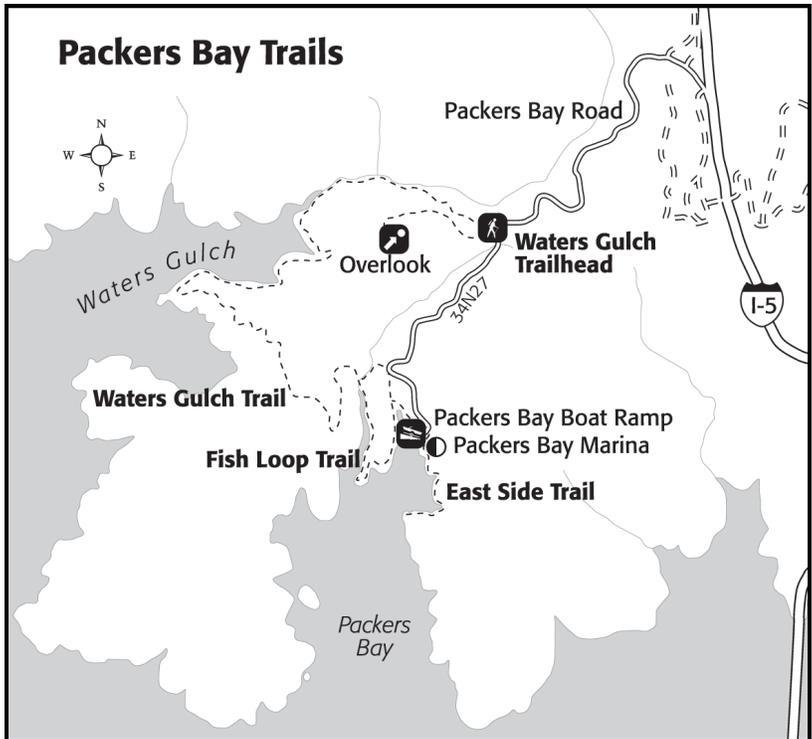
1. Waters Gulch Trail...2.8 miles

Begins: Alongside Packers Bay Road about 1/4 mile from the boat ramp parking lot.

Ends: At the Packers Bay Boat Ramp.

Use: Hiking, trail running, mountain biking, fishing and wildlife viewing.

This scenic loop starts down the small creek in Waters Gulch to Shasta Lake. It then follows the lake shoreline before climbing back over a low ridge to the parking lot at the Packers Bay Boat Ramp. The terrain includes a few steep hills and switchbacks and is impassable to horses. There is good fishing and swimming access. (con't)



3 Packers Bay Trails... (con't)

2. Overlook Trail...0.4 miles

Begins/Ends: At the Waters Gulch Trailhead alongside Packers Bay Road.

Use: Hiking, sightseeing

This is a short hike that climbs gently to the top of a knoll overlooking the Sacramento River Arm of Shasta Lake. It provides hikers with nice views, particularly in the early morning or at sunset.

*3. Fish Loop Trail...0.7 miles

Begins/Ends: Packers Bay Parking Lot.

Use: Fishing access, hiking, wildlife viewing

This is a short loop trail which provides good access for fishing. It also extends the length of a hike or run around the Waters Gulch Trail.

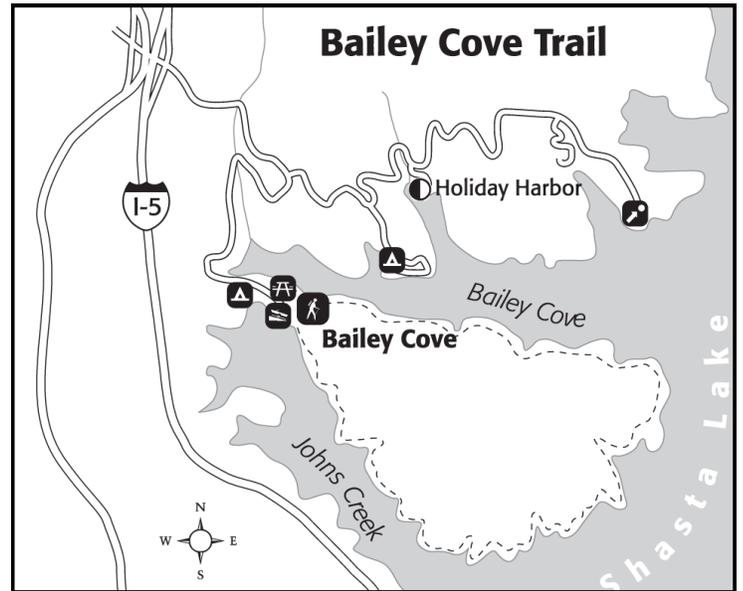
*4. East Side Trail...0.4 miles

Begins/Ends: At the Packers Bay Marina Boat Ramp.

Use: Fishing and swimming access, sightseeing

This is a short trail providing access to good fishing and swimming areas. It ends at a vista which overlooks Packers Bay.

***There is a daily use fee for the Packers Bay parking lot.**



4 *Bailey Cove Trail...3.1 miles

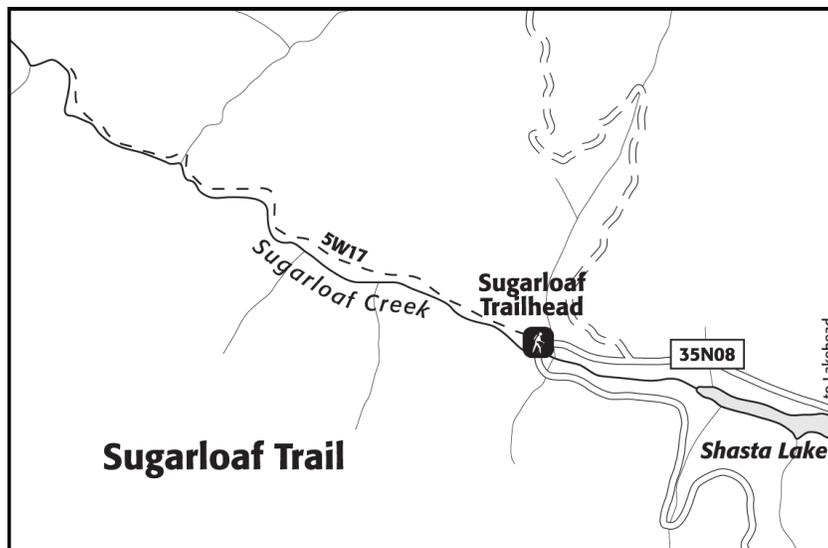
Exit # 695 off of I-5. Follow the signs to the Bailey Cove day use area.

Begins/Ends: Bailey Cove Day Use Area

Use: Fishing, sightseeing, hiking, trail running, mountain biking

***There is a daily use fee for the Bailey Cove Day Use Area.**

This is a scenic hike along the lower McCloud Arm of Shasta Lake and provides good access for fishing and sightseeing. The trail circles a mountain peninsula and offers an interesting opportunity to see how exposure to the sun affects the ecology of the different sides. The south facing slopes are noticeably hotter and dryer and covered with manzanita and knob cone pines which are heat tolerant. The north side of the mountain is decidedly cooler and the vegetation changes to pines and oaks, thick groves of Douglas Fir and incense cedar.



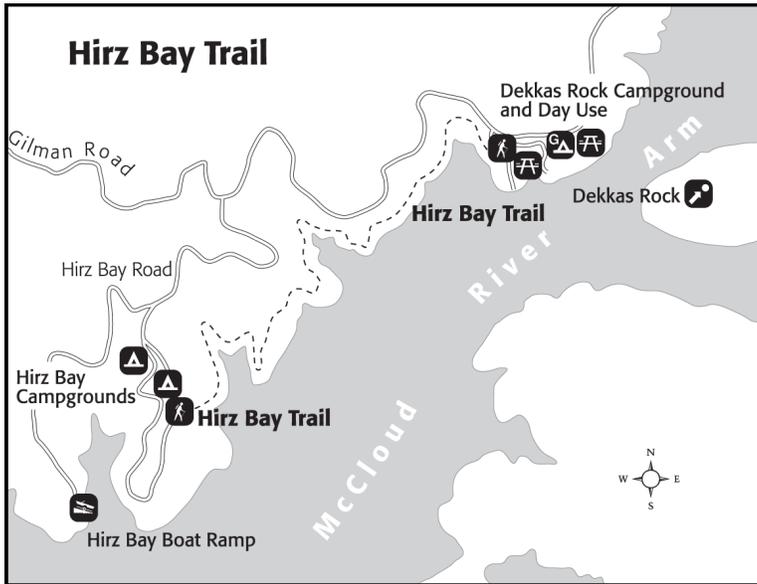
5 Sugarloaf Trail...1 mile

Exit #702 off of I-5. Turn west and follow Lakeshore Drive.

Begins/Ends: Off of Lakeshore Drive

Use: Hiking, sightseeing.

This is an easy hike that climbs gently. The trail follows along Sugarloaf Creek in a densely covered pine forest. This primitive trail is not maintained after the first mile.



6 Hirz Bay Trail...1.6 miles
Exit # 698 off of I-5. Approximately 10 miles east off of Gilman Road.

Begins/Ends: Dekkas Rock day use area/Hirz Bay campground
Use: Hiking, nature study

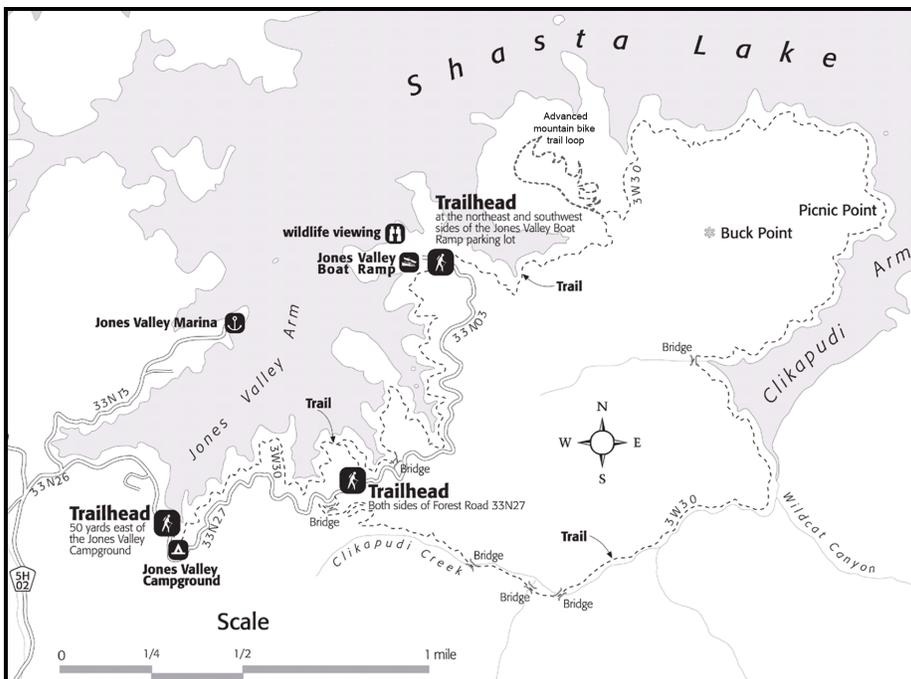
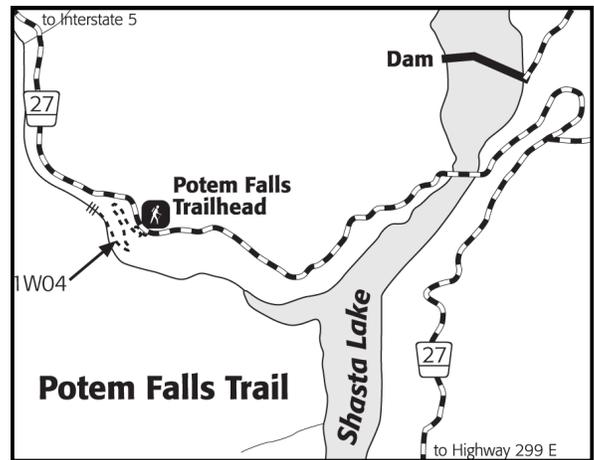
This scenic walk follows the shoreline crossing several cool, shady creeks and provides scenic vistas of the lake.

***Dekkas Rock day use area is a FREE trailhead. There is no day use parking for the Hirz Bay campground.**

7 Potem Falls Trail... 0.3 miles
Take Hwy 299 east to Fenders Ferry Road. Turn left and drive 9 miles to a pullout parking area on the left. There is a short hike to the falls.

Begins: Off of Fenders Ferry Road
Ends: At Potem Falls
Use: Hiking, sightseeing

Potem Falls is a year round 70 foot waterfall on Potem Creek.



8 Clikapudi Trail...up to 10 miles
Take 299 East

Begins/ Ends: 50 yards east of Jones Valley campground, Forest Service road 33N27, or Jones Valley boat ramp
Use: Hiking, sightseeing, mountain biking, equestrian, shoreline access, fishing

The main loop, beginning and ending at the boat ramp parking lot is 7.5 miles long. The part of the trail from the campground to Forest Road 33N27 is approximately 0.5 mile. If you choose to do the entire trail from the trailhead near Jones Valley Campground and back, the distance is approximately 8 miles. The advanced mountain bike loop portion is approximately 1 mile.

Please use trail courtesy. Walkers and runners give way to mountain bikers. Mountain bikers give way to horseback riders. When waiting for a horseback rider to pass, stand on the downhill side of the trail, this is less likely to spook the horse.

