Welcome to the Shasta Unit

The Shasta Unit is one of three units that comprise the Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area. It was established by Congress in 1965. These areas were recognized for their unique and varied recreational potential.

Shasta Lake forms the core of the Shasta Unit and offers recreational opportunities. This body of water provides a variety of services including boating, wildlife viewing, water-skiing, swimming, fishing, camping, picnicking, hiking, hunting, and mountain biking. The Shasta and Trinity Units are located in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest and are administered by the USDA Forest Service.

More than meets the eye

Shasta Lake, "keystone" of the Central Valley project, is the largest human-made reservoir in California. When full, its 370-mile shoreline exceeds that of San Francisco Bay. Shasta Dam is the second largest concrete dam in the United States. It was constructed between 1935 and 1945. Shasta Lake filled completely for the first time in 1952.

The construction of Shasta Dam impounded three major north-stem rivers: the Pit, McCloud, and Sacramento. To refer to as arms, each retains its own character, environment, history, and recreational opportunities.

People who have never been to Shasta Lake may get the impression that they are seeing several lakes as they pass by on Interstate 5. The rugged country-ringed shoreline, and size of Shasta Lake tends to break the lake into different areas, each with its own opportunities, moods, and settings.

Things to do and see around the lake

Shasta Lake is one of the dominant features in Northern California. Visitors along Interstate 5 can see the lake from Antlers Bridge, O'Brien Recreation Area, and the Pit River Bridge. The "Three Shatras"—Shasta Dam, Shasta Lake, and Mt. Shasta—can be seen from the Shasta Dam Vista Point.

Shasta Dam Tour

The Bureau of Reclamation operates Shasta Dam to provide a variety of services including irrigation, power generation, flood control, and recreation. For more information about Shasta Dam or the Visitor Center hours and guided tours, call (530) 275-4463.

Wildlife Viewing

Shasta Lake is home to the largest nesting population of bald eagles on one reservoir in the State of California. There are numerous sites along the shoreline, as well as out on the lake, to view these magnificent birds. Bald eagles are sensitive during their breeding season, which occurs between January and the end of July. You can help protect our National Symbol by obeying posted signs and protection zones. Please help us by enjoying them from a distance.

Fishing

The waters of Shasta Lake provide excellent fishing opportunities. Popular spots are located on the major rivers and streams empty into the lake. Fishing is prohibited at boat ramps.

Shasta Caverns Tour

The caverns began forming over 250 million years ago in the massive limestone of the Gray Rocks. Visible from Interstate 5, Shasta Caverns are located off the Shasta Caverns Overlook near Redding. The Caverns are owned and operated by a privately owned company.

Vicinity Map

Shasta-Cascade National Forest

105 Storey Road

Redding, CA 96003

(530) 275-1589 or (530) 275-1587

www.fs.usda.gov/shasta

Shasta Dam Visitor Center

Free daily tours of the dam on Shasta Dam Blvd, Exit 687

(530) 275-4463

www.usbr.gov/mp/ncao

Shasta Lake Statistics...

- Shoreline: 370 miles
- Surface Area: 30,004 acres
- Storage Capacity: 4,530,000 acre feet
- Dam Height: 602 feet
- Greatest Depth: 678 feet
- Total Drainage Area: 4,110,000 acres
- Average Annual Flow: 6.2 million acre feet
- Spillway Elevation: 1067 feet

Visitor Information...

Visitor information such as maps, brochures, exhibits, campfire permits, daily lake level, marinas, resorts and other general visitor information is also available at the following locations:

- Shasta Lake Ranger District
  Mountain Gate/Wonderland Boulevard Exit 687
  (530) 275-2781 or (530) 275-7587
  www.fs.usda.gov/shasta

- Shasta Dam Visitor Center
  Free daily tours of the dam on Shasta Dam Blvd, Exit 687
  (530) 275-4463
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California Welcome Center

Located at the Factory Outlets in Anderson along Interstate 5, exit #67
Call (530) 365-1180
www.shastacalifornia.org

Concessionaire: Shasta Recreation Company
14538 Wonderland Blvd., exit #687
(530) 275-8113
www.shastalakecamping.com

Federal Recreation Lands Pass
Seniors (age 62 years old and older) Access Passports (for those with permanent disabilities, regardless of age) a lifetime pass for citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. Coverage includes access to and use of Bureau of Land Management, Fish & Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Reclamation, and USDA – Forest Service sites that charge entrance or standard amenity fees. Also provides a 50% discount for pass holder on some expanded amenity fees such as camping and boat launch fees. There is a one-time fee for Senior Passports.

For more information on any of these passes, please check with the Federal Recreation Lands Pass website at: www.blm.gov/ca/redding or www.fs.usda.gov/shasta

Fees

Most Forest Service campgrounds and all commercial campgrounds charge a fee. There is no fee for boat access campgrounds.

Forest Service boat passes are available at all Forest Service recreation areas. They are accepted at all Forest Service campgrounds. These passes are available at the National Recreation Reservation Service at 1-877-444-6777 or on the web at recreation.gov

Other fees include:

- Entrance or standard amenity fees
- Day-use fees
- Campfire registration fees
- Primitive camping fees
- Pet fees
- Parking fees

Improvements at recreation areas include:

- Improved boat ramps
- Picnic tables
- Restrooms
- Campfire rings
- Drinking water
- Special events

Please check website for a complete list of fees.
Camping and Campground Information Continued...

Campsite occupancy: Campsites must be occupied the first night and cannot be unoccupied for more than 24 hours.

Length of stay: Campground stays are limited to 14 days, as posted at the campground entrance. Campers on the lake shoreline are limited to 14 days per year. Houseboats without Forest Service permits are limited to 30 days per calendar year. Picnic and Day Use areas are open between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.

Campfire permits are required when using campstoves, ski torches, Hibachis, barbecues, or campfires outside of a designated campground. Campfire permits are available, at no cost, at any Forest Service, CAL Fire or Bureau of Land Management office.

Bears: Campfire restrictions are in effect due to bear activity.

Privately Owned Houseboats: Authorization is needed to have a privately owned houseboat on Shasta Lake for more than 30 days per calendar year. For more information, please contact the Shasta Lake Ranger Station at (530) 275-1587.

Law Enforcement: The Shasta County Sheriff's Department works closely with the Forest Service in enforcing local and California Boating Laws. If you need assistance, contact the Sheriff's Patrol or any Forest Service employee. If you have an emergency, please dial 911.

Garbage: Garbage receptacles are located at campsites, picnic areas, and at boat ramps. Garbage is not collected at illegal campgrounds and most undeveloped sites. Please pack it out to the nearest container. Do not bury trash or dispose of it at floating restrooms.

Pets: Pets are permitted but must be on a leash and under restraint in campgrounds, picnic areas, and at boat ramps. Campground and boat ramp use is allowed, but pets are not allowed on the lake shoreline.

Fireworks: Fireworks are prohibited in all National Forests and Shasta County. For more information, please contact the Shasta Lake Ranger Station at (530) 275-1587.

Camping靠近Shasta Lake的区域是一个由多个公共和私营的露营地组成的网络。这些营地提供了各种设施和服务，以满足不同游客的需求。Shasta Lake是其中一个主要的露营地，提供水边露营、钓鱼、皮划艇和游泳等活动。该区域还设有游客信息中心、野餐区和露营地。

CAUTION! Water levels in Shasta Lake can fluctuate dramatically on a daily basis as well as seasonally. For more information, please refer to the Shasta Lake Water Level Information at www.recreation.gov.

MAP LEGEND:
- Shasta Lake
- Visitor Center, Non-Forest Service
- Visitor Center, Forest Service
- Campground, Non-Forest Service
- Campground, Forest Service
- Boat-in Campground
- Undeveloped Campground, F.S.
- Day Use, Non-Forest Service
- Restroom
- Boat Ramp
- Accessible Boat Ramp
- Marina, Commercial
- Amphitheater
- Watchable Wildlife Site
- Point of Interest, Commercial
- Primary Highway
- Freeway Exit #
- Paved Road
- Unpaved Road
- Dirt Road
- Trail
- Locked Gate
- Private Land within Shasta Unit - Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area
- Ambulance - Fire - Sheriff - Accident
- Emergency Dial 911

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