

Shasta Lake Trails Guide

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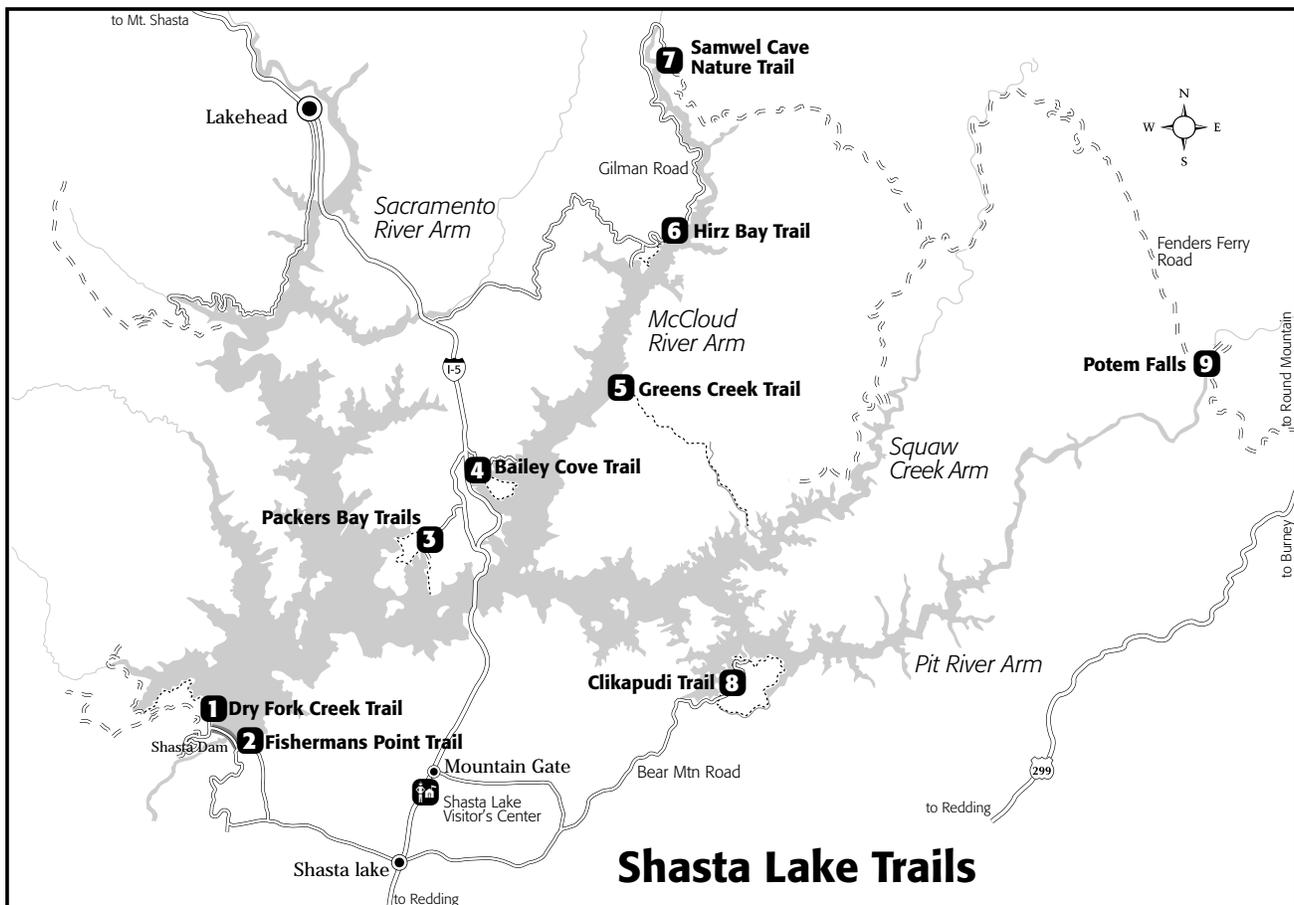
Many of the trails at Shasta Lake follow the lake shoreline. They offer plenty of opportunities for day hiking, mountain biking, running, fishing, sightseeing and wildlife viewing (summertime temperatures at Shasta Lake are generally not suited for multi-day backpacking). Three of these shoreline trails,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

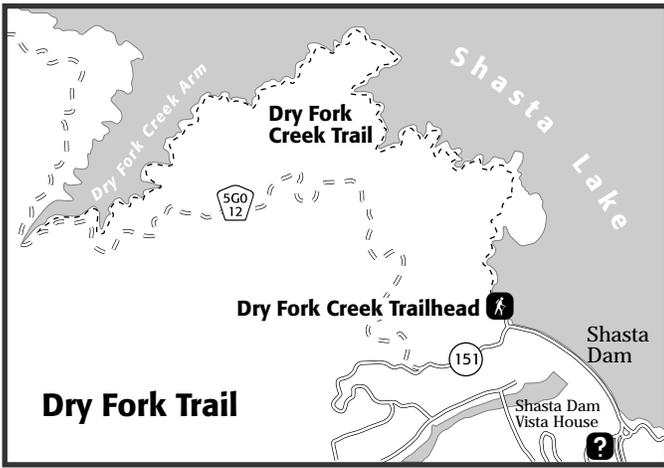
The Hirz Bay trail connects Hirz Bay and Dekkas Rock campgrounds. This is an easy trail and especially pleasant in the summer during warm evening or cool morning hours. The trails at Dry Fork and Fishermans Point were developed to assist fishermen to get into the good fishing areas near Shasta Dam.

The Samwel Cave Nature Trail is a boat access only trail that begins at Point McCloud and climbs to the mouth of this interesting and historically significant cave. A Recreation Opportunity Guide is available that describes the natural and cultural history surrounding Samwel Cave.

The Greens Creek Trail is only accessible by boat. It climbs from either the McCloud Arm of Shasta Lake or the Squaw Creek Arm. From either side it is a steep, but rewarding climb to the summit between the two drainages. The top of the ridge is rugged with amazing limestone formations and the view from the top is beautiful.

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.





4 Dry Fork Creek Trail... 4.7miles

Begins... West side of Shasta Dam
 Ends... At Dry Fork Creek on County Road 5G012
 Use... Fishing and sightseeing

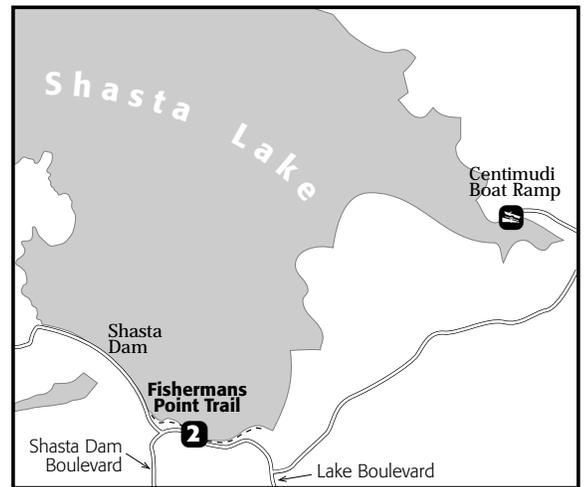
Constructed primarily to extend fishing access north of Shasta Dam, this trail is a good way to see this area. There are great views of the lake and Mt. Shasta and lots of opportunities to fish and swim.

The trailhead is accessible only when the lake is down about 15 feet or more at Shasta Dam.

2 Fishermans Point Trail...

Begins/ends... Fishermans Point Day Use Area
 Use... Fishing access to Shasta Lake

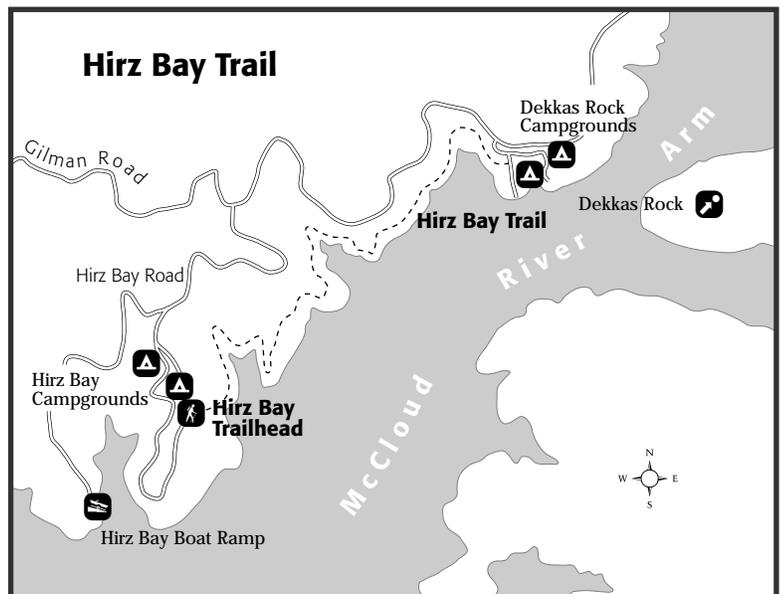
Constructed primarily to extend fishing access east of Shasta Dam, this trail provides opportunities for fishing and swimming.

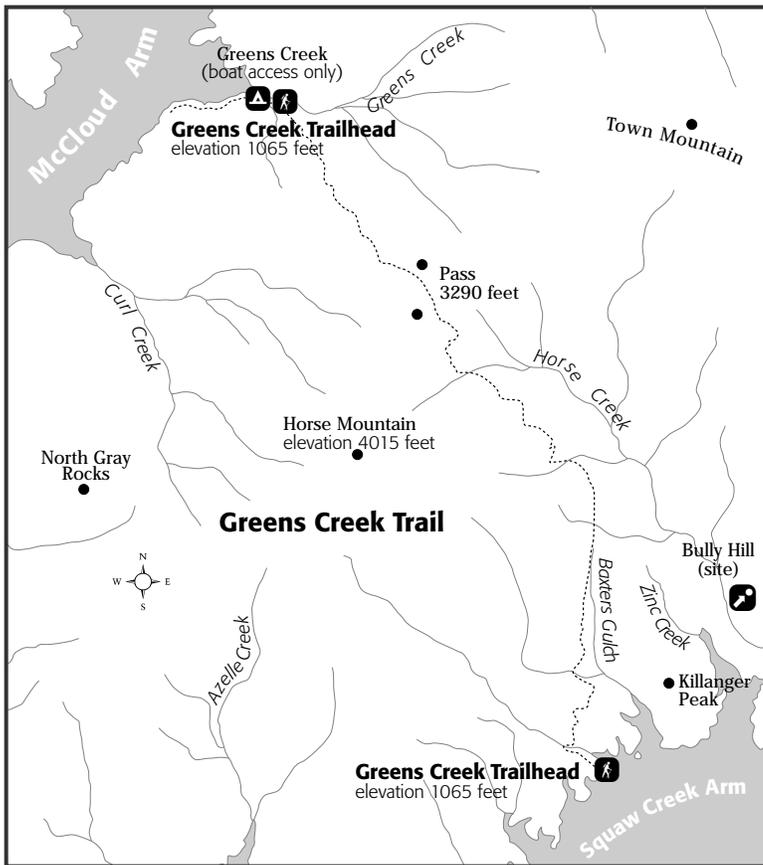


6 Hirz Bay Trail... 1.6 miles

Begins... Hirz Bay amphitheater (10 miles from I-5 on Gilman Road)
 Ends... Dekkas Rock Campground
 Use... Hiking, nature study

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





■ **Greens Creek Trail...** 5.85 miles

Begins... Boat access only from the Greens Creek boat-in Campground on the McCloud Arm of Shasta Lake.

Ends... The shoreline of the Squaw Creek Arm of Shasta Lake just west of Bully Hill.

Use... Nature study, hiking, sightseeing.

This trail climbs steeply from the Greens Creek boat-in campground 1,230 feet to the ridge above. At the ridgetop, the trail passes through fantastic limestone formations that separate the McCloud and Squaw Creek Arms of Shasta Lake. From the top of the ridge, the trail descends back to lake level near the old mining community of Bully Hill. This is an excellent spring and autumn hike with commanding views of the surrounding countryside and Shasta Lake. During summer months, it can be very hot and dry.

7 **Samwel Cave Nature Trail...** 1 mile. Boat access only.

Begins... Along the shoreline of Shasta Lake at Point McCloud just south of McCloud Bridge Campground.

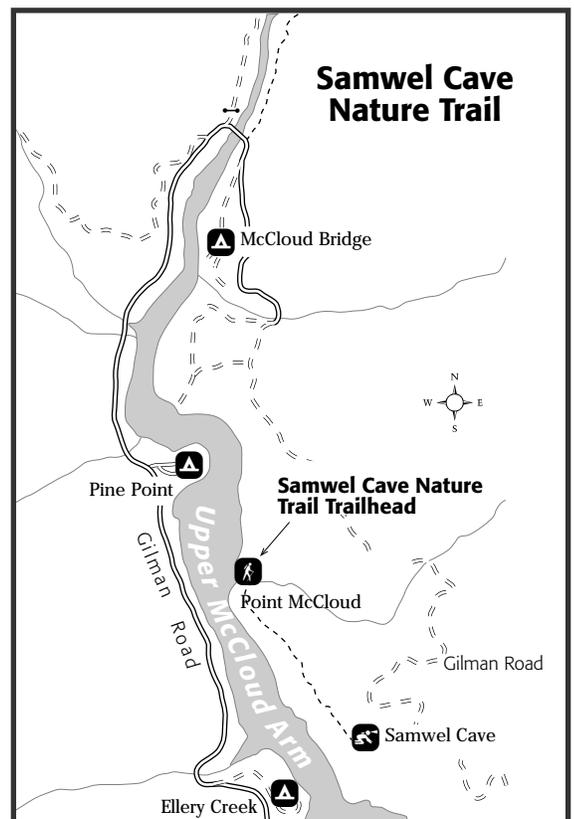
Ends... At Samwel Cave.

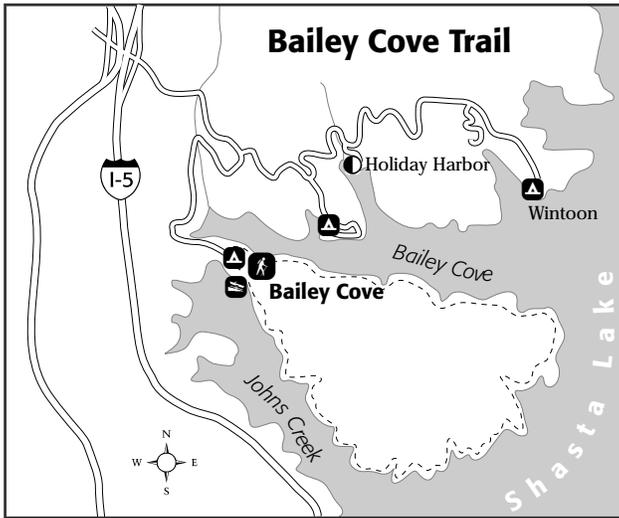
Use... Hiking, sightseeing, and spelunking.

Signs along the trail tell the story of the relationship between the Wintu Indians and the cave. They illustrate the Wintu legends surrounding the cave and the history of its exploration and scientific significance to paleontological study.

Only the first room of the cave is open to visitors without a special permit which is available at the Shasta Lake Ranger District Headquarters in Mountain Gate. Lower levels of the cave can be dangerous for visitors unfamiliar with spelunking techniques.

The mouth of the cave sits high above the McCloud Arm of Shasta Lake and overlooks the upper McCloud Arm with fine views. Boaters may beach south of Point McCloud. The trailhead is marked.





4 Bailey Cove Trail... 3.1 miles

Begins... Bailey Cove Day Use Area (take O'Brien Exit from I-5 north)
 Ends... Bailey Cove Picnic Area
 Use... Fishing, sightseeing, hiking, trail running, mountain biking

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 knobcone 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.

3 Packers Bay Trails... There are four trails in the Packers Bay Trails system.

1. Waters Gulch Trail... 2.8 miles

Begins... alongside Packers Bay Road about 1/4 mile before the boat ramp parking lot.
 Ends... At the Packers Bay Boat Ramp.
 Use... hiking, trail running, mountain biking, fishing 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.

2. Overlook Trail... 0.4 miles

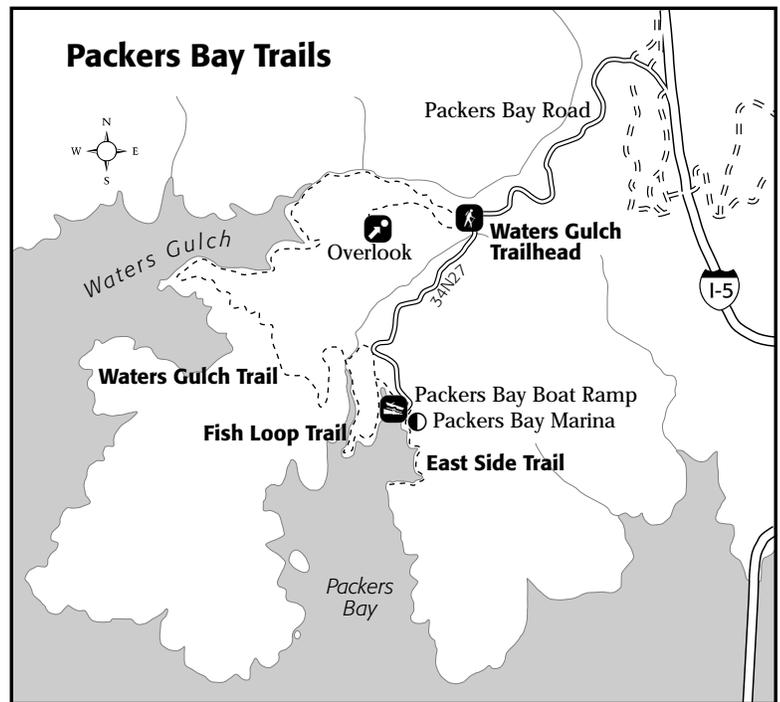
Begins/ends... at the Waters Gulch Trailhead alongside Packers Bay Road.
 use... hiking, sightseeing

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 and ends... at the 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.

8 Klikapudi Trail

The name Klikapudi comes from the Wintu word "Klukupuda" which means "to kill," referring to a local battle between Wintu Indians and local traders in the 1800s. This is one of the more popular trails on Shasta Lake, and is excellent for mountain biking, horseback riding, trail running and hiking. It is accessible from three trailheads, one at the Jones Valley Campground, also at the Jones Valley Boat Ramp parking lot (north and south sides), and halfway between, where the trail crosses forest road 33N03. The main loop, beginning and ending at the boat ramp parking lot, is 8 miles long. That part of the trail from the campground to Forest Road 33N03 is approximately 1 1/4 miles long. If you choose to do the entire trail from the trailhead near Jones Valley Campground and back, the distance is just a few yards shy of 10 miles.

The area that includes Klikapudi Trail was extensively burned in the Jones Fire in the spring of 2000. For a few months afterwards the Forest Service closed the trail so that crews could fall fire killed trees that, if left standing, might have fallen across the trail. Prior to the fire, lines of sight were fairly limited by a dense undergrowth of manzanita and young knobcone pine. The fire helped to open up the surrounding country and views are actually much improved. Nutrients released into the soil by the fire have sparked a phenomenal increase in the growth and color of wildflowers, and young manzanita and pines are growing rapidly.

This is an exceptionally beautiful trail from mid-autumn through late spring when temperatures are mild. Summertime heat tends to discourage most use except in the early mornings and evenings after the sun has gone down. During winter months when the small creeks are flowing there are several small waterfalls along the route. Wildflowers are always a treat (usually beginning in late January) as are the occasional glimpses of bald eagles, osprey, wild turkeys, black bears, squirrels and rabbits. There are great scenic vistas across the Pit Arm of Shasta Lake. The trail climbs and descends through a forest of mixed conifer and black oak scattered with small meadows. Fishermen use the trail to access their favorite fishing spots below the trail along the Pit Arm of the lake.

Because the trail is so popular, it is important to remember common trail courtesey. 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. If you choose to hike Klikapudi in the summer, be sure and take plenty of water. Summer heat is quite severe in this area and there is no drinking water available after you leave the boat ramp parking lot, or the campground.

