

Trail and Lake Information

Trinity Alps Wilderness • Weaverville & Big Bar Ranger Stations
Shasta-Trinity National Forest



Day Hikes...

Hobo Gulch to Backbone Creek and to Rattlesnake Creek: The easy 3/4 mile hike to Backbone creek begins level, climbs up and then drops down to the creek. Another 4 1/4 miles of easy walking brings you to Rattlesnake Creek. The trail runs through a mixed forest of giant madrone and Douglas fir. Oaks and dogwood are also prevalent making this a beautiful hike in the fall. Overnight hikers will find plenty of excellent campsites along the trail. (R11W - T36N - S6)

East Weaver Lake: A moderate 1 1/2 mile hike up and over a ridge leads you to this small lake surrounded by granite and forests. (R9W - T35N - S15)

Big and Little Boulder Lakes: It is an easy 2 mile hike into these lakes which sit 1 mile apart. Little Boulder has steep granite walls and deep water. Big Boulder is a large, shallow lake with lily pads and is surrounded by forest and backdropped by granite ridges. (R8W - T38N - S16)

Adams Lake: A small lake reached after a stiff 2 1/2 mile hike through steep forest. Good chances for solitude. (R9W - T38N - S30)

Stoddard and McDonald Lakes: A comfortable 3 1/2 mile hike through meadows and thick forest leads you to these large, deep blue lakes surrounded by conifer forest. Billy's Peak towers over both. The trail is accessible from Highway 3 via the Eagle Creek Loop and then onto the dirt road that climbs the ridge above Ripple and Eagle Creeks. The turnoff to the Eagle Creek Loop is 3 miles past Coffee Creek. The last half mile of the road is too steep for horse trailers. These lakes can also be accessed by way of the East Fork of Coffee Creek Trail. (R7W - T39N - S18)

Tangle Blue Lake: An easy to moderate 4 mile hike into this lake that features meadows, forests and large camps. An ideal family camping lake. (R7W - T39N - S20)

Lake Eleanor and Shimmy Lake: Lake Eleanor is easily reached within 1/2 mile of the trailhead. You continue 3 2/3 miles past this picturesque mountain lake until you reach Shimmy Lake, which is surrounded by meadows and forests. The trip is relatively easy and can be enjoyed by the less experienced hiker. (R7W - T37N - S9)

Granite Peak: This is a very steep hike and only those in good physical condition should attempt it. At the end of this 4 2/3 mile climb you will find yourself on top of the peak with magnificent views of the Trinity Alps, Trinity Lake and the Trinity Divide. (R8W - T36N - S14)

Longer Hikes...

Bear Lakes: This isolated group of lakes offers moderate seclusion and spectacular views. The 5 mile trail to Big Bear Lake is steep and exposed. A cross country day hike to Little and Wee Bear Lakes takes the easterly ridge leading away from the outlet of Big Bear, then contours around to the basin that holds these lakes. (R7W - T39N - S34)

Sugar Pine Lake: A tough 5 1/2 mile hike following Sugar Pine Creek will take you to this pretty lake surrounded by granite peaks and ridges. There are day hiking possibilities to Union, Foster, Conway and Lion Lakes. (R8W - T38N - S32)

Canyon Creek Lakes: A moderate 7 mile hike along Canyon Creek will take you past meadows and waterfalls until you reach these two lakes that lay below towering granite peaks. Day hikes are possible to the Boulder Creek Lakes and to L Lake. (R10W - T36N - S17)

Long Canyon and Bowerman Meadows: This steep trail forks two miles in. The lefthand fork crosses the creek and leads you to Bowerman Meadows. The north, or righthand fork, leads you up Long Canyon. Both trails take you through high country meadows, surrounded by rugged peaks and ridges. The wildflowers in these meadows are spectacular. Both trails are for the strong hiker. (R9W - T36N - S6)

Union Lake: Union is a long, shallow, lake reached by an easy to moderate 6 mile hike up the Union Creek Trail. The trail wanders through beautiful mixed conifer forests and beautiful meadows. Union Creek is never far away. There are lots of day hiking possibilities from this area... especially to Landers Lake, Foster Lake and the Parker Divide. (R8W - T38N - S34)

Stuarts Fork of the Trinity River: This hike starts from Bridge Camp Campground. The trail does not vary much in elevation and good fishing is found along the river. The trail is well maintained and continues for 15 miles finally ending at Sapphire Lake. The trail is heavily forested with rushing mountain streams and beautiful views of the "White Trinities" along the way. (R9W - T36N - S20)

Swift Creek: This trail passes through mixed conifer forests, meadows and along the Swift Creek Gorge. Four miles in, at Parker Creek, the serpentine peaks surrounding the upper end of Swift Creek and Bear Basin come into view. This trail also accesses Landers, Ward and Horseshoe Lakes. The Granite Lake Trail splits off the Swift Creek Trail, one mile from the trailhead. It crosses Swift Creek and, in 5 miles, takes the hiker to a beautiful lake surrounded by towering granite peaks. (R8W - T37N - S21)

Hobo Gulch to Grizzly Lake: A long 19 mile hike from the trailhead at Hobo Gulch will get you to this large alpine lake that sits at the base of Thompson Peak, the tallest peak in the Trinity Alps. The trail is beautiful, wandering through magnificent mixed conifer forests with views of the surrounding peaks. Evidence of Gold Rush mining activity lies all along the trail. Grizzly Lake features a spectacular 70 foot waterfall at its outlet. Day hikes are possible to Lois Lake (the highest lake in the Trinity Alps) and Thompson Peak. (R11W - T36N - S6)

Recommended Loops...

- Swift Creek, Granite Lake, 7-Up Peak, Bear Basin, and out Swift Creek. This is a moderate 4 to 5 day hike.
- Swift Creek, Parker Meadow, Mumford Meadow, Landers Lake, Union Creek, Parker Creek and out Swift Creek. This is an easy to moderate 5 to 6 day hike.
- East Fork New River, Pony Creek, Mullane Corral, High Prairie, Limestone Ridge, Blue Ridge, and out East Fork New River. A moderate to difficult 5 to 6 day hike.
- East Fork Coffee Creek, Stoddard Meadows, Doe Lake, Granite Lake, and out North Fork Coffee Creek. A moderate 5 to 6 day hike.
- Long Canyon, Deer Lake, Four Lakes Trail and out Long Canyon. A difficult 4 to 5 day hike.
- Long Canyon, Four Lakes Trail, Deer Creek, Morris Meadows and out Stuarts Fork. This trip requires a 15 mile car shuttle and is a moderate to difficult 6 to 7 day hike.
- New River, Slide Creek, Eagle Creek, Battle Creek, Old Denny, Slide Creek and out New River. A moderate to difficult 4 to 6 day hike.
- North Fork Coffee Creek, Schlomberg Cabin, Steveale Meadows and out South Fork Coffee Creek. A moderate to difficult 3 to 4 day hike.
- Stuarts Fork, Deer Creek, Four Lakes, Siligo Meadow, Stonewall Pass, Elk Gulch and out Stuarts Fork. A moderate 4 to 6 day hike.

Easy Hikes, for someone in fair hiking or backpacking condition...

- Big and Little Boulder Lakes
- East Fork New River (first 4 miles)
- New River (first 3 miles)
- Union Creek to Union Lake
- Pacific Crest Trail
- Stuarts Fork
- Slide Creek (first 2 miles)
- Stoddard Lake from Highway 3
- Tangle Blue Lake
- North Fork Trinity River (first 10 miles out of Hobo Gulch)

Moderate Hikes, for someone in good hiking or backpacking condition:

- Boulder Creek Lakes trail (Canyon Creek)
- Canyon Creek Trail
- Caribou Lakes Trail
- Eagle Creek Trail
- New River Area
- East Fork Coffee Creek Trail
- North Fork Coffee Creek Trail
- Salmon Summit
- South Fork Coffee Creek Trail
- Swift Creek
- French Creek
- Deer Creek Basin and Four Lakes Loop entered from Long Canyon, Stuarts Fork or Stoney Ridge Trails

Difficult Hikes, for someone in excellent hiking or backpacking condition:

- Alpine Lake Trail
- Bear Lake Trail
- Foster & Lion Lakes area
- Granite Peak Trail
- Rush Creek Lakes Trail
- Sugar Pine Lake Trail
- Green Mountain Trail
- Sawtooth Ridge Trail from Stuarts Fork into Caribou Lakes
- Any trail where a stream crossing is required during spring melt

Grazing areas for packstock:

- Eagle Creek Benches
- Long Canyon, Bowerman and Upper Long Canyon Meadows
- North Fork Coffee Creek, above Schlomberg Cabin
- Stuarts Fork, Morris and Deer Creek Meadows and Black Basin
- Swift Creek, Parker and Mumford Meadows, Bear and Sunrise Basins
- Pony Creek, Mullane Corral
- North Fork Swift Creek, Poison Canyon
- Stoddard Lake, Doe Flat & Stoddard Meadow
- Stoney Ridge, Van Matre and Siligo Meadows
- Hobo Gulch, Grizzly Meadow

Areas for solitude:

- Eagle Creek area
- New River, Denny area
- Packers Peak
- Limestone Ridge
- Rush Creek Lakes
- Any area not accessible by a maintained trail
- North Fork of Swift Creek, Poison Canyon
- Billy's Peak

Trailheads with campgrounds:

<i>Trailhead</i>	<i>Campground</i>
• Hobo Gulch	Hobo Gulch
• Stuarts Fork	Bridge Camp
• Eagle Creek	Horse Flat
• Big Flat (Caribou Lake)	Big Flat
• Pacific Crest Trail	Scott Mountain
• Canyon Creek	Ripstein (1 mile south)
• Boulder Creek	Goldfield
• Swift Creek	Dispersed Camp - 1 site only)

Trailheads with corral or hitching posts:

- Stuart Fork
- Swift Creek

REMEMBER!

Wilderness permits and campfire permits are required before entering the Wilderness.

Campfire permits are needed for the operation of a backpacking or camp stove

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LAKES OF THE TRINITY ALPS...

Lake (Location*)	Elevation	Mileage	Use	Trail difficulty	acreage	depth
Alpine (R10W - T36N - S35)	6150	8	M/H	M/D	14	26
Big Bear (R7W - T39N - S31)	6500	5	M	M	28	73
Boulder (R8W - T37N - S20)	6100	2	H	E	8	27
Boulder, East (R8W - T39N - S21)	6700	7	H	E	32	60
Boulder, Little (R8W - T37N - S20)	6350	2	H	E	4.5	19
Boulder, Upper (R8W - T39N - S21)	6850	7	L/M	E/M	7	11
Boulder Creek (R10W - T36N - S29)	5750	7.5	H	E/M	5	17
Canyon Creek, Lower (R10W - T36N - S16)	5600	7.5	H	E/M	14	56
Canyon Creek, Upper (R10W - T36N - S16)	5690	8	H	E/M	25	86
Caribou (R10W - T37N - S35)	6850	10	H	M/D	72	72
Deer (R9W - T36N - S28)	7150	8/14	M	M	4.5	19
Diamond (R9W - T37N - S28)	7250	9.5/16.5	M	M	2.5	13
Doe (R8W - T38N - S8)	7300	7	L	D	4.5	15
East Weaver (R10W - T34N - S10)	6350	1.5	M	E/M	1	12
Eleanor (R8W - T36N - S10)	4950	.12	H	E	3	10
Emerald (R10W - T36N - S3)	5500	14	H	E/M	21	68
Foster (R9W - T37N - S23)	7250	8/10	L/M	M/D	5.5	20
Granite (Swift Creek) (R9W - T36N - S26)	6000	5	H	E/M	18	64
Granite (Coffee Creek) (R8W - T38N - S6)	6400	9	L/M	E/M	6.3	12
Grizzly (R10W - T36N - S6)	7100	6/19	H	D	42	173
Horseshoe (R9W - T36N - S9)	6850	9	M	E/M	6	22
L (R10W - T36N - S16)	6350	8.5	L/M	M/D	2	29
Landers (R9W - T37N - S27)	7100	7/9	M	E/M	6	17
Lilypad (R8W - T37N - S32)	6300	4	L	M	2	8
Lion (R9W - T37N - S24)	7000	8/6.5	L/M	M/D	3	37
Long Gulch (R9W - T39N - S32)	6450	2/6	L/M	E/M	14	21
Luella (R9W - T36N - S28)	6950	10.5/16	M	M	2.5	13
Papoose (R11W - T36N - S24)	6600	14	M	D	28	70
Rush Creek Lakes (R10W - T34N - S2)	6200	6.5	L	D	.75/2	12-14
Sapphire (R10W - T36N - S9)	6100	15	H	E/M	43	200
Shimmy (R8W - T36N - S5)	6400	4.5	L/M	M	1.5	10
Smith (R10W - T36N - S22)	6950	10	H	D	24	167
Snowslide (R10W - T37N - S35)	6700	9	H	M/D	10	42
Stoddard (R8W - T38N - S14)	5900	6/3.5	H	E/M	25	84
Sugar Pine (R9W - T37N - S14)	6600	5.5	L	D	9	43
Summit (R9W - T36N - S33)	7350	16/9	M	M	13	34
Tangle Blue (R8W - T39N - S26)	5800	4	M/H	E/M	12	17
Trail Gulch (R9W - T38N - S6)	6400	3.5/5	L/M	E/M	10	47
Union (R9W - T37N - S22)	6080	9	M	E/M	3.5	14
Ward (R9W - T36N - S4)	7100	9.5/6	M	M	5.5	12

- **Mileage:** indicates mileage from nearest trailheads
- **Use:** L = low use, M = moderate use, H = High use
- **Trail Difficulty:** E = Easy, M = Moderate, D = Difficult

(Location*) Township and Range numbers are found in the margins of the Trinity Alps Topographical Wilderness Map available for purchase from the USDA Forest Service.