

SHASTA LAKE UNIT

Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity
National Recreation Area

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WELCOME TO SHASTA LAKE — Shasta Lake in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest offers recreationists a variety of outdoor activities including: boating, water skiing, swimming, fishing, camping, picnicking, hiking and hunting.

PART OF A NATIONAL RECREATION AREA — Shasta Lake is one of three units in the 203,587-acre Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area, which was established by an Act of Congress on November 8, 1965.

The Shasta Lake and Clair Engle (Trinity)-Lewiston Lakes Units are within the Shasta-Trinity National Forest and administered by the U.S. Forest Service. Whiskeytown Lake Unit is administered by the National Park Service.

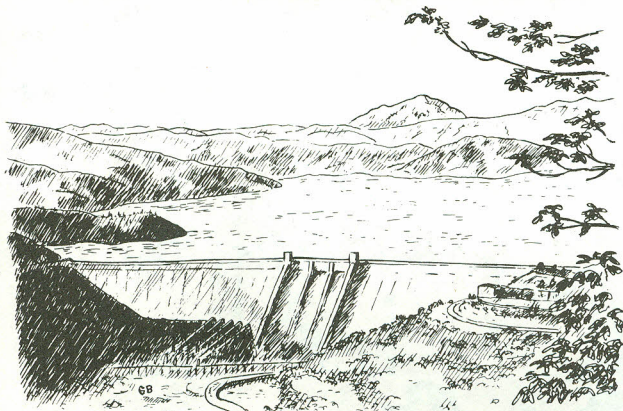
MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE — Shasta Lake, keystone of the Central Valley Project, is the largest man-made reservoir in California. When full, its 370 mile shoreline exceeds that of San Francisco Bay. Shasta is the second largest and tallest concrete dam in the United States. It was constructed between 1935 and 1945, and the lake was filled in 1948.

The construction of Shasta Dam impounded three major north state rivers: the Pit, McCloud, and Sacramento. Referred to as arms, each one retains its own character, environment, history and recreation opportunities.

People who have never been to Shasta Lake may get the impression they are seeing several lakes as they pass by it on Interstate 5. In a way, there really are more lakes than one.

THINGS TO SEE AND DO AROUND THE LAKE

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



THE THREE SHASTAS

Operated by the U.S. Water and Power Resources Service, Shasta Dam provides a variety of services including irrigation, power, and flood control. Tours are held throughout the year. For more information call 275-4463.

Shasta Caverns began forming over 250 million years ago in the massive limestone of the Grey Rocks visible from Interstate 5. The caverns, located off the Shasta Caverns/O'Brien exit, are privately owned and tours are offered year-around.

Explore the natural and human history of Shasta Lake by taking a self-guided nature trail. The Hirz Bay Nature Trail is located in the Hirz Bay Campground, and the Samwel Cave Trail is located one mile south of the McCloud Bridge Campground.

The Forest Service offers a variety of tours and evening amphitheater programs at Shasta Lake. Consult campground bulletin boards for time and location of these activities.

The rugged country, ragged shoreline, and sheer size of Shasta Lake tends to break the lake into different areas, each with its own opportunities, moods, and settings.

LAKEHEAD AREA

The Lakehead area, with its fast pace and easy access off Interstate 5, offers a wide variety of services and recreation pursuits. It is convenient for those planning a short visit or an extended stay. It is located near a community which has many services.

From the Antlers Boat Ramp or a number of marinas, skiing, houseboating, or fishing are easily accessible on the Sacramento Arm of the lake.

Forest Service and commercial campgrounds are available, or there are resort cabins for rent. At Lakehead you can choose between a campfire supper, full course meal, pizza, or burgers for dinner. Night life consists of tavern entertainment, a roller skating rink, or campfire programs at Antlers Amphitheater.

For a vacation full of variety and action, the Lakehead Area is a good choice.

SALT CREEK AREA

Salt Creek is easily accessible from Interstate 5 and wonderfully suited to the overnighiter, boater, or fisherman. Yet, it is not as active an area as Lakehead.

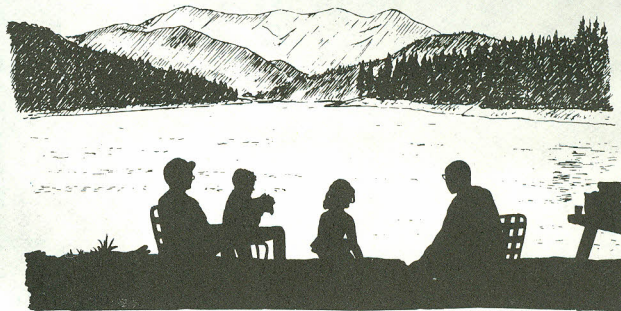
Camping facilities range from a commercial recreation vehicle park to the Forest Service drive-in or the more secluded walk-in camps. Cabin-type lodging and a restaurant and tavern can be found at the local marina.

The Salt Creek Area is also the gateway to the Gilman Road Area and the McCloud Arm of the lake. Self-contained vehicles may park overnight at the Oak Grove parking area.

GILMAN ROAD AREA

The Gilman Road exit off Interstate 5 provides access to the McCloud Arm of the lake and a world removed from the noise and hurry of the freeway. The Forest Service campgrounds here can best be described in one word—relaxed.

Launching is available at the Hirz Bay public ramp. The gradual shoreline below most campgrounds makes moorage convenient. Complete boating services are available at the marinas in the O'Brien Area to the south.



CAMPING ON THE PIT ARM

Sold on the McCloud Arm? If so, here are two words of caution—supplies and bears. The store at Salt Creek is the last chance for services. Beyond lies "bear country." Keep food in secure containers inside vehicles; clean tables thoroughly after meals; use garbage containers; and do not feed or tease the bears.

O'BRIEN AREA

The O'Brien Area is at the hub of the lake and provides central access to all arms. Though rural in nature, the area offers a wide variety of opportunities. Each marina and campground appears isolated amidst the thick oak and pine forests and the steep, rugged country.

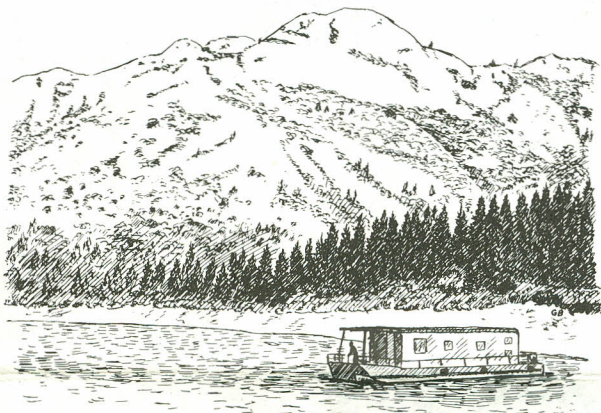
The O'Brien Area is a sharp contrast to the Lakehead Area. Although both areas offer similar facilities and recreation choices, each is a unique outdoor experience. At O'Brien, there are four resort/marinas, two public campgrounds, two launch ramps, and the Lake Shasta Caverns tours.

JONES VALLEY AREA

East of Jones Valley, on the Pit Arm, lies much of Shasta Lake's subtle beauty. Bald Eagle, Osprey, and sportsmen all fish together in the finest bass habitat on the lake. Here also, boaters discover wildlife, challenging skiing, and solitude in its long, meandering coves.

Forest Service facilities include: Jones Valley, Rocky Ridge (walk-in) and Mariners Point Campgrounds, and the Jones Valley public boat ramp. The two resort/marinas have complete services. Additional stores, gas, restaurants, and taverns can be found nearby along Bear Mountain Road.

Whether exploring, escaping, or improving skiing techniques, the Jones Valley Area is a good place to begin the adventure or end the day.



LOWER McCLOUD - O'BRIEN

SHASTA DAM AREA

Directly behind Shasta Dam is a wide basin formed by the confluence of the Sacramento and Pit Rivers. Spectacular views of Mt. Shasta and Mt. Lassen backdrop the steep shores and islands in this area.

Although there are no overnight facilities near the dam, lodging is available in the nearby communities. Year-around tours of Shasta Dam begin at the visitor center. Boats may be launched at Centimudi Ramp, and boater services are available at several nearby resorts.

AREAS OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE — Interesting historical sites can be found throughout the area. For instance, a trail blazed up the Sacramento River by Michael LaFramboise in 1834 later became the Oregon Trail. It was used extensively by traders, trappers, and gold seekers before being improved to a stage road. In 1872, the Central Pacific Railroad followed the same route as far north as Dunsmuir.

As copper mining developed along the canyon, the copper smelting town of Kennet boomed between 1905 and 1925. A spur railroad, the Sacramento Valley and Eastern Line, connected Kennet with the towns of Salee and DeLaMar/Winthrop and the mines at Bully Hill on Squaw Creek. All but the mines at Bully Hill are now under water.

Programs and activities of the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, are available to all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin.



CAMPGROUND INFORMATION

RESERVATIONS — Antlers and Hirz Bay Campgrounds are on a reservation basis from late May to early September. Family camps can be reserved *only* through Ticketron outlets or by mail from the Ticketron Reservation Office, P.O. Box 26430, San Francisco, CA 94216. There is a small reservation fee.

All other public campgrounds in the Shasta Lake area are on a first come, first serve basis. Commercial campgrounds generally take reservations during the summer months.

SEASON — Most public campgrounds are open from May through September. A few remain open all year. During the winter months, many water systems are shut down; but restroom facilities are available. Commercial campgrounds vary in seasons of operation.

FEES — Most Forest Service campgrounds and all commercial campgrounds charge a fee. No fee is charged when the water is turned off; nor is there a fee for boat access campgrounds.

Daily charges at Forest Service campgrounds range from \$3 to \$6 per night. Holders of Golden Age and Golden Access passports are entitled to one-half of the posted fee at Forest Service campgrounds. These passports are available at Ranger Stations and visitor information centers. Persons over 62 years old or permanently disabled are eligible for these free passports.

WATER WARNING — Most campgrounds have developed water systems. Since surface waters can easily be contaminated when camping at a site without a developed system, treatment, such as boiling for five minutes, is advised.

HANDICAPPED FACILITIES — For information on facilities designed for the handicapped or disabled, contact the visitor information centers.

VISITOR INFORMATION

The Visitor Information Centers at the following locations provide maps, brochures, exhibits, campfire permits, and general information:

1. Mountain Gate/Wonderland Boulevard exit from Interstate 5 (275-1587).
2. Riverview Rest Area, Interstate 5, southbound.
3. Shasta Dam, exit from Interstate 5 on Shasta Dam Boulevard (275-4463).

BOATING SAFETY

Please obey the following guidelines for your boating safety and that of others.

DOS

- ★ Obey posted speed limits;
- ★ Use a spotter when skiing;
- ★ Use a red flag when skiers are in the water;
- ★ Moor boats securely;
- ★ Have life preservers for all people in the boat. Children should always wear them.

DON'TS

- ★ Ride on the bow of the boat;
- ★ Move or destroy hazard buoys; they mark some of the submerged obstacles.

CAUTIONS

- ★ Watch for unmarked hazards and floating debris, especially during periods of low water or rapid water level changes;
- ★ Lake elevations can change a foot or more a day. To avoid getting stuck, larger boats should not be "beached" overnight in the late summer and fall.

IMPORTANT RULES/REGULATIONS

WHERE TO GO?

IT DEPENDS ON WHAT YOU WANT TO DO . . .

There are literally hundreds of coves and bays within the 370-mile shoreline of Shasta Lake. Wooded flats, steep, rocky hillsides, secluded creeks, an occasional waterfall, and thousands of acres of mountainous country surround the lake.

A broad spectrum of facilities, ranging from primitive to luxurious, supports the many, varied recreational opportunities offered. At the upper end of the scale, there are 12 marinas and a number of resorts; most offer rental cabins, motel-type accommodations, or trailer parks with hookups and showers.

For the more independent visitor, the Forest Service manages 28 campgrounds. These vary from vehicular campgrounds, which will accommodate trailers up to 30' (no hookups), to walk-in camps; and, a special feature at Shasta Lake, boat-in campgrounds. Most campgrounds have piped water. Some have flush toilets, but the majority have pit or vault type facilities.

Shasta Lake is one of the few in California where visitors can camp along the shore. Some areas are "restricted," such as a Bald Eagle or Osprey nesting site, but even so there are several hundred miles where shoreline camping is permitted.

To assure that the privilege of camping along the shoreline is not lost, help keep the area clean. Pack it in, pack it out. Please dispose of trash at the boat ramps, and do not leave it at the floating toilets.

A campfire permit is required for building campfires or using gas or charcoal stoves (such as hibachis) along the shoreline. This permit is free and may be obtained from any Forest Service office.

Deciding where to go and what to do at Shasta Lake can be a bewildering and frustrating experience for a newcomer. The following information is intended to serve as a guide to help you get around.



LODGING — Motel accommodations are available in the Lakehead area and at Bridge Bay. Cabin accommodations are available at many resorts and marinas. Consult the table below the map.



TRAILER CAMPS — Hookups are available only at commercially operated campgrounds and resorts. Many Forest Service campgrounds will accommodate small trailers. Larger trailers, 22-30 feet, should use commercial facilities or the Antlers, Pine Point, and Hirz Bay Campgrounds. See the table below the map for specific trailer limitations.



TENT CAMPS — Shasta Lake offers both conventional and walk-in camps. Walk-in campgrounds provide a central parking area, but equipment must be carried a short distance to the campsite. The Jones Valley and Lakehead areas are popular with skiers, as are some of the camps on Gilman Road. Fishermen often prefer the quiet waters of the McCloud, off Gilman Road, or the back country areas of the Squaw and Pit near Jones Valley.



BOAT ACCESS CAMPS — Nine campgrounds on Shasta Lake are accessible only by boat. These camps have tables, stoves and toilet facilities (pit or vault). Situated in the more remote areas of the lake, these camps offer a unique camping experience away from headlights and traffic.



PICNICKING — Picnic facilities are available at Fisherman's Point, near Shasta Dam; Bailey Cove; Packers Bay; and the Antlers Public Ramp. Each has tables, stoves, and restrooms.



BOATS — The marinas have rental boats. Choices range from small fishing boats or ski boats to houseboats that sleep up to 12. Since houseboats are extremely popular during the summer season, reservations are recommended.

IMPORTANT RULES/REGULATIONS



BOAT LAUNCHING — The Forest Service maintains six public ramps, with parking areas, which provide access to most areas around the lake. Bailey Cove, Centimudi, and Jones Valley Ramps are often congested on summer weekends. Packers Bay, Antlers, and Hirz Bay are recommended alternatives during periods of heavy use. Additional launching facilities are available at the marinas.

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WATERSKIING — Popular everywhere on the lake, the Sacramento Arm and Jones Valley areas are particularly favored. The water is generally calm and ideally suited to this sport. Skiing can be hazardous in the

Pit Arm where snags and floating debris have not been removed. Waterskiing is prohibited in some of the smaller coves and bays; these areas are posted by buoys.



FISHING — Everyone has a favorite "hole." The Jones Valley area provides the best access to the Pit and Squaw Arms—considered by many to provide the best overall fishing. Other popular spots are located

where the major rivers and streams empty into the lake, such as McCloud Bridge, on the McCloud, and Riverview (Lakehead) on the Sacramento Arm.



SWIMMING — Shasta Lake has no developed swimming areas. However, some of the resorts do have pools. Many people swim from the shore near their campgrounds or from boats. During the summer,

the water is comfortably warm; but visitors are urged to avoid areas with heavy boat traffic. Swimming is prohibited at boat ramps.



HIKING — The trails at Jones Valley, Bailey Cove, Shasta Dam, and Hirz Bay provide moderate hiking and good access to shore fishing, oak woodlands, and occasional secluded creeks or vistas. Since the summer

days are often hot and dry, be sure to carry water. Better still, hike the trails when the weather is cool. Hiking trails are generally open all year.

LENGTH-OF-STAY — The limit of stay at most campgrounds is 14 consecutive days. Houseboats without Forest Service permits are limited to 30 days per year. Picnic areas are open between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

CAMPSITE OCCUPANCY — Campsites must be occupied the first night and cannot be unoccupied for more than 24 hours. "Saving" campsites is not permitted.

CAMPFIRES — Please use grills, stoves, or fire rings that are provided at campgrounds and picnic areas. Campfire permits are not required at developed sites; however, they are required elsewhere around the lake.

FIREWOOD — The gathering of dead wood for campfires is allowed. No permit is necessary.

GARBAGE — Receptacles are located at campgrounds, picnic areas, and boat ramps. Since garbage is not collected at undeveloped sites, pack it out to the nearest container. Do not bury it or dispose of it at floating restrooms.

PETS — Household pets must be on a leash or under restraint in campgrounds, picnic areas and at boat ramps.

MOTOR VEHICLES — Motorized vehicles must stay on established roads. Off-road travel is prohibited.

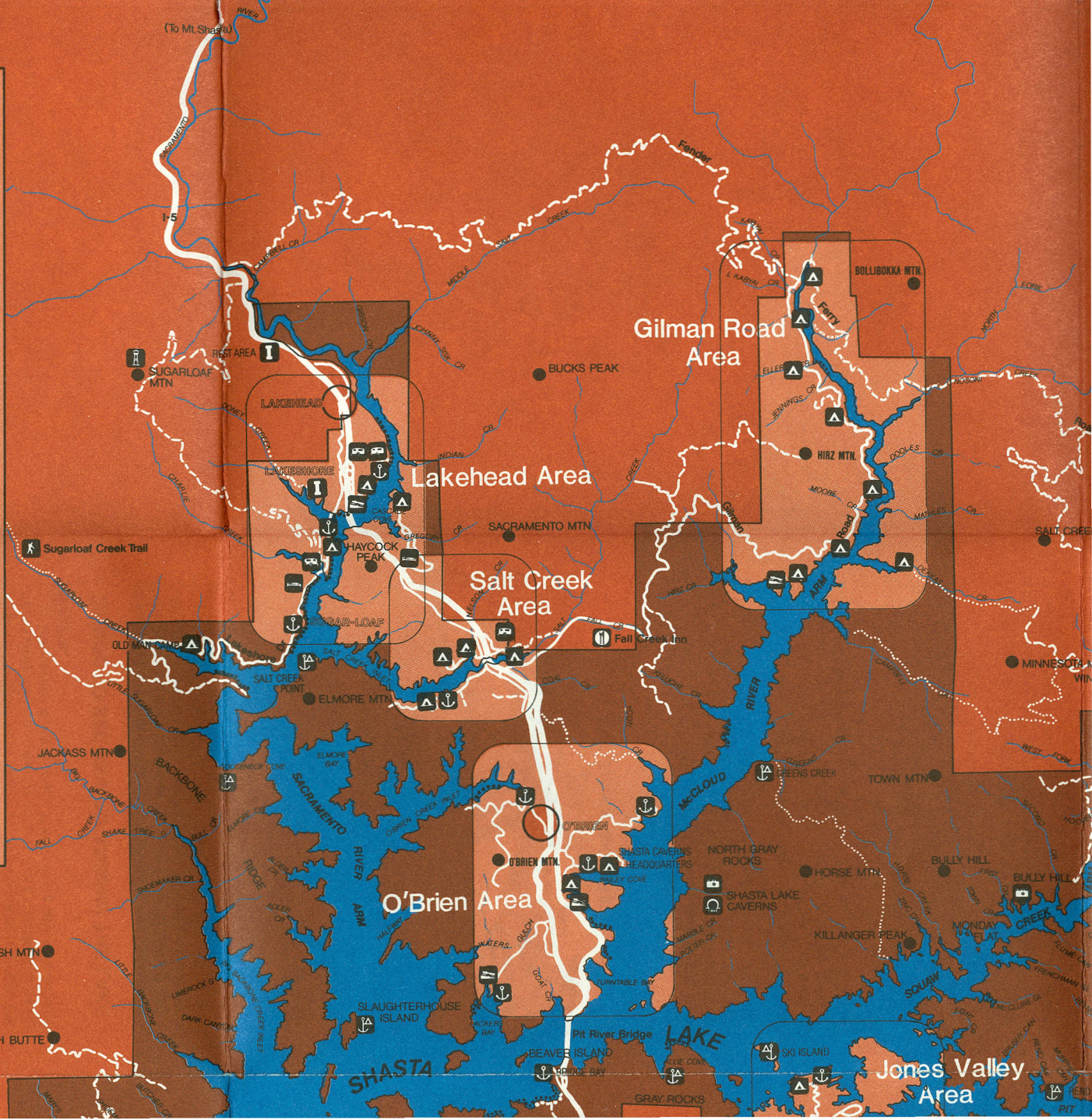
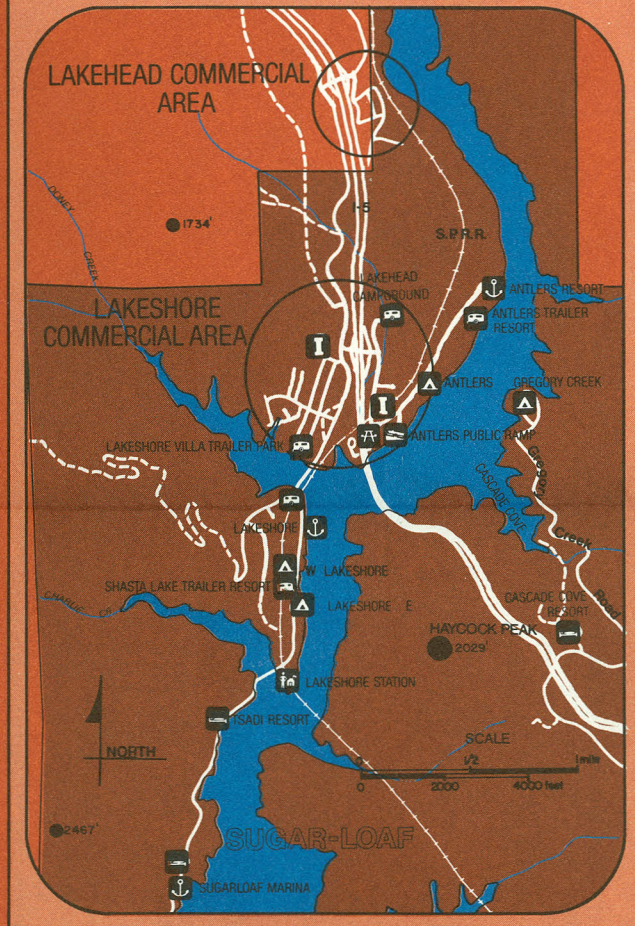
"PICK YOUR OWN SITE" CAMPING — Camping is permitted in undeveloped areas except where posted otherwise.

FIREWORKS — Fireworks are prohibited.

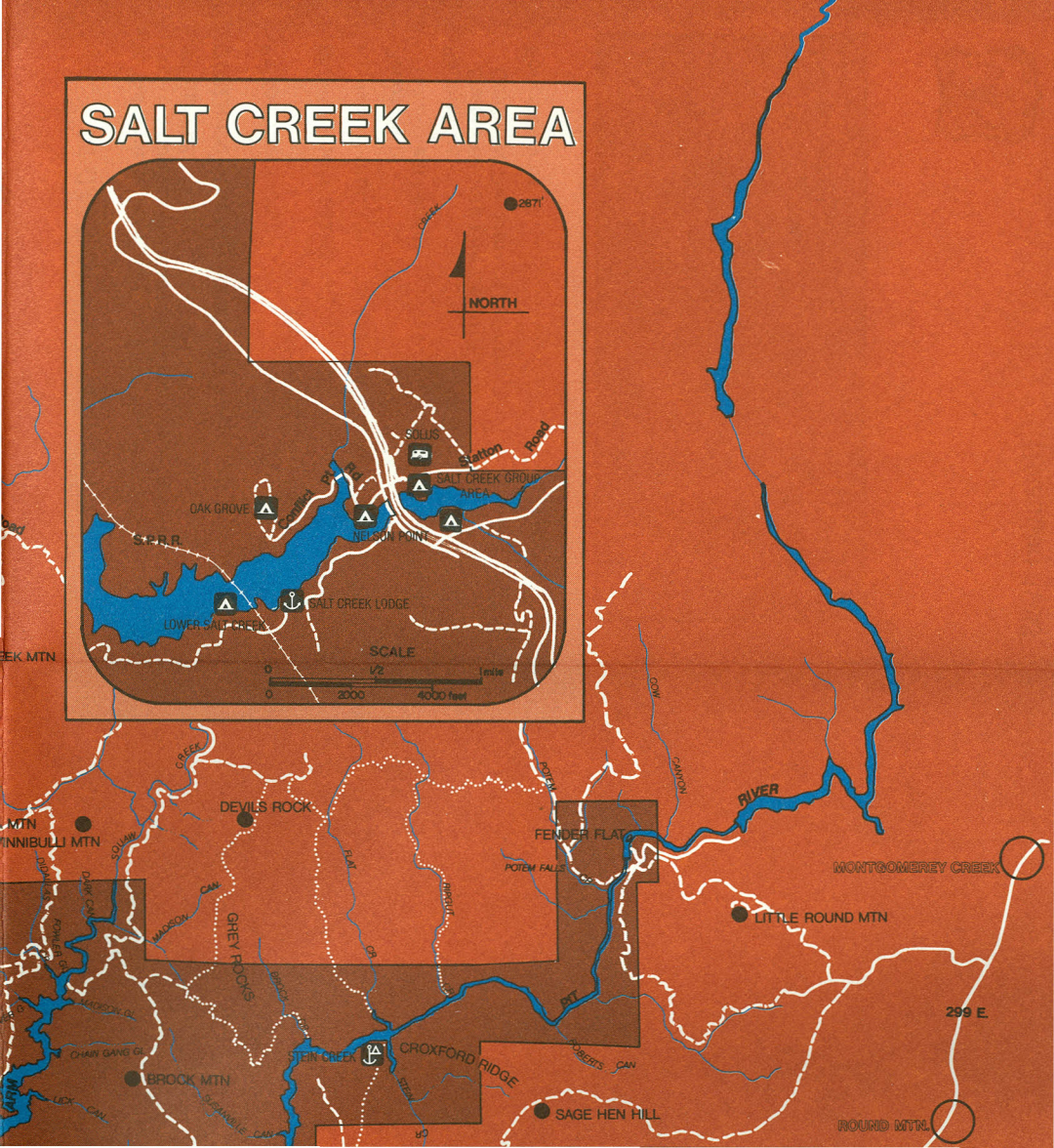
FIREARMS — Firearms may not be discharged within 150 yards of residences, buildings, campsites or developed recreation sites or across roads or bodies of water.

A more complete list of Forest Service rules and regulations is posted at campground bulletin boards.

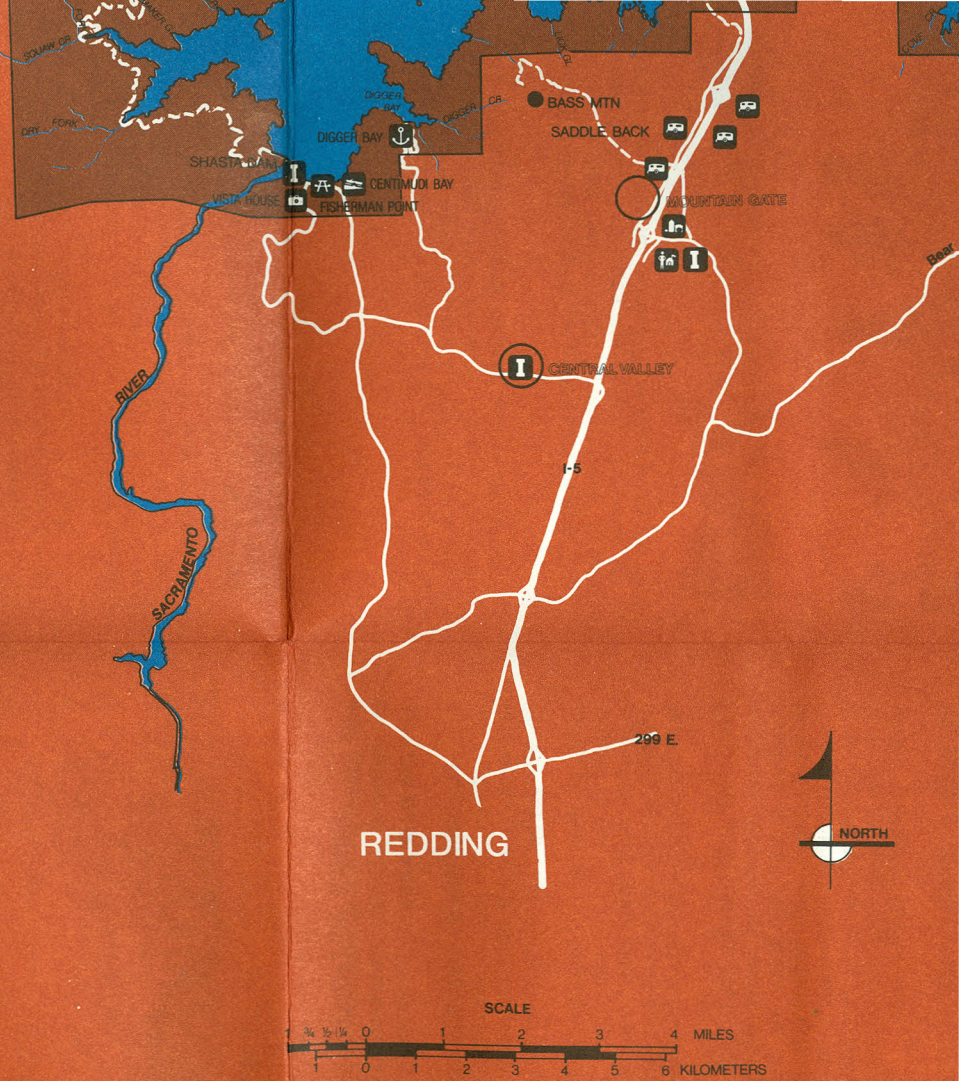
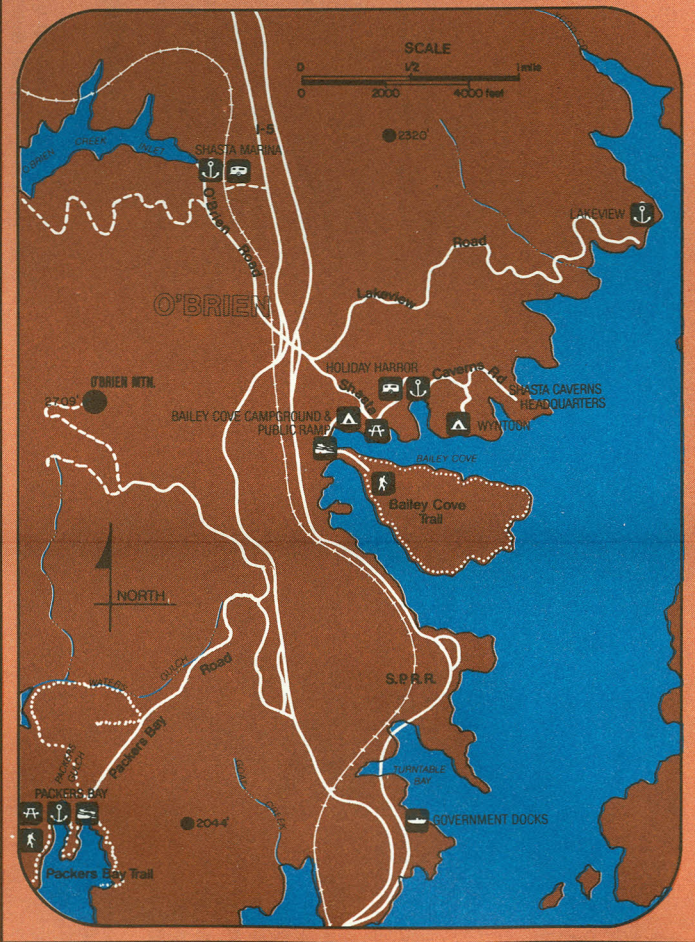
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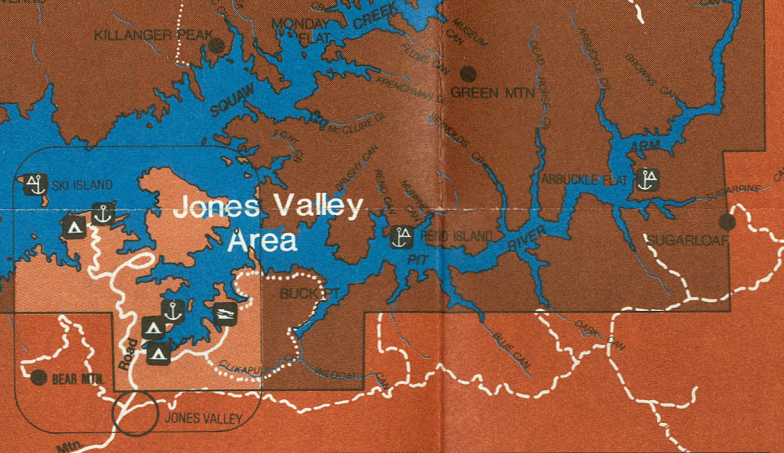


SALT CREEK AREA

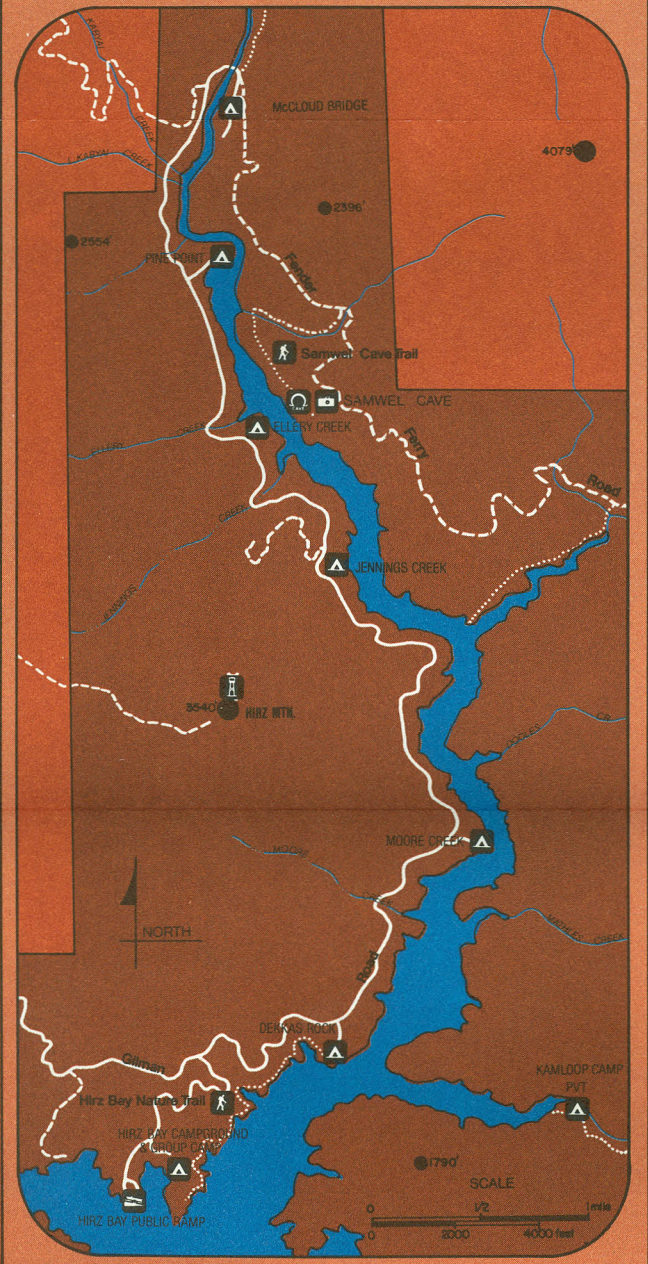


O'BRIEN AREA

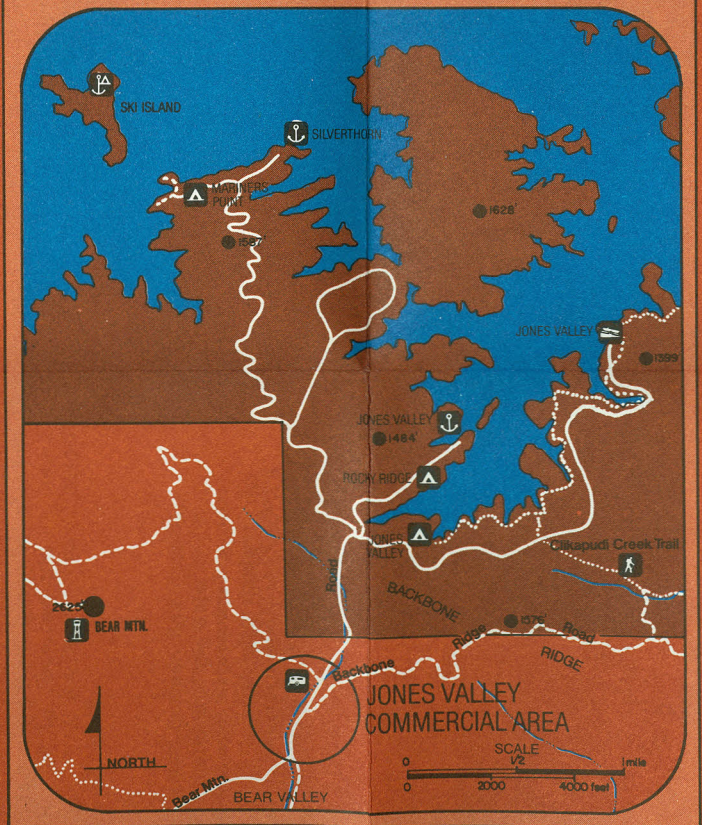




GILMAN ROAD AREA



JONES VALLEY AREA



AREA	RECREATION SITE	ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES											GENERAL NOTES							
		Houseboats	Other boats	Marine gas	Bait	Store	Gas	Food	Lodging	Hook-ups	Campsites	Picnicking		Boat Ramp	Amphitheater	Trails	Telephone	Post Office	Laundry	Dump Station
	LAKEHEAD EXIT				•	•	•								•					
	LAKESHORE EXIT			•	•	•	•	•	•						•	•	•	•		
	ANTLER RESORTS	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	LAKESHORE RESORT	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	TSADI RESORT				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	CASCADE COVE		•		•														Access via Salt Cr. exit	
	LAKEHEAD CAMPGROUND																			
	LAKESHORE VILLA				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	SHASTA LAKE TRAILER				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	SUGARLOAF RESORTS	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Flush toilets, Trailers to 30'
	ANTLERS									•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Flush toilets, Trailers to 30'
	GREGORY CREEK									•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Salt Cr. exit, Trailers to 15'
	LAKESHORE EAST									•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Flush toilets, Trailers to 20'
	LAKESHORE WEST									•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Trailers to 20'
	OLD MAN									•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Flush toilets, Walk-in,
	GOOSENECK COVE									•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Boat access, Lake water
	SALT CREEK POINT									•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Boat access, Lake water
	SALT CREEK EXIT																			
	SALT CREEK LODGE	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
	FALL CREEK INN																			
	SOLUS CAMPGROUND					•				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
	LOWER SALT CREEK									•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Walk in
	NELSON POINT									•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Trailers to 15'
	OAK GROVE									•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Trailers to 15'
	UPPER SALT CREEK									•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Overnight parking
	DEKKAS ROCK									•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Trailers to 15'
	ELLERY CREEK									•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Trailers to 25'
	HIRZ BAY									•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Trailers to 0', Flush toilets
	JENNINGS CREEK									•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Walk-in
	McCLOUD BRIDGE									•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Trailers to 25', Flush toilets
	MOORE CREEK									•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Trailers to 25'
	PINE POINT									•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Trailers to 15'
	SAMWEL CAVE														•					Nature trail, spelunkers need F.S. permit

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	O'BRIEN EXIT																				
	HOLIDAY HARBOR	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
	SHASTA MARINA	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
	LAKEVIEW RESORT	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
	BAILEY COVE														•	•	•	•	•	•	Small trailers, Flush toilets
	WINTOON														•	•	•	•	•	•	No trailers
	SHASTA CAVERNS									•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Commercial tours
	PACKERS BAY EXIT																				
	PACKERS BAY MARINA	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
	GREENS CREEK																				Boat access, Lake water
	BRIDGE BAY EXIT																				
	BRIDGE BAY RESORT	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Launch by season Permit only
	BEAR MTN. ROAD ACCESS																				Oasis or Mtn. Gate exits also
	JONES VALLEY RESORT	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Mtn. Gate exits
	SILVERTHORN RESORT	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
	JONES VALLEY																				Ramp 1.5 miles, trailers 15'
	MARINERS POINT																				No large trailers
	ROCKY RIDGE																				Walk-in
	SKI ISLAND																				Boat access, Water
	ALLIE COVE																				Boat access, lake water
	REND ISLAND																				Lake water, Boat access
	ARBUCKLE FLAT																				Lake water, Boat access
	STEIN CREEK																				Lake water, Boat access
	CENTRAL VALLEY EXIT																				All services
	DIGGER BAY	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Exit on Shasta Street
	FISHERMANS POINT																				Centimidi ramp near
	SHASTA DAM																				Free guided tours
	SHASTA VISTA																				View of three Shastas
	SLAUGHTERHOUSE ISLAND																				Boat access, Lake water

LEGEND

(PLEASE NOTE: Only Major Roads & Trails Are Shown On This Map)



Paved Road or Highway



Unpaved Road



Southern Pacific Railroad



Lake shoreline Closed to Camping



Commercial Area



BOAT ACCESS CAMPGROUND: tables & stoves, no water system unless noted, boat access only



INNS, RESORTS, MOTELS: lodging



RESTAURANTS, CAFES, SNACK BARS: food service



TRAILS



GROCERY STORE



COMMERCIAL CAMPGROUND, R.V. PARKS: hook-ups, campsites, showers & supplies



FOREST SERVICE CAMPGROUND: tents and trailers (as noted), piped water & vault toilets (unless noted). Walk-in camps have centrally located parking. Noted campgrounds may be reserved through Ticketron



MARINA: boat rentals, moorage, boat gas, supplies, may also have food services, lodging and campsites



PICNIC AREA: tables, piped water; day use only



FOREST SERVICE BOAT RAMP: launching, parking, restrooms



INFORMATION: visitor centers & information kiosks



RANGER STATION: permits, information



FIRE LOOKOUT



POINTS OF INTEREST: vistas, sites etc.



CAVERNS: see notes



IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

In the Shasta Lake area, call 911 to get a life support unit or ambulance. Please use this number only in a real emergency.

OTHER EMERGENCY NUMBERS ARE:

- Poison Information243-2121
Ext. 184 or Emergency Room
- Sheriff (Shasta Lake Area)241-2321
- Highway Patrol Ask operator for Zenith 1-2000
- Report Fire
U.S. Forest Service246-5234
- Report Fire
Shasta County Fire Department/
California Department of Forestry243-1434
- Forest Service275-1587

LAKE STATISTICS

Shoreline	370 miles
Surface Area	30,000 acres
Storage Capacity	4,550,000 acre feet
Dam Height	602 feet
Greatest Depth	517 feet
Total Drainage Area	4,110,000 acres
Average Annual Flow	6.2 million acre feet
Spillway Elevation	1,067 feet

