

TRINITY UNIT

Whiskeytown - Shasta - Trinity
National Recreation Area

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Forest Service
Pacific Southwest Region



WELCOME TO THE CLAIR ENGLE (TRINITY)— LEWISTON LAKES AREA

With its vast expanses of undeveloped shoreline and forest land, the Clair Engle (Trinity) Lake area provides an uncrowded setting for many activities including: boating, sailing, canoeing, waterskiing, swimming, fishing, camping, picnicking, hunting, and hiking. Just downstream, Lewiston Lake caters primarily to the camper and fisherman.



PART OF A NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

The Clair Engle-Lewiston Lakes Unit, more commonly called the Trinity Unit, is one of three units in the 203,587-acre Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area. The National Recreation Area was established by an Act of Congress on November 8, 1965, to recognize the unlimited recreation opportunities provided by the four northern-most reservoirs which were created by the Bureau of Reclamation's Central Valley Project. The Trinity and Shasta Lake Units are within the Shasta-Trinity National Forests and administered by the USDA Forest Service. Whiskeytown Lake Unit is administered by the USDI National Park Service.

GATEWAY TO THE TRINITY ALPS

The rugged, granite peaks of the 283,000-acre Salmon-Trinity Alps Primitive Area provide a picturesque backdrop to Clair Engle Lake. Each year thousands of backpackers, day hikers, and equestrians witness the breathtaking beauty of the alpine lakes, tumbling mountain streams, deep lofty canyons, and jagged mountain ridges as they explore this rugged area.

THE CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT

A major part of the Central Valley Project, the Trinity River Division was designed to provide water for irrigation, power, recreation, and fish and wildlife conservation.

Water from the Trinity River Basin is stored, regulated, and diverted through a system of reservoirs, dams, powerplants, tunnels, and conduits into water-deficient areas of the Central Valley Basin.

Trinity Dam

Trinity Dam and powerplant are located on the Trinity River about nine miles upstream from the town of Lewiston. It is one of the highest earthfilled dams in the world, rising 465 feet above the river bed and stretching over one-half mile across at the top. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation began construction of the dam in 1957 and work on it was completed in 1961.

Lewiston Dam

Constructed during the same period as Trinity Dam, Lewiston Dam provides after-bay storage for releases from Trinity powerplant. It also serves to direct Trinity River waters into Clear Creek Tunnel for transmountain diversion and to control releases for downstream fishing needs.

Clear Creek Tunnel

Eighteen feet in diameter, it carries water from the Trinity Basin at Lewiston Dam for 11 miles beneath the mountains of the Trinity Divide emerging at the Francis J. Carr Powerhouse on the upper end of Whiskeytown Lake.

ABOUT THE LAKES

Clair Engle Lake

Referred to locally as Trinity Lake, it was filled completely for the first time in 1963. The lake, when full, is approximately 20 miles long and has a 145-mile shoreline.

Stuart Fork Arm

Extending to the west and fed by the Stuart Fork River, the Stuart Fork Arm is the "hub" of most of the activity on and around the lake. With numerous campgrounds, both public and private, picnic areas, beaches, boat ramps, resorts, and boat rental marinas, plus mile-wide lake areas, this arm offers an excellent variety of activities for the outdoor enthusiast. This arm is popular with houseboaters and is one of the choicest waterskiing areas on the lake.

North Lake Area

The North Lake area is a little more relaxed and out-of-the-way than the Stuart Fork Arm, but the area still provides services, supplies, facilities or recreation activities. The north end offers public campgrounds and provides a wide expanse of water for excellent waterskiing. Also available are the commercial services of Trinity Center, including a campground, an airport, and a marina with public ramp and boat rentals.

Main Arm

The main arm of the lake stretches from Trinity Dam north for about 12 miles. Here one can explore secluded tree lined coves or spend a quiet night at a boat-in campground. Lodging and other accommodations at the main arm range from a marina and boat ramp to Forest Service campgrounds.

Lewiston Lake

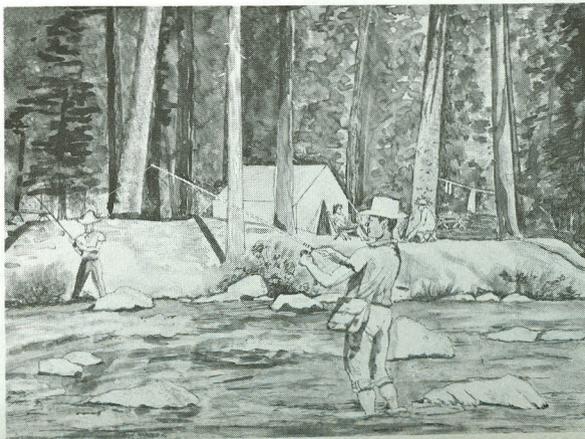
Lewiston Lake, just downstream from Trinity Lake, is 5 miles long with a 15 mile shoreline. Always kept at full capacity, the water here is considerably colder than Trinity Lake. Because of the narrow width of Lewiston Lake, boat speed is limited to 10 mph for boater safety and to maintain a quality fishing experience.

ABOUT SOME OF THE... RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES



Fishing

- Trinity Lake, which holds the record for the largest small-mouth bass ever caught in California, is believed to offer some of the best such fishing west of the Mississippi. Also abundant are catfish, kokanee, large-mouth bass, rainbow, and brown trout.
- Lewiston Lake's cold waters make it exceptionally good for rainbow, brown and brook trout.
- Stream fishing within the Trinity Unit is also very popular. The two-mile fly-fishing-only stretch of the Trinity River just below Lewiston Dam attracts fishermen who try their skills (and luck) on browns and rainbows.
- Other popular fishing streams are the Stuart Fork River, Swift Creek, Coffee Creek, the Trinity River above the lake, and the East Fork Trinity River. Rainbow trout is the principal quest along these streams.





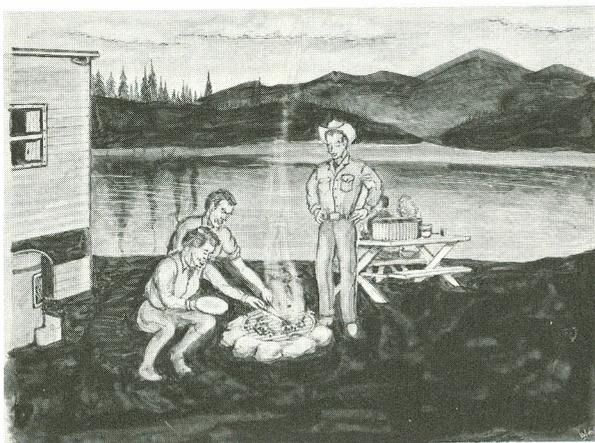
Boating

Within the Trinity Unit, boating is one of the most popular activities and attractions. Whether you bring your own craft or rent one, the nautical opportunities are many and varied. For a complete listing of boating facilities and services, see the Recreation Facility matrix on the map side of this brochure.



Camping

Camping is the number one visitor activity on the Trinity Unit. Beautiful scenery, warm days, and cool nights help make a Trinity campout a peaceful and exhilarating experience. Available facilities include a wide range of Forest Service campgrounds, plus commercial sites with full hookups. For a complete listing of camping facilities within the Trinity Unit, see the Recreation Facility matrix on the other side of this brochure.



Swimming

Swimming is another popular summertime activity. At Trinity Lake during the summer months, the surface water temperature can get into the 80's; however, the temperature at Lewiston Lake seldom climbs above the 50° mark. For a listing of swimming beaches, see the Recreation Facility matrix on the map side of this brochure.

BEFORE THE DAM HISTORIC SITES NOW UNDER WATER

Trinity Center—Now In Its Third Location

So named because it was the central point along the Trinity River trail between Old Shasta and Yreka, Trinity Center was founded in 1851 two miles northeast of its present location. By 1853 it had become the most thriving community in the County. In the late 1850's it was moved to a second location to make room for expanding mining operations along the river. Then in 1959, it was moved again to its present site when construction took place on Trinity Dam.

THE MINING ERA

Evidence of past mining activity is prevalent throughout Trinity County. Scattered remains and altered landscapes reveal abandoned mines and the various types of mining ventures — placer, quartz, hydraulic, lode — which took place during the years which followed the first discovery of gold along the Trinity River near Douglas City in 1848.

THINGS TO SEE AND DO AROUND THE LAKES ... POINTS OF INTEREST

Trinity River Fish Hatchery

Located immediately downstream from Lewiston Dam, the hatchery was built to help compensate for the loss of upstream spawning areas made inaccessible by Trinity and Lewiston Dams. Built by the Bureau of Reclamation and operated by the California Department of Fish and Game, the hatchery has the capacity to spawn and incubate eggs from up to 35,000 adult salmon and steelhead in one season. Peak annual production is over 41,000,000 fingerlings and yearlings. Visitors are welcome to tour the hatchery.

Joss House

First built in the 1850's, the Joss House was rebuilt in 1874 after it was destroyed by fire the previous year. The Joss House in Weaverville is the oldest continuously used Chinese temple in California. Now a State Historical Park, guided tours are available year-round.

The Jack Jackson Museum

This museum in Weaverville stands as evidence of the pride local residents take in the area's colorful past. Although focusing primarily on Trinity County, this unusually interesting museum provides one of the finest collections anywhere of items and photographs covering the development of northern California. The museum is open from May through November and during Easter vacation. It is operated by the Trinity County Historical Society.

Scott Museum

Located in Trinity Center, it is a private museum developed and operated by E. W. Scott, a life-long resident of the area. The museum is open during the summer months and offers an excellent collection of articles of local history.

LaGrange Mine

Two and one-half miles west of Weaverville, along Highway 299, this mine was at one time the largest hydraulic gold mine in the world. The LaGrange Mine has been inactive since 1941.

Historic Weaverville

The picturesque County seat of Trinity County has a colorful and interesting history dating back to 1850 when the first permanent building in the County was built and the settlement was officially named. Over the years, it has survived catastrophic fires, a mini-war between Chinese Tong factions, and the end of the gold rush era. The community is known today for its beautifully preserved downtown area with its unique outdoor spiral staircases and colorful buildings, many of which are more than 100 years old.



Bowerman Barn

Built in 1880 by pioneer Jacob Bowerman, the Bowerman Barn stands as a reminder of a bygone era. In active use until 1974, the 40x60 foot 3-story structure is set on a foundation of hand-stacked native stones. The barn's frame of handhewn timbers is held together with mortise and tenon joints and hardwood pegs. Square nails secure the flooring to beams that run 60 feet in length. No other hand crafted barn in Trinity County rivals the Bowerman Barn in age or state of preservation.

IMPORTANT RULES/REGULATIONS

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.

Campsite Occupancy

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

Firearms

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

Firewood

The gathering of down wood for campfires is allowed. No permit is necessary. However, if you intend to take wood home with you, a personal use firewood permit is required.

Fireworks

Fireworks are prohibited.

Garbage

Receptacles are located at most campgrounds, picnic areas, and boat ramps. Where garbage is not collected, please pack it out to the nearest container. Do not bury it or dispose of it in the restrooms.

Law Enforcement

The Trinity County Sheriff's Department works closely with the Forest Service in enforcing local laws and the California Boating Law. If you need assistance, contact the Sheriff's Patrol or any Forest Service employee. Uniformed Forest Service personnel are Federal officers authorized to enforce Forest Service regulations.

Length-Of-Stay

The limit of stay at most campgrounds is 14 consecutive days.

Motor Vehicles

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

Pets

Household pets must be on a leash or under restraint in campgrounds, picnic areas, and at boat ramps. Horses are not allowed in campgrounds.

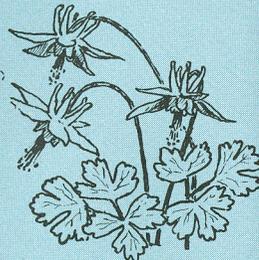
Permits

Any boat designed or converted for overnight occupancy requires a houseboat permit from the Forest Service. Temporary permits are good for 30 days per year.

Some Helpful Hints

To better assure the camping public the type of recreation experience National Forest campgrounds are intended to provide, these common sense regulations and a few others have been established. A complete listing is posted on campground bulletin boards.

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/CAMPING INFORMATION

Campground Hosts

Several of the larger Forest Service campgrounds within the Trinity Unit have resident campground hosts. These people are volunteers who spend all or part of the summer helping take care of their campground and assisting campers.

Dispersed Area Camping

Camping outside of a developed campground is permitted on the Trinity Unit. It is intended for those who prefer to get away from it all out in the forest or along a lakeshore. Since there are a few areas along Lewiston and Clair Engle (Trinity) Lakes that are closed to lakeshore camping, please check first with Forest Service personnel.

Fees

Most Forest Service campgrounds and all commercial campgrounds charge a fee. No fee is charged when water is not provided; nor is there a fee for boat access campgrounds. Fees are used to help pay the cost of cleaning and maintaining the campgrounds.

Season

Most Forest Service campgrounds are open from Memorial Day through Labor Day. A few remain open all year. During the winter months, most water systems are shut down; however, restroom facilities are available. Commercial campgrounds vary in seasons of operation.

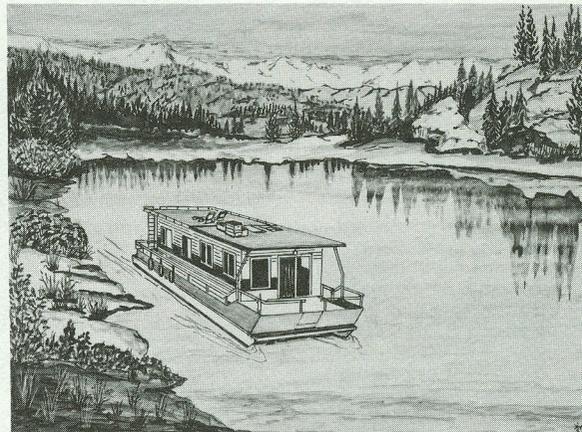
Water Warning

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

VISITOR INFORMATION

Maps, brochures, exhibits, campfire permits, and general information may be obtained from the following locations:

- Weaverville Ranger District, Box T, Weaverville, CA 96093,
- Telephone (916) 623-2121
- Coffee Creek Ranger Station, Coffee Creek, CA 96091
- Osprey Information Center, west shore of Trinity Lake
- Lewiston Vista (self-service), Lewiston Lake
- Rush Creek Entrance Arrival (self-service)
- Trinity Vista (self-service)



TRINITY UNIT FACTS & FIGURES

Gross Acreage (including private land).....	77,460
Net Acreage (Federal land only)	58,210

LAKE STATISTICS

Clair Engle (Trinity) Lake

Shoreline	145 miles
Length	
Main Channel	19 miles
Stuart Fork Arm	6 miles
Surface Area.....	17,000 acres
Storage Capacity.....	2,500,000 acre-feet
Greatest Depth.....	466 feet
Total Drainage Area.....	443,000 acres
Average Annual Flow	1.4 million acre-feet
Structural Height (Dam).....	538 feet
Spillway Crest Elevation.....	2,370 feet
Storage Started	November 22, 1960

Lewiston Lake

Shoreline	15 miles
Length.....	5 miles
Surface Area.....	960 acres
Storage Capacity.....	14,700 acre-feet
Structural Height (Dam).....	91 feet
Spillway Crest Elevation.....	1,910 feet
Storage Started	November 22, 1960

BOATING SAFETY

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

DO'S

- Obey posted speed limits.
- Use a spotter when skiing.
- Display a red flag when skiers are in the water.
- Have life preservers for everyone in the boat. Children and non-swimmers should wear them at all times.
- Always be on the lookout for other boats and obstacles.
- Moor boats securely.

DON'TS

- Ride on the bow of the boat.
- Move or destroy hazard buoys. They mark some of the submerged obstacles.
- Waterski within 200 feet of swimmers.

CAUTIONS

Water Level Fluctuations

The water level of Clair Engle (Trinity) Lake can fluctuate as much as two or three feet per day during times of heavy rains or release.

Debris

Watch for unmarked hazards and floating debris following storms, the annual spring runoff, or during periods of low water.

Recreation Site	Near Lake	Near River/Stream	Beach	Boat/Motor Repairs	Boat Ramp	Boat Rentals (Houseboats)	Boat Rentals (Other)	Cabins (Lodging)	Camping Units	Daily Fee	Drinking Water	Dump Station	Fishing Equipment/Supplies	Food (Snack Bar/Restaurant)	Gas (A-boat / B-boat)	Groceries	Hook-Ups	Laundry	Picnic Units	Post Office	Reservations	Telephone	Toilets (Flush/Vault)	Trailer Space	COMMENTS		
PUBLIC FACILITIES																											
ACKERMAN	•								66	•	•												F	•	Open year-round		
ALPINE VIEW	•								66	•	•													F	•	Nature trail	
BOWERMAN RAMP	•				•																			F	•		
BRIDGE CAMP	•	•							13	•	•													V	•	Trailhead/corral	
BUSHYTAIL GROUP CAMP *	•								•	•	•										•			F	•	Maximum capacity - 150	
CAPTAIN'S POINT	•								3																V	•	Boat access only
CLARK SPRINGS	•	•							•	•													•	F	•	Day use only	
CLEAR CREEK	•	•							8																V	•	
COOPER GULCH	•								9																V	•	Open year-round
FAIRVIEW RAMP	•				•																				V	•	
FAWN *	•								•	•	•										•				F	•	Maximum capacity - 150
HAYWARD FLAT	•		•						108	•	•														F	•	
JACKASS SPRINGS	•								21		•														V	•	
KOKANE	•																								V	•	
MARINER'S ROOST	•								7																V	•	Boat access only
MARY SMITH	•								18	•	•														F/V	•	
MINERSVILLE	•								21		•														F	•	Low-water boat ramp
PINE COVE RAMP	•				•																•				V	•	
PREACHER MEADOW	•								45		•														V	•	
RIDGEVILLE	•								21																V	•	Boat access only
RUSH CREEK	•								11																V	•	
STONEY GROUP CAMP *	•	•							•	•	•										•				F	•	Maximum capacity - 50
STONEY POINT	•								22																F	•	Open year-round
STONEY SWIM	•	•	•							•															F	•	
STUART FORK RAMP	•				•																				V	•	
TANBARK	•																								V	•	
TANNERY GULCH **	•	•	•	•					87	•	•														F	•	Nature trail/Amphitheatre
TRINITY CENTER PICNIC	•																								F	•	
TUNNEL ROCK	•								6																V	•	Open year-round
PRIVATE FACILITIES ***																											
CEDAR STOCK RESORT	•			•	•	•	•	•							•	A/B	•								F	•	
ESTRELLITA MARINA	•			•	•	•	•								•	B	•				6				F	•	
FAIRVIEW MARINA	•		•	•	•	•	•								•	B	•								F	•	
LAKEVIEW TERRACE RESORT	•					•	•	•																	F	•	
PINE COVE MARINA	•				•																				F	•	Only marina on Lewiston Lake
PINE COVE PARK	•																								F	•	
PINEWOOD COVE RESORT	•				•											A	•								F	•	Pay showers
RECREATION PLUS MARINA	•				•	•	•									B	•								V	•	
TRINITY ALPS RESORT	•	•	•													A	•								F	•	Horse rentals
WYNTON RESORT	•															A	•								F	•	Pay showers
COMMUNITIES																											
COFFEE CREEK																A	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	F	•	No medical - Pay showers
LEWISTON																A	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	F	•	No medical
TRINITY CENTER																A	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	F	•	No medical
WEAVERVILLE																A	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	F	•	Hospital, Forest Service Ranger Station
* Group camp reservations can be made only through the Weaverville Ranger Station anytime after March 1st.																											
** Reservations for Tannery Gulch Campground are available through Ticketron from mid-May through mid-September. If you do not have a nearby Ticketron outlet, contact the Weaverville Ranger Station for a mail-in reservation.																											
***For reservations or other information on these or other commercial facilities contact the Trinity County Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 517, Weaverville, CA 96093 (Telephone: 623-6101)																											

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS (TRINITY COUNTY)

Ambulance

Weaverville 623-3351
 Lewiston 778-3711

California Highway Patrol

Toll Free Dial Oask for Zenith 1-2000

Fires

Forest Service (Emergencies Only)

Toll Free Dial OAsk for Enterprise 1-8673
 Trinity Center Fire Dept.266-3400
 Lewiston Fire Dept.788-3711
 Weaverville Fire Dept.623-2111

Hospital

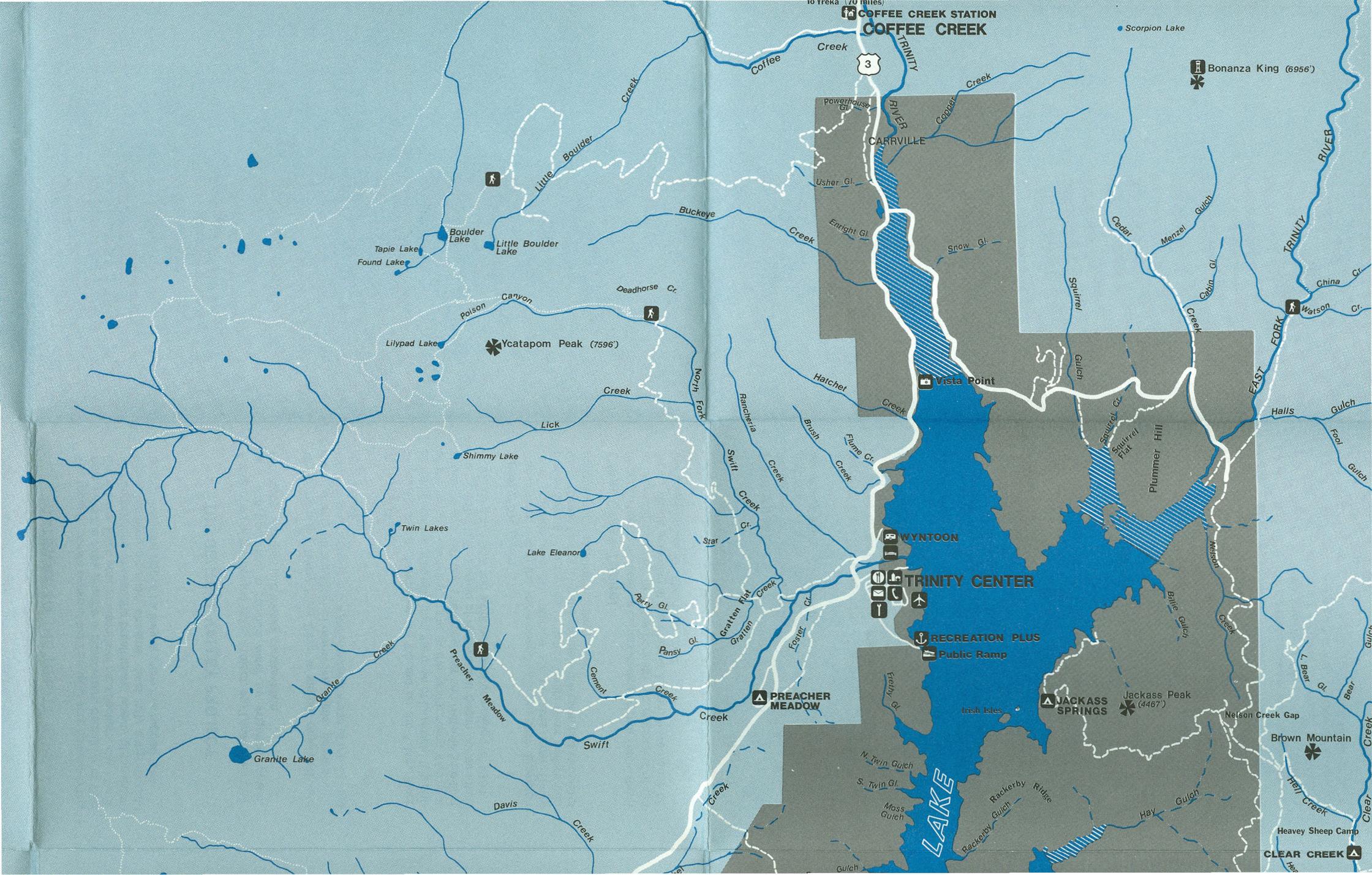
Trinity County Hospital623-5541
 (Weaverville)

Poison

Trinity County Hospital623-5541
 (Ask for Emergency Room)

Sheriff

From a Coffee Creek, Trinity Center or Minersville phone:
 Toll Free, Dial Oask for Enterprise 1-8676
 From a Weaverville phone623-2611



COFFEE CREEK STATION
COFFEE CREEK

Scorpion Lake

Bonanza King (6956')

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TRINITY RIVER

CARRVILLE

Vista Point

WYNTON

TRINITY CENTER

RECREATION PLUS
Public Ramp

PREACHER MEADOW

JACKASS SPRINGS

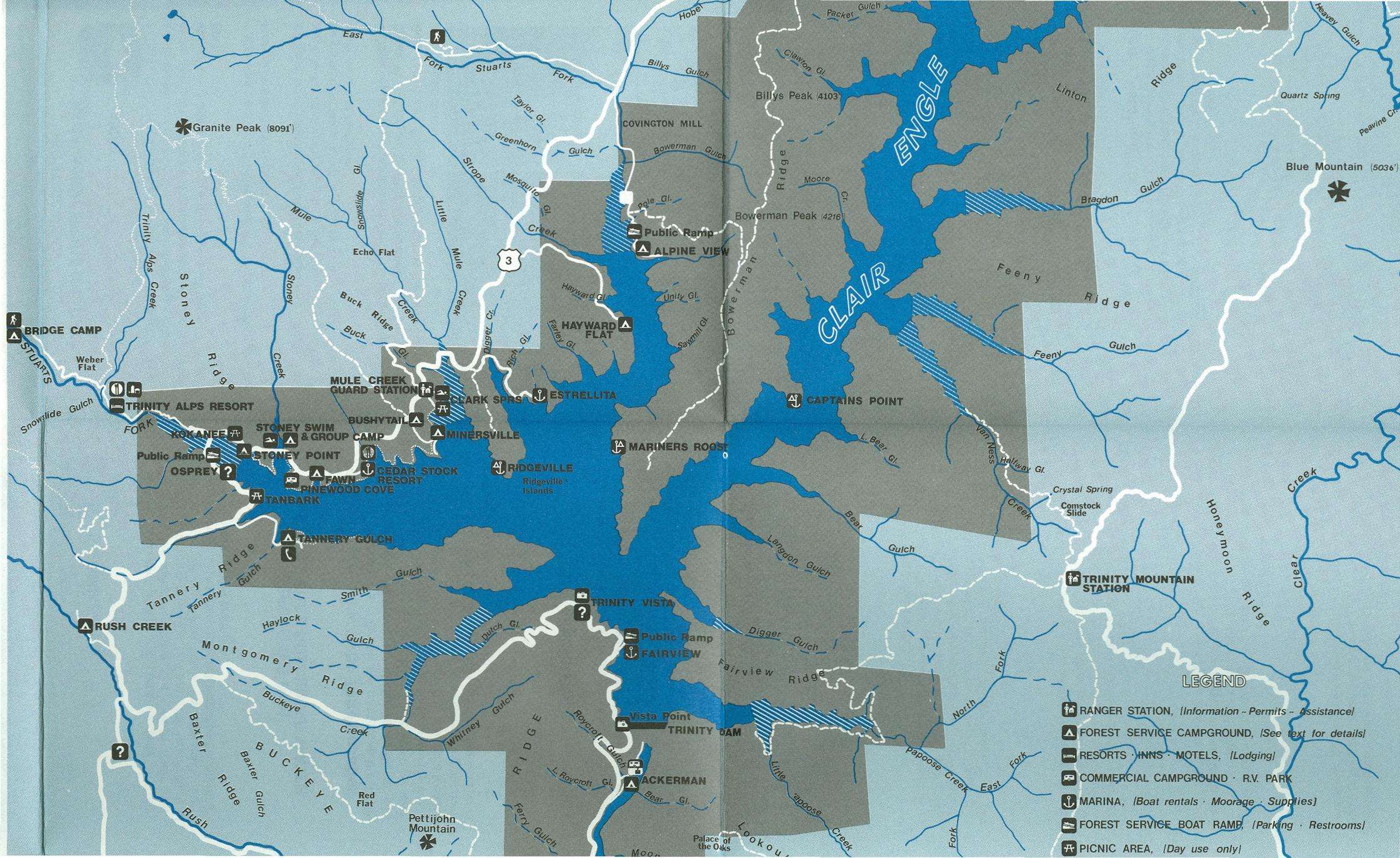
Jackass Peak (4467')

Brown Mountain

Heavey Sheep Camp

CLEAR CREEK





Granite Peak (8091')

Billys Peak (4103)

Bowerman Peak (4216)

Blue Mountain (5036')

BRIDGE CAMP

TRINITY ALPS RESORT

MULE CREEK GUARD STATION

BUSHYTAIL

CLARK SPRINGS

ESTRELLITA

KOKANEE

STONEY SWIM & GROUP CAMP

STONEY POINT

MINERSVILLE

RIDGEVILLE

MARINERS ROOST

OSPREY

FAWN RESORT

CEDAR STOCK RESORT

PINEWOOD COVE

TANBARK

TANNERY GULCH

RUSH CREEK

TRINITY VISTA

FAIRVIEW

VISTA POINT

TRINITY DAM

ACKERMAN

TRINITY MOUNTAIN STATION

LEGEND

- RANGER STATION, (Information - Permits - Assistance)
- FOREST SERVICE CAMPGROUND, (See text for details)
- RESORTS · INNS · MOTELS, (Lodging)
- COMMERCIAL CAMPGROUND · R.V. PARK
- MARINA, (Boat rentals · Moorage · Supplies)
- FOREST SERVICE BOAT RAMP, (Parking · Restrooms)
- PICNIC AREA, (Day use only)

To Weaverville & 299W (1 mile)

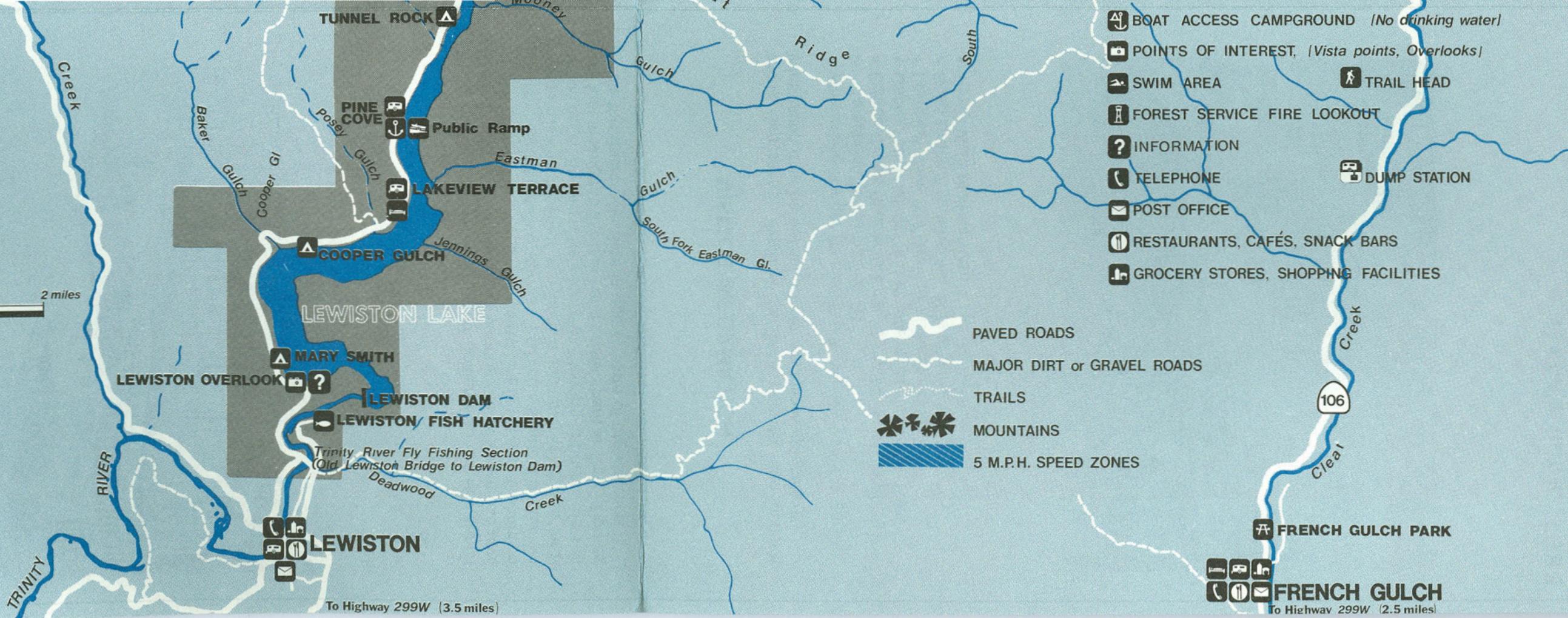


SCALE



Services available in Weaverville:
[Icons for gas station, pharmacy, hospital, school, library, post office, telephone, restaurant, grocery store, etc.]

To Highway 299W (3.5 miles)



- BOAT ACCESS CAMPGROUND (No drinking water)
- POINTS OF INTEREST (Vista points, Overlooks)
- SWIM AREA
- TRAIL HEAD
- FOREST SERVICE FIRE LOOKOUT
- INFORMATION
- TELEPHONE
- POST OFFICE
- RESTAURANTS, CAFÉS, SNACK BARS
- GROCERY STORES, SHOPPING FACILITIES
- DUMP STATION

- PAVED ROADS
- MAJOR DIRT or GRAVEL ROADS
- TRAILS
- MOUNTAINS
- 5 M.P.H. SPEED ZONES

To Highway 299W (2.5 miles)

FRENCH GULCH
[Icons for gas station, pharmacy, hospital, school, library, post office, telephone, restaurant, grocery store, etc.]

