

# On the Mountain

## Hiking & Climbing & Scenic Drive

**Mt Shasta Everitt Memorial HWY A10 Scenic Drive:** This 14-mile drive ascends over halfway up the mountain to the Old Ski Bowl Vista Point at 7,900'. During the winter storm season (Nov-July), the gate is closed at Bunny Flat, 11 miles up at 6,900' and Old Ski Bowl/Panther Meadow is not accessible by car. You will see Black Butte and Mt. Eddy to the west, perhaps snow-capped Mt. Lassen 96 miles to the south, Castle Crags to the south, look down on Mt. Shasta City and Lake Siskiyou, and travel through beautiful old-growth forest. From Old Ski Bowl, you will see beautiful views of the volcanic landscape including Sargent's Ridge, Hotlum, and Misery Hill cones; and Green and Gray Butte in the distance.

### Hiking Trails on the Mountain off Everitt Memorial HWY

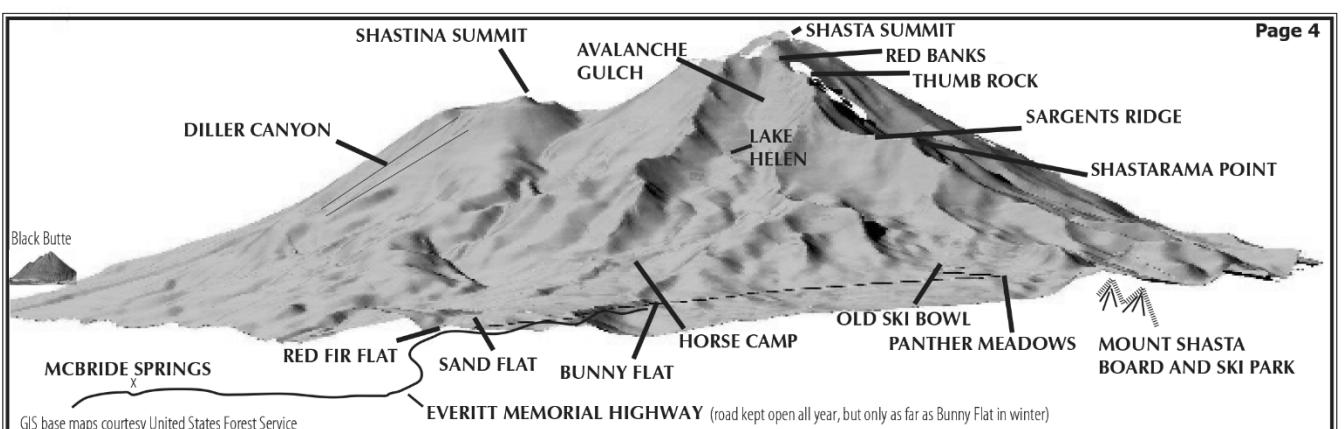
**Gateway Trail** (3,927'/4,870'/5,400') Includes trailheads at McBride Spring and Ten Gallon Trailhead, over 45 miles of trails that take adventurers out into the foothills of Mt Shasta.

**Everitt Memorial Vista** Stop at the vista to see views of Lassen and the surrounding forest.

**Red Fir Flat and Sand Flat** (6,400'/6,750') Red Fir Flat is a part of the collapsed ancestral cone of Mt Shasta filled with old growth red fir trees and a high point called Ascension Rock. Sand Flat includes two access points, Lower and Upper, that take you to a flat camping ground with beautiful views of Mt Shasta. Once the winter storms roll in, this area becomes covered in snow and is best used for snow shoeing, cross country skiing, sledding, and building a snow man.

**Bunny Flat Trail** (6,950') Major trailhead for both mountain climbers and day hikers. It is the trail to the Old Ski Bowl parking lot and the Shasta Alpine Hut, the old Sierra Club caretaker's cabin, a moderate 3.4-mile round-trip hike with an elevation gain of 1,000'. This is also the main route to the summit. Once the winter storms roll in, this area is covered in thick snow and is used for skiing and snow boarding, snowmobiling, and sledding.

**Summiting Mt Shasta:** There is no trail to the summit and some equipment is necessary. A permit is required and can be purchased at the Mt. Shasta Ranger Station located at 204 W. Alma St. in Mt. Shasta, **530-926-4511**. For climbing and avalanche conditions call **530-926-9613** or visit <https://www.shastaavalanche.org/>. Guides are available in Mt. Shasta.



# Mt Shasta Fall Places of Interest

## Waterfalls Hiking Trails Lakes Lava Caves

**McCloud Lower, Middle, & Upper Falls:** A series of three beautiful waterfalls situated along the McCloud River, a 3-mile round-trip easy hike, with 1.5 miles from Lower Falls to Middle Falls to Upper Falls. The waterfalls may also be viewed with minimal walking by parking in the lots located near each waterfall. A 25-minute drive from the Visitors Center. Take I-5 South from Mt. Shasta City and take **Exit 736** to Hwy 89 heading east toward McCloud. About 7 miles east of McCloud, turn right at the U.S. Forest Service sign that reads Fowler's Campground Lower Falls. Go straight past the entrance to the campground to reach the Lower Falls area in about .5 mile.

**Hedge Creek Falls (Exit 732):** This waterfall is accessed by a short trail about a half a mile, that switchbacks down to a point where you can walk behind the falls. Take Exit 732 onto Dunsmuir Ave./Siskiyou Ave. At the bottom of the ramp, turn right and immediately take another right and park. The trailhead is located at the small park across the street.

**Dunsmuir Botanical Gardens:** Located in Dunsmuir at the City Park near the Sacramento River Trail, the Gardens encompass ten acres of hilly, wooded area with a meadow containing the various gardens. Playground area and picnic sites border the beautiful Upper Sacramento River. The location is just uphill of the baseball park where Babe Ruth once played, and the **Alexander Dunsmuir Fountain**. Turn in at the Locomotive engine next to the Community Building located at 4835 **Dunsmuir Avenue**. Then drive uphill, admiring the fountain as you go. Pass the tennis court and around and down to the parking lot.

**Faery Falls:** This 1.5 mile round trip, moderate hike will lead you through the old ruins of the Ney Springs Resort and up through the canyon to this beautiful waterfall. Located just off of Castle Lake Rd. and onto Ney Springs Rd about a half a mile down the dirt road to the trail head. A 4-wheel drive or high clearance vehicle is highly recommended as this dirt road is not well maintained.

**Sacramento River and Cantara Loop:** West of Lake Siskiyou, along WA Barr Rd, the North and South Fork Sacramento River converge into one at the lake and continue passed Box Canyon Dam into Box Canyon and the Cantara Ney Spring Wildlife Area accessed at Cantara Loop via Cantara Loop Road. You can access the river in Mt Shasta from WA Barr Rd, at the west end of Lake Siskiyou, and at Cantara Loop.

**Headwaters of the Sacramento River at Mt. Shasta City Park:** The 26-acre public park is located off N. Mt. Shasta Blvd. on Nixon Road. Picnic tables, a playground, restrooms, and hiking trails make this a wonderful spot for family outings. Here California's powerful Sacramento River emerges as a large spring of icy water from a hillside. **Mt. Shasta Parks & Recreation: (530) 926-2494. [www.msrec.org](http://www.msrec.org)**

**Spring Hill Trailhead:** Adjacent to the city park is the hike to Spring Hill. This 3-mile round trip hike will give you great views, with numerous vistas along the trail such as Mt. Shasta City nestled in Strawberry Valley, and a view of Mount Shasta from Rocky Point on the east side of Spring Hill. To access this trailhead, head north on N. Mt Shasta Blvd and turn right onto Ski Village Dr next to the city park. At the first top sign, instead of turning right, go straight into the small parking area at the trailhead.

**Mt. Shasta Sisson Museum:** Located at 1 N. Old Stage Road, the museum has features of exhibits on the geology and history of the area, Native American information, videos of the area, an activity room for children, and a gift shop. Business hours: Thursday-Monday, 10:00AM-4:00PM. Open through end of December. [www.mtshastamuseum.com](http://www.mtshastamuseum.com) (530) 926-5508.

**Fish Hatchery, Tactile Park & Elsa Rupp Nature Study:** At the entrance to the Museum and Fish Hatchery is a newly built tactile playground for kids that celebrates the culture of the fish hatchery. Don't forget to visit the State Fish Hatchery next door, **open 8am -3pm**. Next door to the museum and park, you'll find the beginnings of the Elsa Rupp Nature Study, a sweet nature walk around Big Springs Creek that flows from the Headwaters toward the Fish Hatchery. With trails that loop around the creek in several locations, this small nature hike is wonderful for families. A separate parking area for the trail is located near 22 North Old Stage Road Mount Shasta.

**Lake Siskiyou:** The lake is located 2.5 miles southwest of the City of Mt. Shasta on W. A. Barr Rd. The beautiful 7.5-mile **Lake Siskiyou Trail** encompasses the 430-acre lake. The 260' **Wagon Creek Bridge** for pedestrians is easily accessed by parking across the street from the tennis courts on W. A. Barr Rd. and following the trail approximately a half a mile. Camp Siskiyou is closed in Fall and Winter.

**Castle Lake:** Located 7 miles from Lake Siskiyou. Castle Lake is a beautiful alpine lake that sits at 5,440' and is accessed by a well-maintained paved road which ends at the lake. There is a flat trail that meanders along the right side of the lake starting behind the Forest Service toilet. On the left side of the lake, a steep trail climbs to **Heart Lake** that sits at 6,615' and has beautiful views of Mt. Shasta. This area will become inaccessible once the snowstorm season kicks off and snow blocks entry to Castle Lake Road.

**Sisson Meadow:** This restored 7.5-acre wetland has a boardwalk, benches, a pond and small brook and bridge to Alder St. It is located 3 blocks from downtown on E. Castle St and entrance next to the Mt Shasta public library. For more information see [www.siskiyoulandtrust.org](http://www.siskiyoulandtrust.org)

**Shastice Park:** Come visit our sister park at Shastice Park, located at 800 Rockfellow Dr. This park is equipped with a playground, baseball/soccer fields, bike and skateboard park, grassy picnic areas, and views of the mountain. The Ice Skating Rink is open November 15-February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Learn more: <https://www.msrec.org/ice-rink>

**Gateway Peace Garden:** Located off Everitt Memorial Hwy at 834 Ski Village Drive. The Gateway Peace Garden is known for its natural landscape of cedars, oaks, and manzanita, and beautiful views of Mt. Shasta. It also has a labyrinth, and the Peace Pole, along with meditation niches for Peace and the guidance of Nature. Open every day from sunrise to sunset. During heavy snowfall the Peace Garden will stay closed but will remain open during mild winters. **No dogs allowed in the garden.**

**Lake Shastina:** Located out in Lake Shastina, a small community in the high desert of Mt Shasta, just a few minutes northeast of Weed. Lake Shastina also draws paddling enthusiasts, and dynamic wind conditions will also delight windsurfers and sailors.

**Pluto's Cave:** Formed by an eruption of basaltic lava which came from a vent approximately 8 miles northeast between Deer Mountain & the Whaleback. Located 1.5 miles from Weed via Hwy 97, 12 miles to County Dirt Road A-12. At 1.4 miles down road A-12, turn left and look for the Pluto's Cave sign on the utility pole, the trailhead is 0.3 miles from the road.

**Living Sculpture Memorial Garden (Off HWY 97):** Just past Lake Shastina nestled in the high desert boarding the north side of Mt Shasta, you will find a sculpture garden honoring veterans. Admission is free. **Directions:** From Mt Shasta, head north on I-5 and get off on exit 747 to HWY 97. Drive 13.3 miles and turn left into the sculpture garden.

**Klamath Lakes and Tule Lake:** Located off HWY 97 near the Oregon Boarder on the way to Lava Beds National Monument and Crater Lake, these stunning expansive lakes are watersheds naturally formed from long-term volcanic activity. The lakes are a paradise for bird watchers. Visit the many sites to watch and see the birds in action.

**Shasta Caverns:** Located off of I-5 near Lake Shasta outside of Redding, this national natural landmark boasts a 15 minute cruise across Lake Shasta, an 800' bus ride to the caverns entrance, followed by a tour of the caverns breathtaking fluted columns, stone draperies, stalactites and stalagmites studded with crystals, flowstone deposits, and more! For more info visit: [www.lakeshastacaverns.com](http://www.lakeshastacaverns.com)

**Shasta Lake:** Known as Lake Shasta, is a reservoir in Shasta County just north of Redding along the I-5. Visitors are able to take a walking tour of the dam. Activities include Shasta Caverns, fishing, hiking, and more!

## NEARBY STATE & NATIONAL PARKS & MONUMENTS

**Castle Crags State Park:** This state park is home to the Castle Crags and Castle Crags Wilderness. Parts of Castle Crags become inaccessible in the snowstorm season. \$8 admission fee. (530) 235-2684. [www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov)

**Lava Beds National Monument:** Located off Hwy 89 in the Modoc National Forest. Volcanic formations, such as glass and lava flows, pumice deposits, lava tubes, cinder cones, craters and faults can be found all around the Lava Beds National Monument. At the Lava Beds Visitor Center, you can learn more about the history of this rich volcanic area, including about the Modoc War.

**Crater Lake National Park:** Crater Lake is a volcanic lake that is the USA's deepest lake formed around 7,700 years ago. Although covered in snow most of the year, in the summer months makes for a must-see experience. Areas of Crater Lake become inaccessible in the snowstorm season. Learn More: [www.nps.gov/crla/planyourvisit/basicinfo.htm](http://www.nps.gov/crla/planyourvisit/basicinfo.htm)

**McArthur-Burney Falls State Park:** Located off of Hwy 89, approximately one hour from the Mt. Shasta Visitors Center, and approximately 40 minutes east of the McCloud Falls. This state park is home to the majestic Burney Falls. (530) 335-2777. [www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov)

**Lassen Volcanic National Park:** Located along the Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway, Mt Lassen is both an active volcano and a national park situated off HWY 89 adjacent to HWY 44. Areas of Lassen Volcanic become inaccessible in the snowstorm season. Learn more: [www.nps.gov/lavo/learn/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/lavo/learn/index.htm)



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