

# Bunny Flat: Horse Camp & Old Ski Bowl



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At 6,950', Bunny Flat is a major trailhead for both mountain climbers and day hikers. During the snow season, Bunny Flat is a great place for snow shoeing, cross country skiing, snow-mobiling, and sledding and is the highest point accessible to vehicles during Mt Shasta's snow season (Mid-October-End of June).

**Location:** Near-top of Everett Memorial Highway in Mount Shasta, just at Gate 2.

## PUBLIC RESTROOMS AND WILDERNESS PERMITS

At the parking lot of Bunny Flat Proper is a vault toilet bathroom. There is also a vault toilet at Horse Camp. If headed higher up, campers/day hikers need to bring their own disposable waste pack out bags. There is no vault toilet at Old Ski Bowl. Prepare accordingly. To hike Horse Camp, you need to fill out a (free) wilderness permit at the Bunny Flat trailhead (located by the vault toilet). If hiking above 10,000' ft, a summit pass is required (day passes are \$25, year passes are \$30 and people under 16 years do not need a pass). Summit passes can be purchased at the USDA Shasta Trinity National Forest Service (ranger station) or at select trailheads.

## DISPERSED CAMPING

There are many dispersed (free) camping sites at Bunny Flat proper. Please camp on the downhill side of the road and NOT above the road in Bunny Flat proper. There are many great sites below the road with existing fire rings and places to park. Camping fees for Horse Camp are \$5.00 per tent and \$3.00 per solo bivy. The suggested day-use donation is \$1.00 per person. There is opportunity to camp at Helen Lake Campsite and Hidden Valley Camp. Dispersed camping is allowed in the Mt Shasta Wilderness. See USDA Shasta Trinity National Forest Service (ranger station) restrictions and limitations for camping in the wilderness and fire restrictions. Fire permits (free) are required for campfires/stove use. Restrictions apply.

## IMPORTANT TRAIL ROUTES FROM TRAILHEAD

### Old Ski Bowl Trail (Called the Dog Trail on All Trails, Leashed Dogs Allowed)

**Distance:** 4.1 Miles Out and Back  
**Elevation Climb:** 920' Feet

This out and back trail takes you along Bunny Flat Proper through a charming subalpine forest up to the tree line at Old Ski Bowl. With an ascent of 826 feet in 2 miles, be prepared to climb up stair-like terrain.

### Old Sierra Club Shasta Alpine Hut, Horse Camp (No Dogs Allowed)

**Distance:** 3.5 Miles Out and Back  
**Elevation Climb:** 965' Feet

The primary destinations of the Horse Camp Trail are Hidden Valley and Helen Lake. Both have routes leading to the summit of Mount Shasta. The most popular route to the summit departs Horse Camp and climbs up Avalanche Gulch to Helen Lake. From there it heads to the top of the mountain. The Old Sierra Club cabin, called the Shasta Alpine Hut, sits in the middle of a small meadow with Mount Shasta and the upper section of Avalanche Gulch looming high above. There are also several trails that connect down to Sand Flat. See Horse Camp Trails pamphlet for more information on Horse Camp routes.

### ALONG THE ROAD: Bunny Flat Gate (Gate 2) to Lower Panther Meadow/Upper (Along the road)

**Distance:** 3.4 Miles Out and Back (Lower), 5 Miles Out and Back (Upper)  
**Elevation Climb:** Lower 530' Feet, Upper 800' Feet

Along the iconic Everitt Memorial Highway, the Highway that leads up to the Old Ski Bowl above the tree line of the Shasta summit, is Bunny Flat's gate that is closed mid Fall to early Summer. Usually opening on July 1<sup>st</sup>, but can open as late as August 1<sup>st</sup>, this gate is the access point to the highest locations on Mount Shasta from the South-West facing side. When the gate is closed, adventurers can embark on a track from the Bunny Flat gate up to Panther Meadow and beyond. This route takes you along a smooth road with an ascent of 525 feet in 1.7 miles to Panther Meadow Campground and 820 Feet in 2.5 miles to Upper Panther Meadow.

## LEGEND

- P** Parking
- Trailhead**
- Bathroom**
- Campground**
- Junction**
- Elevation Marker**

- Everitt Memorial HWY A10 (Paved)
- Streams/Creeks
- Graded Terrain/Butte/Ridge
- Mt Shasta Wilderness
- Focal Trail
- Adjacent Trail

## Distances:

Old Ski Bowl: 2.05 Miles  
Horse Camp: 1.75 Miles  
Panther Meadow Camp (Road): 1.7 Miles  
Upper Panther Meadow (Road): 2.5 Miles

