

Clear Creek and Brewer Creek Trails

Clear Creek and Brewer Creek Trailheads provide access to the southeast and east side of Mt Shasta in the upper elevations. Clear Creek creates a potential summit route for more experienced climbers and Brewer Creek accesses glaciers and Ash Creek Falls. These locations are located in the wilderness and accessed on roads that are not paved. Take all necessary precautions when entering the wilderness as the wilderness is very wild and conditions can be unpredictable.

CLEAR CREEK

Distance: 2 Miles one-way/4 miles RT

Elevation at Trailhead: 6,500' Feet

Elevation Gain: 2,100' Feet

Minimum Time Required: 3 Hours RT

Season: Late June to Late October

Permits: A wilderness Permit is required. The permit can be found at the trailhead. A summit pass is required above 10,000' feet. Check Forest Service regulations for camp stove permissions.

Restrictions: Campfires, dogs, and bicycles are not permitted in the wilderness.

Restrooms: Vault toilet located at trailhead with pack-out waste bags.

Trail Description: This is a very scenic trail on the southeast flank of Mt Shasta. The trail starts in a red fir forest and follows the rim of Mud Creek canyon to timberline. There are impressive views of Mud Creek Falls and the Konwakiton Glacier along the way. The trail ends at Clear Creek Springs, which is the base camp for climbers tackling the route above.

Directions to trail access at Clear Creek: From the town of Mt Shasta, drive 1 mile south on I-5 to HWY 89 and head east 10 miles to the town of McCloud. Continue east on 89 for 2.8 miles and turn left onto Pilgrim Creek Rd (Road 13). Drive 7.1 miles to the junction of Sugar Pine Butte Road and Military Pass Road (Road 19). Turn left onto Military Pass Rd (Road 19) and drive approximately 4 miles to the Brewer Creek Trailhead turnoff. Turn left and follow the trailhead signs approximately 8 more miles to the trailhead.

Proceed 5 miles to the junction of McKenzie Butte Rd (Road 31). Cross the McKenzie Butte Rd and follow the roadside direction signs approximately 2.5 miles to the trailhead.

BREWER CREEK

Distance: 1.5 Miles one-way/3 miles RT

Elevation at Trailhead: 7,200' Feet

Elevation Gain: 600 Feet

Minimum Time Required: 2 Hours RT

Season: Early July to Late October

Permits: A wilderness Permit is required. The permit can be found at the trailhead. A summit pass is required above 10,000' feet. Check Forest Service regulations for camp stove permissions.

Restrictions: Campfires, dogs, and bicycles are not permitted in the wilderness.

Restrooms: Vault toilet located at trailhead with pack-out waste bags.

Trail Description: This is a shorter trail primarily used by more experienced climbers to access Hotlum and Wintun Glaciers. Day hikers can follow the trail to about the 8,000' ft level just above timberline for expansive views of the glaciers and Ash Creek Butte. It is possible to also utilize this trail to access Ash Creek Falls.

Directions to trail access: From the town of Mt Shasta, drive 1 mile south on I-5 to HWY 89 and head east 10 miles to the town of McCloud. Continue east on 89 for 2.8 miles and turn left onto Pilgrim Creek Rd (Road 13). Drive 7.1 miles to the junction of Sugar Pine Butte Road and Military Pass Road (Road 19). Turn left onto Military Pass Rd (Road 19) and drive approximately 4 miles to the Brewer Creek Trailhead turnoff. Turn left and follow the trailhead signs approximately 8 more miles to the trailhead.

Directions to Clear Creek Trailhead: From the town of Mt Shasta, drive 1 mile south on I-5 to HWY 89 and head east 10 miles to the town of McCloud. Continue east on 89 for 2.8 miles and turn left onto Pilgrim Creek Rd (Road 13). Drive 5.2 miles and turn left on Widow Springs Rd. Proceed 5 miles to the junction of McKenzie Butte Rd (Road 31). Cross the McKenzie Butte Rd and follow the roadside direction signs approximately 2.5 miles to the trailhead.

Directions to Brewer Creek Trailhead: From the town of Mt Shasta, drive 1 mile south on I-5 to HWY 89 and head east 10 miles to the town of McCloud. Continue east on 89 for 2.8 miles and turn left onto Pilgrim Creek Rd (Road 13). Drive 7.1 miles to the junction of Sugar Pine Butte Road and Military Pass Road (Road 19). Turn left onto Military Pass Rd (Road 19) and drive approximately 4 miles to the Brewer Creek Trailhead turnoff. Turn left and follow the trailhead signs approximately 8 more miles to the trailhead.

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