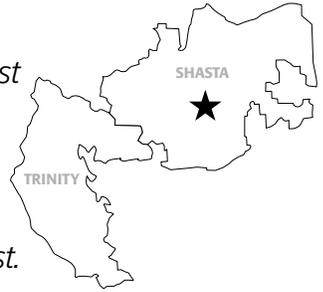


# McCloud Area Recreation Guide

McCloud Station • Shasta-McCloud Management Unit • Shasta-Trinity National Forest



*This Recreation Opportunity Guide provides a brief overview of recreation facilities and opportunities available in the McCloud area of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. Whether you are planning to go camping, fishing, hiking, boating, picnicking, snowmobiling, cross country skiing or sight seeing, the choices for recreation are almost unlimited.*

**Recreation plus...** During the late spring, summer and early fall, the McCloud River is the most popular attraction in this area, offering fishing, swimming, camping and spectacular scenery. During the winter months, snowmobiling, cross country skiing and downhill skiing are the top ranking outdoor opportunities.

**Developed campgrounds and facilities...** Except for Harris Springs, Cattle Camp, Trout Creek Campgrounds and Lake McCloud Boat Ramp, all developed campgrounds and day use facilities are located along the McCloud River. All campgrounds are on a first come-first served basis and have a 14 day stay limit.

**River route...** The McCloud River parallels Highway 89 from its source near Dead Horse Summit to Fowler’s Campground. There it turns south and continues through private property to Lake McCloud. At Lake McCloud, the river again flows through National Forest lands to a point several miles below Ah-Di-Na Campground, plus several other areas downstream to the McCloud Nature Preserve. From here, the river passes through mostly private property and public access is extremely limited until the river enters Shasta Lake.

**Dispersed camping...** If the improved campgrounds around McCloud are too crowded and confining, you may want to try camping somewhere else. Unless posted otherwise, you may camp anywhere within the National Forests. A stay limit of 30 days is enforced for dispersed camping.

Recreation sites	Boat ramp	Camping units	Daily fee	Drinking water	Elevation	Handicapped restrooms	Picnic units	toilets (flush/vault)	Trailers (max. length)	Primary use season
<b>Ah-Di-Na...</b> 6.5 miles south of Lake McCloud off State Hwy 89		17	•	•	2300			F		5/1 - 11/15
<b>Algoma...</b> 14 miles east of McCloud off State Hwy 89					3800		•	closed		5/1 - 10/31
<b>Cattle Camp...</b> 11 miles east of McCloud off State Hwy 89		27	•	•	3700	•		V		5/1 - 11/15
<b>Fowlers Camp...</b> 6.5 miles east of McCloud off State Hwy 89		39	•	•	3400	•		V		5/1 - 11/15
<b>Harris Springs...</b> 17 miles north of Bartle off State Hwy 89		10+		•	4800			V		8/15 - 10/31
<b>Lower Falls Picnic Area...</b> 6.5 miles east of McCloud off State Hwy 89				•	3400	•	9	V		5/1 - 11/15
<b>Lake McCloud Boat Ramp...</b> 10 miles south east of McCloud on Lake McCloud	•		•		3000	•	2	V		5/1 - 10/31
<b>Trout Creek...</b> 17 miles north of State Hwy 89 on Pilgrim Creek Road		10+			4800			V		6/1 - 10/31

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## ***Fishing...***

**Upper McCloud River...** The McCloud River and its tributaries offer excellent fishing opportunities. The California Department of Fish and Game regularly stock the Upper McCloud River from Fowlers Camp to Lake McCloud with rainbow trout. German brown trout from earlier plantings are also present.

**Lower McCloud River...** The Lower McCloud River, from Lake McCloud to Shasta Lake, has been designated a Wild Trout Stream by the California Department of Fish and Game. This portion of the river is not artificially stocked and has special fishing regulations. Only artificial flies and lures with single barbless hooks can be used. At the McCloud River Preserve, located one mile below Ah-Di-Na Campground, fishing is limited to catch and release only. Consult the map on the back, and the California Department of Fish and Game Regulations for further details.

**Endangered species...** The McCloud River is the only fishery in California which supports the now rare Bull Trout, also known as the Dolly Varden Trout. Actually a member of the Char family, it is found between Lower Falls and Shasta Lake. Because it is considered an endangered species by the State of California, it must be released if caught.

## ***Hiking...***

**The Pacific Crest Trail...** About 60 miles of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail pass through the McCloud Area. although there are no developed trailheads, good access points are located at Cabin Creek, Ah-Di-Na Campground, Ash Camp, Squaw Valley Creek, and Bartle Gap. The trail may be traversed by foot or on horseback; however, mountain bikes and motorized travel are prohibited. Brochures and maps of the Pacific Crest Trail are available at the McCloud Ranger Station or at the Supervisor's Office in Redding.

**The Squaw Valley Creek Trail...** The Squaw Valley Creek Trail is an easy 5 mile trail that passes through a mature mixed conifer forest filled with wildflowers. It closely follows the creek, past waterfalls and pools lined with umbrella plant (also called elephant ears). Poison oak is prevalent along the trail. A Recreation Opportunity Guide and map describing the Squaw Valley Creek Trail is available at the McCloud and Mt. Shasta Ranger Stations or at the Supervisor's Office in Redding.

**Mt. Shasta...** The south and east sides of Mt. Shasta provides challenging cross country hiking and climbing opportunities for experienced mountaineers. Parking Passes are required at the trailheads on Mt. Shasta and Climbing Passes are required if you plan to climb beyond the 10,000' elevation. Check with the McCloud or Mt. Shasta Ranger Stations for more information. Brochures and maps of Mt. Shasta are available at the McCloud and Mt. Shasta Ranger Stations or from the Supervisor's Office in Redding.

**A note about land ownership...** A large portion of the land within the McCloud Area is privately owned. We suggest that you obtain a current National Forest map of the Shasta-Trinity to help you distinguish between public and private lands. We strongly encourage you to know where you are and to respect the rights of private property owners.

## ***Winter sports...***

**Snow play...** Snowman's Hill is an established snow play area located five miles west of McCloud on Highway 89. It is a popular site for sledding, tubing and togogganing. Facilities include a cleared tobaggan run, parking area and vault toilets.

**Snowmobiling...** The McCloud area has a variety of excellent snowmobile areas. The Pilgrim Creek Snowpark is located on the Pilgrim Creek Road north of Highway 89 and offers groomed trails, restrooms, a warming hut, loading ramp and garbage service. Pilgrim Creek Snowpark is part of a much larger snowmobile use area called the Tri-Forest Snowmobile Trails. Two hundred and sixty miles of signed trails interconnect 4 snowparks (including the Pilgrim Creek Snowpark) on 3 national forests including the Shasta-Trinity, the Modoc and the Siskiyou.

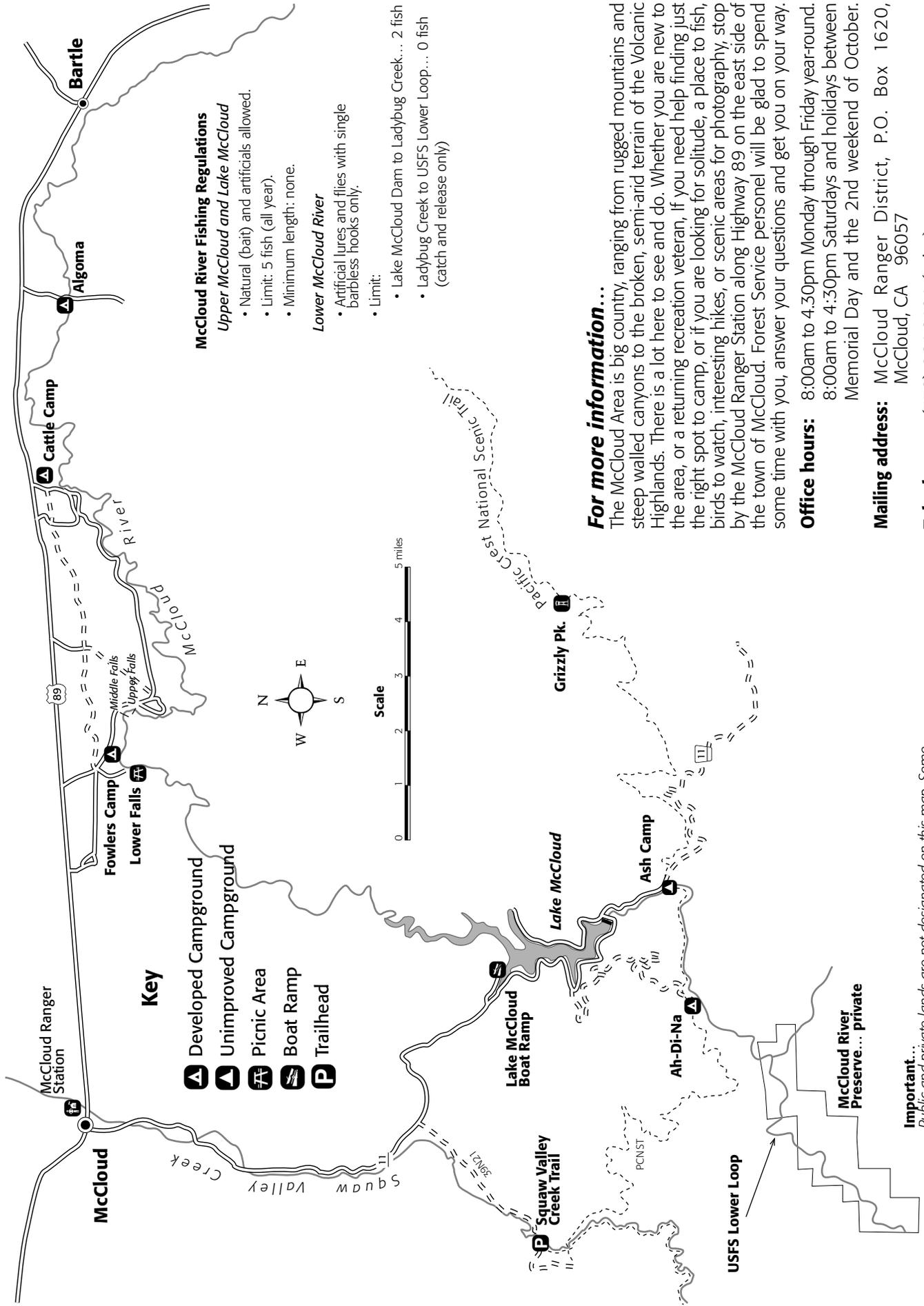
**Cross country skiing...** although there are no marked trails, there are many cross country areas to choose from. Good touring can be found along the McKenzie Butte Road, at Snowman's Hill and at Dead Horse Summit (20 miles east of McCloud on Highway 89).

## ***Recreational driving...***

From late Spring through early Autumn, the Modoc Scenic Byway is the "Sunday drivers" delight. It extends from McCloud, east on Highway 89 to Forest Route 15 (Harris Springs Road), and then north to Forest Route 49 to Medicine Lake. From the beautiful McCloud River to spectacular vistas of Mt. Shasta and the rugged Medicine Lake Highlands it is a drive to remember. Recreational Opportunity Guides and maps of the Scenic Byway and the Medicine Lake Highlands are available from the McCloud Ranger Station or the Supervisor's Office in Redding.

## ***Remember...***

Back country travelers may encounter a variety of dangerous conditions. It is your responsibility to inform yourself about these inherent risks and take precautions.



**McCloud River Fishing Regulations**

**Upper McCloud and Lake McCloud**

- Natural (bait) and artificials allowed.
- Limit: 5 fish (all year).
- Minimum length: none.

**Lower McCloud River**

- Artificial lures and flies with single barbless hooks only.
- Limit:
  - Lake McCloud Dam to Ladybug Creek... 2 fish
  - Ladybug Creek to USFS Lower Loop... 0 fish (catch and release only)

**For more information...**

The McCloud Area is big country, ranging from rugged mountains and steep walled canyons to the broken, semi-arid terrain of the Volcanic Highlands. There is a lot here to see and do. Whether you are new to the area, or a returning recreation veteran, if you need help finding just the right spot to camp, or if you are looking for solitude, a place to fish, birds to watch, interesting hikes, or scenic areas for photography, stop by the McCloud Ranger Station along Highway 89 on the east side of the town of McCloud. Forest Service personnel will be glad to spend some time with you, answer your questions and get you on your way.

**Office hours:** 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday year-round.  
8:00am to 4:30pm Saturdays and holidays between Memorial Day and the 2nd weekend of October.

**Mailing address:** McCloud Ranger District, P.O. Box 1620, McCloud, CA 96057

**Telephone:** (530) 964-2184 (voice)  
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**Key**

- Developed Campground
- Unimproved Campground
- Picnic Area
- Boat Ramp
- Trailhead

**Important...**  
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