

Bear Precautions for Houseboating & Camping

Shasta Lake Station • Shasta Unit • Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area
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We recommend the following precautions while houseboating or camping on Shasta lake. There have been recent problems with bears learning to associate houseboats with food, due to people feeding the bears or leaving their ice chests and food in plain sight. This behavior has been established and will only be changed with your help.

When you encounter a bear

1. DO NOT get in between the bear and a food source.
2. Vacate the area or boat and, if feasible, back boat to deeper water.
3. Use a loud device to scare the bear away.
4. Report bear problems to the Forest Service. For bear encounters on Shasta Lake, please dot where you encountered the bear on the map provided on the back of this handout and return the map to the Shasta Lake Ranger Station.

While houseboating within the National Recreation Area

1. Put garbage cans inside and close the doors.
2. Keep barbecue grills clean.
3. After preparing food (BBQ, etc.), consider moving to a new cove.
4. Conceal ice chests with a tarp or blanket so they are not visible to bears on the back deck of the houseboat.
5. Use trash bins at public boat ramps to dispose of your garbage as often as possible.

While camping within the National Recreation Area

1. Hang all food/ice chests in trees at least 10 feet above the ground and 5 feet away from the tree trunk.
2. Use bear safe containers if available.
3. Keep the food preparation and eating area well separated from the sleeping area.
4. Use bear proof garbage bins if available.
5. Do NOT take any food, drinks or cosmetics into your sleeping area.
6. Store pet food the same as human food, out of reach from bears and other animals.

While enjoying your stay on the lake, please follow all necessary precautions and

DO NOT FEED THE BEARS!

(Calif. Code of Regulations 251.3 - "Prohibits feeding of big game mammals."
Punishable by \$1,000 fine and/or 6 months in jail or both)

For more information contact:

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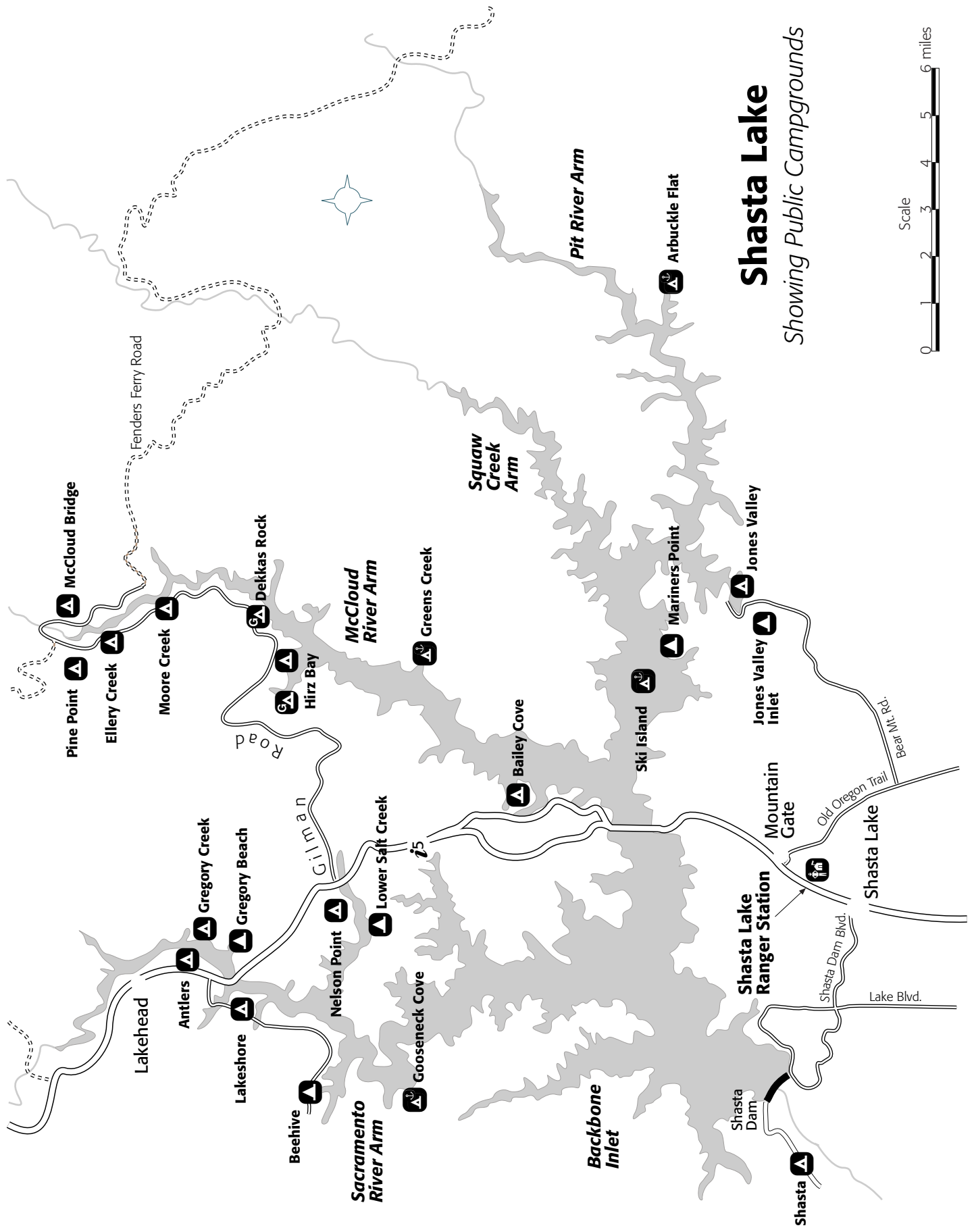
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