

Connect with Nature



Summer 2010

10 Siskiyou Things to Do!

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's "Connecting People with Nature" program is among the agency's highest national priorities. Locally, the Service's Yreka Fish and Wildlife Office is offering a variety of programs and activities, as well as funding classroom projects, to help connect people with nature.



Summer is a great time of year to be outside and connect with nature. The Yreka FWO is providing a list of 10 things that you can do to enjoy nature locally. Individuals who participate in any one of the 10 activities can receive t-shirts, backpacks, and other prizes at the Yreka FWO. To receive prizes, submit a brief write-up or photo describing your experiences. A selection of these photos and essays will be featured on the Yreka FWO website at www.fws.gov/yreka.

For more information contact Jennifer Jones, Yreka FWO Connecting People with Nature Coordinator, at (530) 841-3109.

1. Siskiyou Golden Fair

The 2010 Siskiyou Golden Fair's "Country Roots & Cowboy Boots!" will be held from August 11-15 at the Siskiyou Golden County Fairgrounds. The event features rides and games, food, livestock, art, vendors, music, and exhibits, including the Yreka FWO's stream simulator. For more information, contact the Siskiyou Golden County Fairgrounds office at (530) 842-2767.



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2. Big Foot Jamboree on Labor Day Weekend

This Labor Day weekend come celebrate our region's most legendary wildlife species at the annual Bigfoot Jamboree in Happy Camp. The event will be held at the River Park and will feature a pancake breakfast, parade, music and dancing, kid's races, and salmon barbecue. Contact the Happy Camp Chamber of Commerce at (530) 493-2900 for more information.



Happy Camp Chamber of Commerce

3. Swim along the Scott River

Cool off from the summertime heat in the beautiful and scenic Scott River. Jones Beach and Kelsey Creek are two favorite swim spots along the Scott River Road, within an hour drive of Ft. Jones. Camping is available at Indian Scotty and Bridge Flat. For more information, contact the Scott River Ranger District at (530) 468-5351.

4. Hike Mt. Shasta

You don't need to summit Mt. Shasta to appreciate the mountain! There are several options for day hikes: follow the approximately 1.5 mile trail to the 1923 historic Shasta Alpine Lodge at Horse Camp, or enjoy the high elevation wildflowers at upper Panther Meadow. Camping is also available at Bunny Flat and other campgrounds. For more information about day hikes and camping on Mt. Shasta, contact the Mt. Shasta Ranger station, Shasta-Trinity National Forest at (530) 926-4511, or visit <http://www.climbingmtshasta.org>.



Matt Baun, USFWS

5. Swim in a Cool Mountain Lake

The Marble Mountains Wilderness and the Eddies are some of the jewels of our region. Enjoy hikes, swimming and fishing at the many high mountain lakes in Siskiyou County. You may even see a bald eagle and other rare wildlife. Some lakes, such as Kangaroo and Taylor, are wheelchair accessible, while others require a strenuous hike to access. Contact the Klamath National Forest at (530) 842-6131 to find out which lake may be for you.



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6. Explore the Shasta Valley Wildlife Area

Visit the Shasta Valley Wildlife Area managed by the Department of Fish and Game for wildlife viewing, trout fishing, boating, and hiking. With a backdrop of Mt. Shasta, the Wildlife Area is a scenic destination spot with over 4,500 acres of Great Basin juniper woodland, riparian forest, and seasonal wetlands. For more information, call (530) 459-3926.

7. YMCA Rafting Trips

Have a whitewater rafting adventure this summer on one of the many scenic rivers in Siskiyou County. The Klamath River is one of the most popular spots in northern California for rafters. To organize a group rafting trip, or to learn about other YMCA programs, call (530) 842-9622 or visit www.siskiyou-ymca.org.



Jeff Strutz

9. A Slice of Heaven along the Klamath River

Take your family camping along the banks of the Klamath River at the Tree of Heaven Campground. Enjoy fishing, boating, volleyball, horseshoe pits, and a birding nature trail at the campground, located only 15 minutes from I-5 on Highway 96. For more information, call the Klamath National Forest at (530) 842-6131.

10. Farmer's Markets

One of the best things about summer is the bounty of fresh produce! Visit your local farmer's market for a wide selection of fruits, vegetables, honey, and crafts.

Yreka Market: Wednesdays from 11am-2pm at 1409 S. Main St. (Manager: Willis Thompson, 530-436-2610).

Montague Market: Saturdays from 9am-12pm at the Railroad Park, (Manager: Ann Robinson, 530-459-5051).

Mt. Shasta Market: Mondays and Thursdays from 3:30-6pm at 411 N. Mt. Shasta Blvd. (Manager: Kirsten Olsen, 530-436-2532).

Dunsmuir Market: Saturdays from 9:30am-12:30pm at the Children's Park on Dunsmuir Ave. (Manager: Tim Holt, 530-235-4034).

McCloud Market: Sundays from 9am-2pm at the General Store parking lot at 105 E. Minnesota Ave. (Managers: Keith and Ruth Peddinghaus, 530-605-6817).

Ft. Jones Market: Tuesdays, starting at 5:30pm at the Big Ball Park (Manager: Roy Hammer, 530-468-5895).



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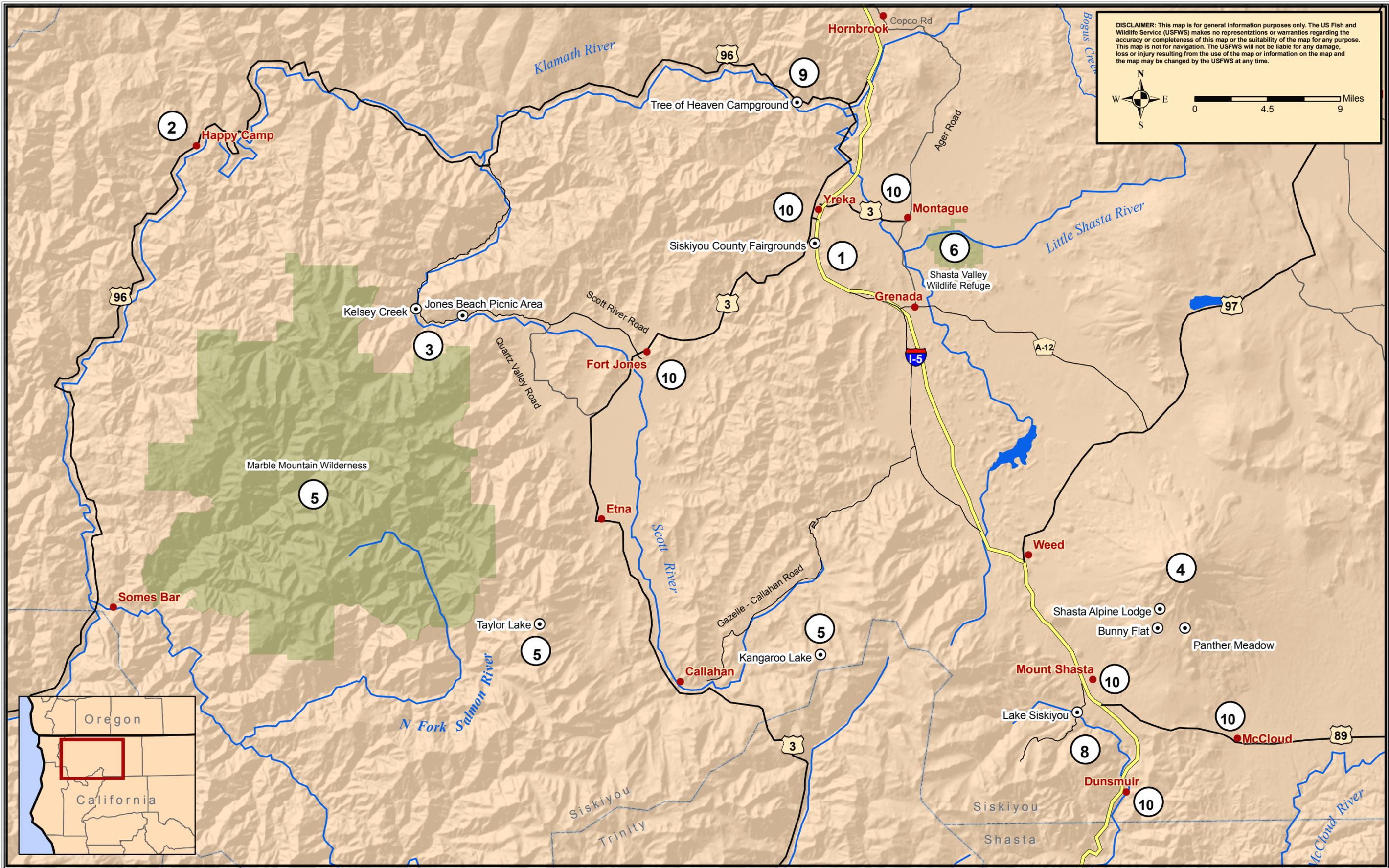


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8. Hit the Beach!

That's right, no need to go to the coast to soak up the sun and play in the sand. Lake Siskiyou has all of that and more, right in our own backyard. Lake Siskiyou is a 430 acre recreational and sailing lake near Mt. Shasta where you can take the family fishing for bass and trout, rent boats (including kayaks and paddle wheelers), play horseshoes or volleyball, swim, or simply relax on the beach. Picnic areas and camping are available. For more information, call (530) 926-2618.



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