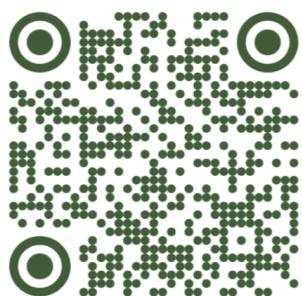


Activity	Trail	Area	Miles	Gain	Difficulty	Finish Date
Hike Snowshoe	Bear	Weed	1.5	50'	Easy	
Hike	Flume	Castle Crags	1	147'	Easy	
Hike Snowshoe	McCloud Falls	McCloud	4	100'	Easy Medium	
Hike Bike	Lake Siskiyou	Mount Shasta	7	300'	Easy Medium	
Hike Snowshoe	Chipmunk	Nordic Trailhead	4.5	542'	Easy Medium	
Hike	Heart Lake	Trinity Divide	3	800'	Medium	
Hike Ski	Gray Butte	Mount Shasta	3.4	700'	Medium	
Hike XC Ski	Sand Flat Overlook	Mount Shasta	3.2	300'	Medium	
Hike Snowshoe	Spring Hill	Mount Shasta	3	660'	Medium	
Hike Snowshoe	Snow Bunny	Mount Shasta	4.5	900'	Medium Hard	
Bike XC Ski	Huckleberry	Nordic Trailhead	5.6	555'	Medium Hard	
Hike	Old Ski Bowl	Mount Shasta	2.1	908'	Medium Hard	

Complete at least 6 trails and submit to:
Mount Shasta Visitor Center
300 Pine St. 530-926-4865

Name:
Age:
City/St.
Date:



2026 Mt Shasta Trail Challenge



Welcome to the **9th** annual Mount Shasta Trail Challenge!
This year's theme is **SNOW** and the **new Learning Zone trails!!**

Be one of the first 100 participants to complete at least 6 trails
and earn a **FREE** 2026 Trail Challenge custom sticker sheet AND
either an insulated bottle OR custom Trail Challenge Hat!

Volunteers from [MSTA](#), [SORA](#), and [Bike Shasta](#) maintain these trails year round.
If you would like to help build or maintain trail just click any of the above links.

This program **FREE** courtesy of our generous partners and thoughtful donors.

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Bear	Accessible nearly year round. Dogs are OK. A nice short hike to stretch one's legs without having to drive too far. The relatively dense conifer forest provides a cool shady walk during the summer. Trailhead is on the College of the Siskiyous parking lot C in Weed. https://mountshastatrailassociation.org/trails/urban-trails/bear-trail/ https://www.trailforks.com/trails/bear-trail-584935/
Flume	Tired of all the snow and want a nice lower elevation trail? Head on down to Castle Crags State Park and check out this easy loop. This loop includes a nature trail and a piece of the Flume Trail but you can follow the Flume Trail further if you would like to extend your hike. https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/california/indian-creek-trail https://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/454/files/CastleCragsSP_WebBrochure2014.pdf
McCloud Falls	McCloud Falls are incredible during the Summer but in the snow they are beautiful in a whole new way. Either way you won't be disappointed. During Winter park just off the highway and hike or snowshoe the road to Lower McCloud Falls. No services during Winter. Go prepared. https://mountshastatrailassociation.org/trails/mccloud/mccloud-rivers-three-waterfalls/ https://www.trailforks.com/trails/mccloud-river-trail-upper/
Lake Siskiyou	Snow does not last long on this lower elevation trail but the view of snowy Mount Shasta across the lake is not to be missed. Dogs OK on leash. Very kid friendly. Passes over Wagon Creek Bridge, Box Canyon Dam and a seasonal bridge which is closed in winter and spring. https://mountshastatrailassociation.org/trails/west-of-mt-shasta/lake-siskiyou/ https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/california/lake-siskiyou-trail
Chipmunk	BRAND NEW loop trail that takes you up Everitt Hill for some new views. Learning Zone trails are designed for folks working on their mountain bike skills but are definitely open to all users. Check in with the Nordic Center(fee) for their Hill n Dell snowshoe trail as an alternative. https://www.trailforks.com/route/chipmunk-loop/ https://www.mtshastanordic.org/
Heart Lake	This trail is inaccessible during the winter until Castle Lake Road is plowed. Dogs are OK on leash. This is a steep hike for kids. One of the best hikes in the area with unparalleled views of Mount Shasta. Trail has been recently improved and the route to Heart Lake is now clearly marked. https://www.trailforks.com/trails/heart-lake-trail-188551957/ https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/california/heart-lake-trail-from-castle-lake
Gray Butte	This trail passes through Panther Meadow skirting the Mount Shasta Wilderness as it heads for gorgeous views from the summit of Gray Butte. Look for the new Gray Butte chair lift BENEATH you at 7500'! Ski a run off Gray Butte lift at the Shasta Ski Park (fee) and check this one off! https://www.trailforks.com/trails/grey-butte-trail/ https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/california/gray-butte-trail
Sand Flat	Sand Flat Winter Trails is a less busy network of trails with great Mt Shasta views to experience on foot, snowshoe or XC ski(not groomed). There is a small parking area but no other resources so go prepared. Trails are pretty well marked(look 20' up tree) but download a good map. https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/california/sand-flat-winter-trails-overlook-loop
Spring Hill	Our beloved Spring Hill had a near miss with the Spring Fire last year and there is some damage but the views have actually improved! A great trail with great views(cover picture) year round and in the Winter it can be a good workout using microspikes and poles. https://mountshastatrailassociation.org/trails/urban-trails/spring-hill-trail/ https://www.trailforks.com/trails/spring-hill-trail/
Snow Bunny	During Winter use this trail and/or Everitt Memorial Highway to get past the Winter closure of the Bunny Flats gate to the Old Ski Bowl trailhead. During Summer stick to this trail which conveniently changes to the "Dog Trail" as it stays just below the Shasta Wilderness and dogs are OK. https://www.trailforks.com/trails/snow-bunny-trail/ https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/california/dog-trail-from-bunny-flat
Huckleberry	ANOTHER BRAND NEW trail for bikers and hikers. Cross country skiers can check in with the Nordic Center(fee) for a winter alternative. The NEW AND IMPROVED Nordic Center trailhead provides parking and facilities as well as trails convenient to McCloud residents. https://www.trailforks.com/route/huckleberry-loop-all-of/ https://www.mtshastanordic.org/
Old Ski Bowl	This trail leaves from the old parking lot and takes you up through the Mount Shasta Ski Bowl closed since a 1978 avalanche destroyed it. Look carefully and you can see old ski lift foundations in addition to beautiful vistas and unique alpine flowers! https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/california/old-ski-bowl-trail https://unofficialnetworks.com/2024/01/07/history-mt-shasta-ski-bowl/