

Tour 3 - Volcanoes and Lakes in the Shasta Cascade

This 3-day tour will acquaint you with Shasta and Tehama counties, located in the Central Valley of Northern California, and with Plumas County, located in Northeastern California where the Sierra Nevada and Cascade mountain ranges meet. Redding is the center of commerce in the Shasta Cascade region and is the beginning of this tour. You will learn about the area's history and tour private businesses and landmarks along the route. You will also visit Lassen County if you take Option 2 on Day 3 of the tour.


See the sights of the North State, explore Lassen National Volcanic Park, and visit charming mountain towns along an All American Road.




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Day 1 - Redding to Chester

Redding is the largest California city north of Sacramento and is the hub of Shasta County. Among the many visitor attractions is the Sundial Bridge at Turtle Bay Museum, and an eight-mile scenic hiking/biking river trail. Nearby Shasta Lake, the "Houseboat Mecca of the West," is one of the best fisheries in the state.

 **Shasta Dam Tour** travel north 12 miles on I-5. Take the Shasta Dam Blvd. off-ramp and follow it west 5 miles to the dam. The tour of Shasta Dam is offered Wednesdays through Sundays (winter hours) at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., and more often and daily during summer, (530-275-4463). Allow 1 hour for the tour and 45 min for the Visitors Center, where there is an informative exhibit about the dam and its construction. Travel back to I-5 and head south.

 **Depart Redding.** Travel south on Hwy. 99 to Red Bluff (38 miles).

Tehama County, located at the northern end of the Sacramento Valley, retains a strong western heritage. It was home to the first and only president of the California Republic, William B. Ide. A variety of outdoor recreational opportunities exist from the Sacramento River up into the rolling foothills and all the way to Lassen Volcanic National Park. **Red Bluff**, the county seat, has a variety of homes in the Victorian style, including the classic two-story Kelly Griggs House, built by non-conformists from the 1860s. The town also has several antique stores.



The three Shastas: Shasta Dam, Shasta Lake and Mount Shasta



Kelly-Griggs House Museum in Red Bluff



Chester's Main Street, adorned in fall



Hiking down the trail from Lassen Peak

Attractions available in Red Bluff:

Kelly-Griggs House Museum - (530-527-1129) 311 Washington St. Allow 45 min. Thur. - Sunday, 1-4pm, group tours at other times by appointment.

Self guided Victorian Tour of historic Red Bluff features over 12 homes. Visit the various antique shops along the route. (Allow 2 hours.)

Lunch in Red Bluff: All are within walking distance of the museum.

Cowgirl Cafe (530-529-9488) 200 S. Main St.

Palomino Room (530-527-5470) 723 Main St.

Riverside Bar and Grille (530-529-9453), 500 Riverside Way

Depart Red Bluff. Travel south 3 miles on Hwy. 99, then turn east onto Hwy. 36 and drive 70 miles to Chester.

Plumas County is located in northeastern California, where the Sierra Nevada and Cascade mountain ranges meet. It boasts more than 100 lakes, 1,000 miles of streams and over a million acres of forestland. With only eight people per square mile, this rural four seasons mountain retreat offers beauty, solitude, clean air, and an unhurried pace. Off the beaten path, it's not crowded with tourists. You'll find plenty of attractions and things to do in this undiscovered part of the state, with year-round events, scenic drives and even a state and national park.

Lake Almanor and **Chester** offer year-round recreation, and the area serves as a gateway to Lassen Volcanic National Park. Almanor offers spectacular views of majestic Lassen Peak.

Motel Check-In:

Best Western Rose Quartz Inn (530-258-2002)

Bidwell House B & B (530-258-3338), includes breakfast

Dinner in Chester/Lake Almanor: See restaurant listings

Day 2 - Lassen Volcanic National Park

Breakfast in Chester/Lake Almanor: See restaurant listings

Lassen Volcanic National Park. Depending on snow conditions, the group can walk, hike, snowshoe, cross-country ski or sled.

Snowshoe and ski rentals are available at Bodfish Quiet Mountain Sports (530-258-2338) in Chester. Travel west 27 miles on Hwy. 36 then north 5 miles on Hwy. 89 into Lassen Volcanic National Park (530-595-4444). The Park offers over 150 miles of trails for nonmotorized winter sports. Ranger-led snowshoe hikes and ski tours are offered on Saturdays during the winter or at other times by advance appointment for private groups. (Allow 1/2 day)

Lunch - box lunches purchased in Chester to carry with you.

In the afternoon, return to Chester to relax and explore the town.

Shopping in Chester (1-1/2 hrs.) along Main Street.

Choose from a variety of unique gift stores and don't miss **Lassen Gift Company** at 220 Main St., which features an old-fashioned soda fountain.

Afternoon beverage stop:

The Coffee Station (530-258-4112) 192 Main St.

Dinner in Chester/Lake Almanor: See restaurant listings



The paved Lake Almanor Recreation Trail along Lake Almanor's west shore



Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox in Westwood's town park

Day 3 - Chester to Redding

 **Motel Check-out**

 **Breakfast in Chester/Lake Almanor:** See restaurant listings

 **Attractions on this route:**


Lassen National Forest, Almanor Ranger District 900 E. Hwy. 36, located 1 mile east of the intersection of Hwy. 89 and Hwy. 36, just 1 mile west of Chester. This ranger station offers public restrooms, an interesting display of wildlife and bird specimens, free pamphlets on the local area and a gift shop filled with books and unique treasures.

Lake Almanor Recreation Trail - Turn left off Hwy. 89 onto an unpaved road across the highway from the Humbug/Humboldt Rd. From the parking lot, a 10-foot wide trail leads northeast to the shoreline of Lake Almanor. Spectacular views of the lake, Dyer Mountain and Lassen Peak can be seen along the entire 11-mile paved trail.


 **Lunch in Chester/Lake Almanor:** See restaurant listings


 **Depart Chester**

OPTION 1


 **Return to Red Bluff** traveling east on Hwy. 36, then north on I-5 to Redding. (110 miles) to conclude the 3-day tour.

OPTION 2

 **Visit Lassen and Shasta Counties** Travel this stretch of scenic highway, recently named an All American Road. Just west of Chester, the town of **Westwood** is a historic company logging town with a large statue of legendary logger Paul Bunyan. Continuing on, the journey takes you through Lassen National Forest and to the north entrance of Lassen Volcanic National Park.

 **Travel east 28 miles** on Hwy. 36 to Hwy. 44. Turn left (west) on Hwy. 44 which continues to Redding. This 87-mile section from Chester to the north entrance of Lassen Volcanic National Park has been designated an All American Road. Continue west 47 miles on Hwy. 44 back to Redding (162 miles) to conclude the 3-day tour.

NOTE: *Off-season business hours vary. Many local restaurants and attractions are happy to accommodate groups during non-business hours by advance appointment. Contact the sites prior to planning your tour to ensure a positive travel experience.*

 **For more information on this tour,** contact the Plumas County Visitors Bureau at 800-326-2247 or visit www.plumascounty.org.



Lake Almanor and Lassen Peak



Plumas County Restaurant Guide for Tour Groups

Call to verify off-season hours.

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Breakfast

- Courthouse Cafe (530-283-3344) 525 W. Main St.
- Morning Thunder Cafe (530-283-1310) 557 Lawrence St.
- Plumas Cafe (530-283-0591) 40 E. Main St.

Lunch

- Cafe Le Coq (530-283-0114) 189 Main St.
- Courthouse Cafe (530-283-3344) 525 W. Main St.
- Moon's (530-283-0765) 497 Lawrence St. (Groups only.)
- Morning Thunder Cafe (530-283-1310) 557 Lawrence St.
- Pangaea (530-283-0426) 461 W. Main St.
- Pizza Factory (530-283-4545) 490 W. Main St.
- Plumas Cafe (530-283-0591) 40 E. Main St.
- Stoney's Country Burger (530-283-3911) 11 Lindan Ave.

Dinner

- Cafe Le Coq (530-283-0114) 189 Main St.
- Moon's (530-283-0765) 497 Lawrence St. (Groups of 20 or less, weekday only.)
- Pangaea (530-283-0426) 461 W. Main St.
- Pizza Factory (530-283-4545) 490 W. Main St.
- Plumas Cafe (530-283-0591) 40 E. Main St.
- Sweet Lorraine's (530-283-5300) 384 W. Main St.

Chester/Lake Almanor

Breakfast

- Bidwell House (if the group is staying there, 530-258-3338) #1 Main St., Chester
- Kopper Kettle Cafe (530-258-2698) 243 Main St., Chester
- St. Bernard Lodge (530-258-3382) Hwy. 36, west of Chester

Lunch and Dinner

- Cotton Candy Diner (530-258-1950) 300 Main St., Chester
- Knotbumper (530-258-2301) 274 Main St., Chester
- Kopper Kettle Cafe (530-258-2698) 243 Main St., Chester
- Maria's Walker's Mexican Restaurant (530-258-2225) 159 Main St., Chester
- Mi Casita Mexican Restaurant (530-258-1879) 686 Main St., Chester
- Peninsula Grill (530-596-3538) 401 Peninsula Dr., Lake Almanor
- St. Bernard Lodge 530-258-3382) Hwy. 36, west of Chester

Portola

Breakfast

- Dee's Station Cafe (530-832-4852) 165 Pacific St.

Lunch

- Casa Carmelita (530-832-5360) 165 E. Sierra St.
- Dee's Station Cafe (530-832-4852) 165 Pacific St.
- Pizza Factory (530-832-0430) 197 Commercial St.

Dinner

- Casa Carmelita (530-832-5360) 165 E. Sierra St.
- Log Cabin (530-832-5243) 64 E. Sierra St.
- Pizza Factory (530-832-0430) 197 Commercial St.

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Breakfast/Lunch

- Bonta St. Bistro (530-836-1497) 190 Bonta St., Blairsden
- Cafe Mohawk (530-836-0901) 1228 Johnsville Rd., Mohawk
- Gumba's Pizzeria & Grill (530-836-1212) 350 Bonta St., Blairsden
- Mountain Cuisine (530-836-4646) 250 Bonta St., Blairsden
- The Village Baker (530-836-4064) 340 Bonta St., Blairsden

Dinner

- Coyote Bar & Grill (530-836-2002) Hwy. 89
- Grizzly Grill (530-836-1300) 250 Bonta St., Blairsden
- Gumba's Pizzeria & Grill (530-836-1212) 350 Bonta St., Blairsden
- Longboards Bar & Grill (530-836-1111) 402 Poplar Valley Rd., Plumas Pines Estates
- Mt. Tomba Dinner House (530-836-2359) 10 minutes west of Graeagle on Hwy. 70 in Cromberg
- Sierra Valley Lodge (530-994-3367 or 800-858-0322) Off Hwy. 89, Calpine
- Trattoria Rosa Cucina Italiana (530-836-0371) 15 minutes west of Graeagle on Hwy. 70 in Cromberg

Greenville

Breakfast/Lunch

- Anna's Cafe (530-284-1998) 300 Main St.
- Sierra Sunrise (530-284-6968) Hwy. 89

Dinner

- Main Street Dinner House (530-284-6888) 305 Main St.