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Shaver Lake Volunteers

Shaver Lake Multi-use Trails

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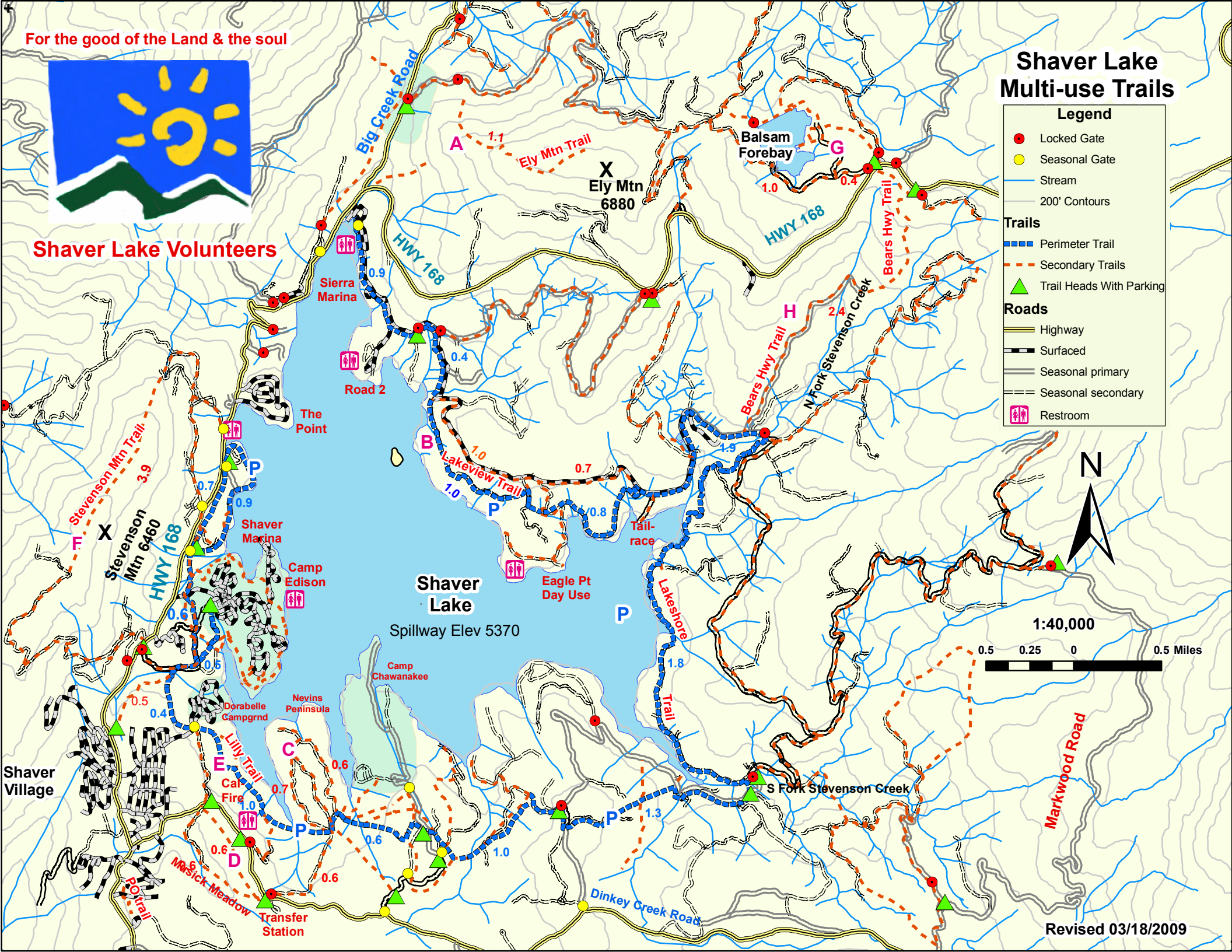
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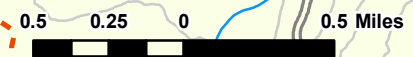
- Perimeter Trail
- Secondary Trails
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Roads

- Highway
- Surfaced
- Seasonal primary
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- Restroom



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About this Map

This map covers trails on the Southern California Edison lands surrounding Shaver Lake. These trails are open for public use by hikers, mountain bikers and horseback riders, but some of these trails would be extremely difficult for bikes. For the sake of safety, hikers and bikers must yield to horses on the trail, and hikers must yield to bikers.

Plan properly, even for short trips, as mountain weather is unpredictable, so be prepared for inclement weather and temperature changes. To avoid getting lost, stay on developed trails and take the "essentials": food, water, proper clothing, map, compass, first aid kit and flashlight. Carry water, as there are few water sources. Water in lakes and streams is not tested for drinking safety. Don't travel alone, and always let someone know where you are going and when you will be back. Be wilderness wise and educate yourself on the basics of hazards in the back country.

Fires are not permitted on Edison Lands, except in designated areas.

Emergencies In case of emergency call 9-1-1 or Edison Forestry (841-3194). (Cell phone reception varies.)

Descriptions of Major Trails

(THESE TRAILS ARE IDENTIFIED ON THE MAP WITH A CAPITAL LETTER. ALL MILEAGES ARE APPROXIMATE)

PERIMETER TRAIL A 14 MILE TRAIL CIRCLING THE LAKE, DIVIDED INTO SECTIONS. TRAILS DESCRIBED BELOW THAT ARE MARKED WITH A *P* ARE ENTIRELY ON THE PERIMETER TRAIL. ALONG THESE TRAILS, LOOK FOR PAINTED WHITE CIRCLES WITH A BLACK "P" IN THE CENTER ON TREES AT FREQUENT INTERVALS. TRAILS MARKED FOR CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING HAVE BLUE DIAMOND-SHAPED SIGNS ON THE TREES ABOVE THE SNOW LINE.

(C) Nevin's Peninsula Loop Trail *Trail also marked for X-C (Nordic) skiing.* Approx. 3 miles round trip From junction of Hwy 168 and Dinkey Creek Road, head east approximately 1 mile to trailhead on the north side of the road, directly across from the County Transfer Station. Ample parking is across the road from the trailhead. Please do not block the entrance to Nevin's Road or the Transfer Station.

At the start of the trail you walk down a moderate incline, the rest is relatively flat. As you walk by Landess Meadow, you will view a cattle loading chute, a remnant of Shaver cattle days. Several trail junctions are directly ahead. At a sign that also points to the left toward Dorabelle Campground, you will intercept the Perimeter Trail which you will follow to the Loop Trail sign, about one mile from the trailhead. You may take the loop trail to the left or straight ahead. Taking the right branch, you will pass two signed trails to the right, for the Perimeter Trail and to Camp Chawanakee (BSA). Continuing about 1/2 mile, a side path leads to the lakeshore where you can have a picnic lunch or walk to the left to the end of the cove. To return, follow the Loop Trail past the Ridge Route and onto the Peninsula Road or take the Ridge Route trail which bisects the loop. This is a gorgeous peaceful walk through a beautifully-managed forest, with wildlife, birds, and flowers.

(B) Lake View Trail *P* 2 miles each way. Average round trip time 3.5 hours. The Lake View trail is a portion of the perimeter trail and is located along the North Shore of Shaver Lake. The trail starts at an intersection with the paved North perimeter road approximately .6 mile past the locked gate beyond Road 3 picnic area. This trail follows a fire road for most of its 2 mile length, which makes for an easy horseback or mountain bike ride. There are several hills which have an easy grade and the greatest elevation difference is 200' which is gained over .25 mile of trail. Because of the few hills this trail is rated moderate for hikers.

The trail is clearly marked and winds through open forest with frequent views of the lake. From the top of Black Rock, the high point on the trail, there is a panoramic view of Shaver Lake. At 1.2 miles there is an intersection with a short .3 Mi. side trail down to Eagle Point, a picnic area on the lake with restrooms, barbeques, and picnic tables. The main trail continues for another .7 miles and follows the shoreline over half of this distance.

The trail ends at the intersection again with the paved perimeter road. From this point you may retrace your steps, or follow the Perimeter road West back to the trailhead. To the East from this point, the Perimeter Trail continues along the paved road for .75 miles where it then follows a marked dirt road to the bridge at the North Fork of Stevenson Creek. A horse crossing is available to the North of the bridge and the perimeter trail continues as a single track along the East side of Shaver Lake on the "Lake Shore" trail.

(D) Musick Meadows Loop Trail *Trail also marked for X-C (Nordic) skiing.* This trail is a loop with trailheads at both ends and is about 1.5 miles total. It can be hiked in less than an hour (*but why hurry?*). One trailhead is across Dinkey Creek Road from the Cal Fire station just beyond the village of Shaver Lake, the other end is further east on Dinkey Creek Road, next to the Fresno County Transfer Station and across the road from the Nevins Peninsula Trailhead. There is some parking at both areas, but be sure not to block roads or gates.

The trail is mostly flat, with a few slight ups and downs, and is an excellent choice for beginning Nordic skiers as well as for easy walking. The lower section skirts Mulsick Meadow (named for a Shaver Lake Pioneer) and there is a stub trail that goes partway out into the meadow for a great meadow view. The upper half of the loop parallels Dinkey Creek Rd.

Bear's Highway Trail (H) The trailhead is about 5 miles up Highway 168 from Shaver Lake toward Huntington, in an clearing on the right, across the highway from a Sno-Park. There is parking right there, and the trailhead is at the uphill side, to the left. The trail starts out on an old road and is mostly level for about 1/2 mile, then drops down rather steeply through picturesque granite outcrops toward the lake. It hits another old road as it goes downhill and joins the Perimeter Trail 2.4 miles from the trailhead near the North fork of Stevenson Creek (Tailrace). You can retrace your steps to return or, if you left a vehicle at the Sierra Marina parking lot, continue North on the Perimeter Trail about 5 miles more to Highway 168.

(F) Stevenson Mountain Trail Loop about 5 miles round trip and 4 hours. One of the Shaver area's most challenging trails, with over 1,000 ft. of elevation gain and return. It offers spectacular views of Shaver Lake, the San Joaquin Valley and the Sierra crest. The best parking spots for this hike are along Highway 168 about a mile and a half apart. If you stage vehicles at each end, you can save time to return to your starting point along the highway. The first portion of the hike from either parking area is along a dirt road, only a small portion of which is open to public vehicles.

From the town of Shaver Lake, travel north on Highway 168 one quarter mile. A turnout on the left with a green, locked gate is your first choice of parking areas. Don not block gate. From this parking area, walk through the gate and follow the road, ignore the first turns on the left and on the right, and continue to a T intersection. Turn right (uphill) and stay on this road for approximately one mile. You will pass a remote telescope operated by CSUFresno, and after another quarter mile a sign will direct you off the road to the right where the foot trail starts. This is the fun part, as you follow the trail along the ridge for the next mile with the occasional distant view through the trees.

As you descend the final switchbacks coming off the ridge you will come again to a dirt road. Follow it to the right until you come to a T intersection, where you turn left. Continue to follow this road, keeping to the right at each intersection. You will come out on the highway across from a rest stop, which is the alternate parking location and trailhead. If you did not park a vehicle here, you can follow the bicycle/hiking path along the highway south back to the starting point.

(E) Lily Trail (Dorabella Cove) *P* Trail also marked for X-C (Nordic) skiing. Approximately 1 mile to the junction with the Nevins loop. This segment of the Perimeter Trail follows the southwest side of Shaver Lake from Dorabelle Campground past Dorabelle Cove, with a signed side trail that intersects with the Nevins Peninsula Trail. At the south end of the trail, you can continue up the hill to Dinkey Creek Road. Note: the trail is also used for guided horseback groups during summer. The trailhead is at the bottom of Dorabella Road (which intersects Highway 168 in the center of Shaver Lake village) just before the entrance to Dorabelle Campground. The only parking is inside the campground (a fee may be charged.)

The Lily trail is mostly level with gentle ups and downs. There are good views of the lake, meadows and the forest. About 1/4 mile from the trailhead is a side trail marked "Vista Trail" which loops to a viewpoint above the lake and then back to the main trail.

Alternatively, from the trailhead on Dorabella Road you can also cross the road and go north along the lake to Camp Edison. This segment of the trail is mostly level and has lovely views of forest and lake.

(A) Ely Mountain Trail A challenging trail because of the climb, but your efforts are rewarded by a spectacular view! Length 2.5 miles round trip, time about 3 hours. This trail should not be attempted during wet weather or when there is snow on the ground, as the steep portions and the lichen-covered rock can be dangerously slick. Also, it is not for the faint-of-heart, as the last portion is across an open granite slab with dizzying views below.

From the community of Shaver Lake, take Highway 168 North, past the dam and Sierra Marina, to the left turn onto Big Creek Road. Continue 1/2 mile further to a steel gate on your right that bars the entrance to the heliport. You can park in this area, but don't block the road or the gate. Walk along the road to the second metal gate and about 100 yards farther to the trailhead sign and clearly marked trail on your right.

The trail climbs steadily up the first of several pitches through Manzanita and oak, then forest, with occasional views of Kaiser Peak and the penstocks below Huntington Lake. Proceed up the trail until it meets a dry streambed, which you follow for approximately 200 feet, then the trail leaves the streambed on the right. When the trail comes into the open granite area, look for the "ducks", small rock cairns that mark the best route. About halfway up there is a "pine island" which makes a good rest stop and offers some shade. The trail ends at a large cairn on top of the dome, with views of Shaver Lake and the surrounding high country. The adventurous can climb from here to the summit of Mt. Ely. If you do so, be sure to return to the trail on the top of the granite dome, to descend more easily than through the brush below the Mt. Ely summit.

(G) Balsam Forebay Distance: 2.5 miles round trip; Time: approximately 90 min. Trailhead is on the west side of Highway 168 about 8.7 miles above Shaver Lake, by the first Sno-Park on your left. Easy walk, mostly level, to small lake, offering birding, wildflowers, fishing, picnic tables, restrooms, and a view of the Kaiser Wilderness.

This map has been produced by Shaver Lake Volunteers, a group of outdoor enthusiasts. We build and maintain trails for hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, and cross-country (Nordic) skiing. More trails are developed each year.

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