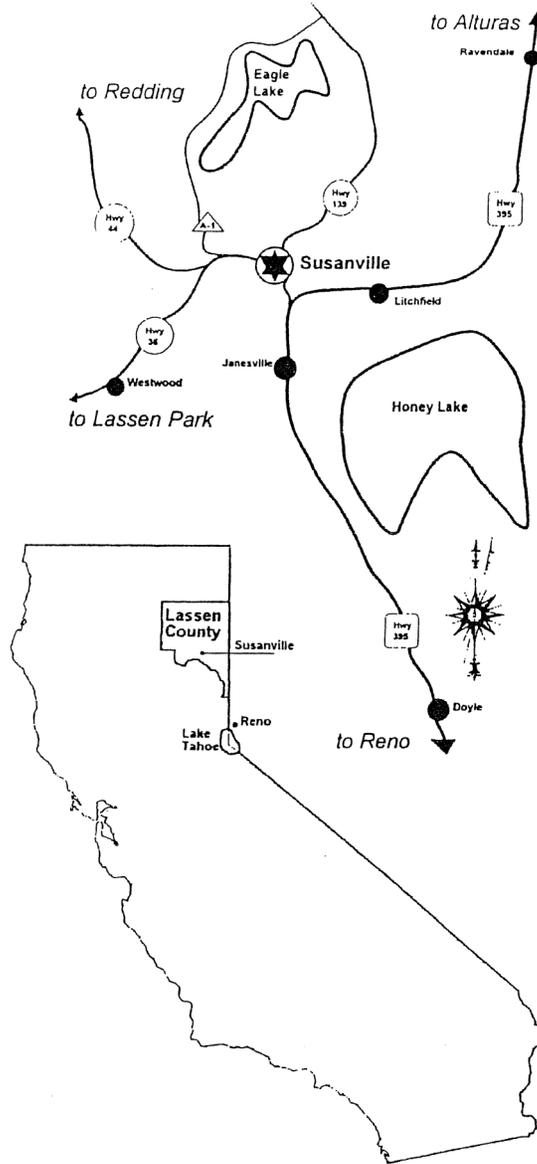
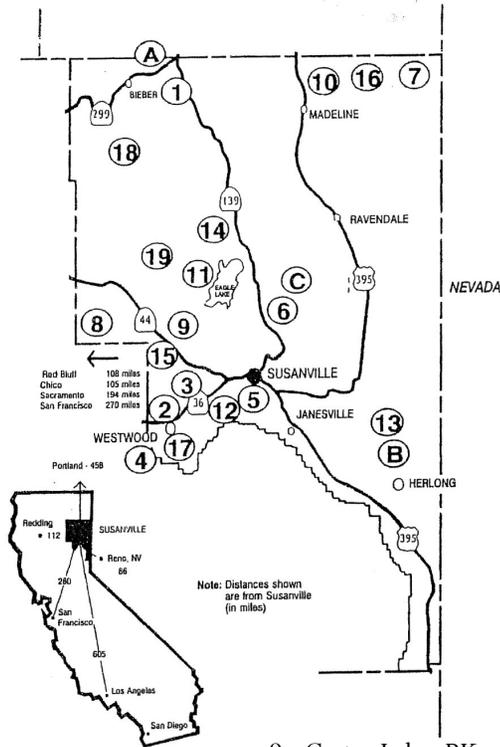


# LASSEN COUNTY



## LASSEN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



### SPORTSMEN'S GUIDE TO

# LASSEN COUNTY

*There is a place in California...*

Where the granite of the Sierras, the lava of the Cascades, the sage of the Modoc Plateau, and the expanse of the Great Basin meet; a fascinating crossroads of cultural and natural worlds. This unique intersection is a rich symphony of nature and history, beckoning visitors with discoveries in wildlife, geology, plants, history and an amazing array of recreational adventures. At the center of this crossroads lies Lassen County.

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### Legend:

- RT-Rainbow Trout
- BN-Brown Trout
- BK-Brook Trout
- BS-Bass
- CT-Catfish
- RSVR-Reservoir

### Streams:

- 1. Ash Creek: RT
- 2. Clear Creek: RT
- 3. Goodrich Creek: RT
- 4. Hamilton Branch: RT
- 5. Susan River: BN, RT
- 6. Willow Creek: BN

### Reservoirs & Lakes:

- 7. Blue Lake: BK, EL, RT, BN
- 8. Caribou Lake: RT
- Shotoverin Lake: EL
- Silver Lake: EL, BN

- 9. Crater Lake: BK
- 10. Dodge RSVR: EL
- 11. Eagle Lake: EL
- 12. Homer Lake: RT, BN
- 13. Honey Lake Wildlife Area: CT
- 14. Little Bailey RSVR: RT
- 15. Long Lake: EL, BK
- McCoy Flat: BK, EL, BN
- 16. Moon Lake: CT
- 17. Mt. Meadows RSVR: BS
- 18. Pitt River: CT
- 19. Straylor RSVR: BS

### State Wildlife Area

- A. Ash Creek Wildlife Area
- B. Honey Lake Wildlife Area
- C. Willow Creek Wildlife Area

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Lassen County is blessed with a tremendous variety of habitats, ranging from conifer forests in the west, to vast, high desert areas in the east. Anglers consider the trout fishing to be of premium quality throughout the county: the western portion features mountain stream and lake conditions ideal for brook and rainbow trout; in the south and east sun-drenched reservoirs provide trophy trout conditions. Hunters find that the entire county supports large populations of Rocky Mountain mule deer, while the western region in particular is home to blacktailed deer. Pronghorn antelope and sage grouse are readily available in the eastern portion of the county.

## Fishing

From flyfishing to lure-trolling to bait dunking, Lassen County is an angler's paradise! Home of cool mountain streams, meandering brooks and clear lakes, the area's plentiful waters offer a variety of fishing opportunities. The centerpiece is Eagle Lake, one of California's best trophy trout lakes and home to the Eagle Lake rainbow trout. The famous and unique Caribou Wilderness features numerous alpine lakes which support rainbow, brown and brook trout. In other areas, food chains enhanced by months of sunshine create lakes and reservoirs brimming with trophy size trout, including McCoy Flat Reservoir and Long Lake, which can sustain some of the best fishing in the state. Regional reservoirs are also home to bass and catfish.

## Eagle Lake

For knowledgeable anglers, Eagle Lake is synonymous with Eagle Lake rainbow trout. A species native to Eagle Lake, this trout is big, tough, and puts up a tremendous fight. DFG biologists rescued the species from the brink of extinction about five decades ago when they found a half dozen female fish in the lake's only significant tributary, Pine Creek, and began an artificial propagation program. Trout caught at Eagle Lake now range in weight from 1 to 11 lbs., with an average of 3 lbs. The most successful fishing seems to be in the spring (fishing opens annually on Memorial Day weekend) along the rocky shoals of the south and west shores. Medium weight spinning rods and wobblers, or heavy fly rods with wet flies are well suited to this type of angling. The Eagle Lake trout also has the reputation of being the tastiest trout around.

## Caribou Wilderness Area

Located in Lassen National Forest, the wilderness area is a gentle, 20,000 acre rolling plateau with many forest-fringed lakes. There are more than 20 lakes supporting combinations of brook, brown and rainbow trout.



## Big Game Hunting

Fall is an exciting time for hunters in Lassen County. The area offers premier mule deer hunting in desert areas, and blacktailed deer hunts in the higher Sierra habitats. Pronghorn antelope thrive in North-eastern California, including Lassen County. Deer and antelope hunts are allowed with special tags.



## Upland Game

Lassen County has huntable populations of pheasant, valley quail, mourning dove, chukar, and sage grouse.

## Waterfowl

Lassen County offers fantastic duck and goose hunting. Perennial and seasonal lakes provide stop-overs for thousands of Canada geese and mallards, as well as teal and canvasback ducks on their migration south. All three state wildlife areas in Lassen County offer waterfowl hunting on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays during the fall season.

## Ash Creek Wildlife Area

With more than 13,000 acres of marshlands and fields, this wildlife area supports a variety of waterfowl which provide weeks of hunting enjoyment every fall.

## Willow Creek Wildlife Area

A 2,700 acre satellite of Honey Lake, Willow Creek adds significantly to duck shooting opportunities in the northeast.

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