



# WILD AND SCENIC TRINITY RIVER

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## Flows of the Trinity River

Flows of the Trinity River change throughout the year. Always check to see what the flows are before you make your trip. Typically between April and July flows are bumped up to rates as high as 6000 CFS and then drop as low as 450 CFS. To check current release schedules contact the Bureau of Reclamation Northern CA Area Office at (530)275-1554.

### Trinity River/Lewiston - Pigeon Point

Character: Reliable flows, pretty mountain scenery, and gravel bar rapids attract paddlers to this Trinity reach. Location: 25 miles northwest of Redding. Length: 33 miles. Class: I to II. Skill Level: Beginners with negotiation of brush and rocks. Optimum Flows: 450 to 1,000 CFS at Lewiston or Douglas City gages. Average Gradient: 6 feet per mile. Water Source: Clair Engle (Trinity) Lake and Lewiston Lake. Best seasons are summer and autumn. Craft: Whitewater, canoes, kayaks, inflatables, and rafts. Hazards: Brush along stream banks and fallen trees.

### Lewiston - Steel Bridge River Access

Length: 12 miles. Average run time: 4-6 hours. Class: II. Skill Level: Advanced beginners. Elevation: 1,800 feet. Average Gradient: 13 feet per mile. Optimum Flows: 500-1,000 CFS at Lewiston or Douglas City gages. Put in is 1.0 mile below Lewiston Dam and Fish Hatchery. The river access is on the left bank above the concrete pillar. There is no bridge at the river access; all that is left is a pillar below the river access. The campground is a ¼ mile upstream.

### Steel Bridge River Access - Steiner Flat Campground

Length: 9 miles. Average Run Time: 2-4 hours. Elevation: 1,673 feet. Class: II Skill Level: Advance beginner. Average Gradient: 12 feet per mile. Optimum Flows: 450-1,000 CFS at Lewiston or Douglas City gages. Take-out for the previous run is the put it for this run. Fallen trees may create sweep hazard. About 1 mile below the put in, the channel next to Steel Bridge Road is tree choked. Use the right channel. Take-out is at Chop Tree river access or Steiner Flat Campground. Douglas City Campground is located 2 miles up steam from Steiner Flat River Access.

### Steiner Flat Campground - Junction City

Length: 12 miles. Average Run Time: 4-7 hours. Elevation: 1,640 feet. Class: II Skill Level: Beginners with experience. Average Gradient: 16 feet per mile. Optimum Flows: 450-1,000 CFS at Lewiston or Douglas City gages. Take out for previous run is the put in for this run. Canyon Creek is a land mark with high gravel mounds at the mouth. Just beyond Canyon Creek, the river flows immediately next to CA Highway 299. The Trinity swings south and forms a large loop back toward the highway. The gravel bar inside this loop (river right) is the take-out. If you paddle next to CA 299 again, you went too far. Go back upstream to the gravel bar.

### Junction City Campground - Bagdad River Access

Length: 13 miles. Average Run Time: 3-6 hours. Elevation: 1,485 feet. Class: I to II Skill Level: Beginners with experience. Average Gradient: 12 feet per mile. Optimum Flows: 450-1,000 CFS at the Lewiston or Douglas City gages. Take-out for the previous run is the put-in for this run.

### Bagdad River Access - Pigeon Point River Access

Length: 4 miles. Average Run Time: ½ hour. Elevation: 1,320 feet. Class: II. Skill Level: Beginners with experience. Average Gradient: N/A. Optimum Flow: 450-1,000 CFS.

## Trinity River Fishing

Whether you are bank fishing or float in a drift boat, world famous fly fishing is what you will get on the Wild and Scenic Trinity River between Lewiston and Pigeon point. Clear, cold, class I and II water flow through this section popular with fishermen and pleasure boaters alike. Several commercial guides operate on the Trinity River under BLM and Forest Service Special Recreation Permits offering guided drift boat fishing trips. Our permitted fishing guides list is available online.

## Campgrounds Along the Trinity River

**Douglas City Campground** 24 tent/trailer campsites (MAX trailer 28 feet), group picnic area (permit required), picnic tables, telephone, beach, shower and restroom facility with flush toilets, potable water, bear boxes and fire rings. Fees: \$10 per night, \$5 for an extra vehicle.

**Junction City Campground** 22 tent/trailer campsites (MAX length 40 feet), vault toilets, potable water, bear boxes, fire rings and picnic tables. Fees: \$10 per night, \$5 for an extra vehicle.

**Steel Bridge Campground** 9 tent/trailer campsites (MAX length 20 feet), vault toilet, picnic tables, fire rings and day use parking area. NO potable water. Fees: \$5 per night, \$5 for an extra vehicle.

### Steiner Flat Campground

Tent camping, vault toilet, fire rings and no potable water. Fees: NONE

All BLM managed campgrounds are on a first come first served basis. All campgrounds are seasonally open mid May thru October dependent on weather.

## Trinity River Regulations

These closures and restriction orders are authorized under 43 CFR 8351.2-1

All BLM land located along the Trinity River at: Cemetery Hole; Rush Creek; Bucktail Hole; Limekiln Gulch; SteelBridge Hole; Oregon Gulch; Dabbs Hole; Sheridan Creek and all posted day use areas are **CLOSED TO CAMPING** [43 CFR 8364.1]

Under Wild and Scenic Rivers Act [16 USC 1281 (c) and 43 CFR 8351.2.1] The following acts are prohibited at all times:

- Camping in excess of 14 days per calendar year, or in areas closed to camping, without proper authorization.
- Construction, maintenance, occupation or possession of a structure, building, improvement, roadway, fence, gate, or enclosure without proper authorization.
- Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire without a necessary permit, or when open fires are prohibited, or leaving a fire unattended.
- Improper disposal of debris or waste.
- Disorderly conduct.
- Creating a hazard or nuisance.
- Grazing of livestock without proper authorization.
- Failure to pay required
- Cutting, damaging or removal of vegetation without proper authorization.
- Removal of mineral materials in excess of 1,000 pounds per year or when prohibited by signs, without proper authorization.
- Blading, digging or excavating the ground or river bottom with motorized equipment (including suction dredges in areas closed to mining) without proper authorization.
- Destruction or removal of U.S. Government property.
- Signing, posting or improperly asserting title to public land which gives the impression of private ownership.
- Operation of a motorized vehicle on public lands, trails or roadways closed to motorized vehicle use.
- Failure to obtain, or violating stipulations or conditions of a special recreation permit.
- Leave unattended personal belongings longer than 10 days unless authorized.
- Discharge of firearms in an unsafe manner, in an unsafe direction, where legally prohibited, or at items that can shatter in sharp fragments, including, but not limited to: all glass items, ceramics and television screens.

## Prohibited Acts on Public Lands

Persons performing the following prohibited acts may be subject to civil and criminal penalties:

- Hunting or fishing in violation of State or Federal laws; [43 CFR 9264.1(h)] or Harming or removing animals protected by the Endangered Species Act or other applicable legislation, [43 CFR 9264.1(h)]
- Interfering with uses or users authorized by BLM on public lands; [43 CFR 4140.1(b)(7)]
- Defacing, disturbing, destroying or removing personal property, structures, livestock, archaeological resources, mineral resources or any natural resources on or from the public lands without BLM authorization [43 CFR 8365.1-5(a)(1)]
- No person may excavate, remove, damage, or otherwise alter or deface, or attempt to excavate, remove, damage, or otherwise alter or deface an archaeological resource located on public lands unless such activity is pursuant to a permit issued under 43 CFR 43 7.4, 7.5(b), 7.8 of this part. OR 16 USC 470 ee.
- Special Recreational Use Permits required for commercial, non-commercial, competitive, and organized group activities or events [43 CFR 8372.1-1] Contact Redding BLM Office. (530) 224-2100
- Any person using a developed recreation facility maintained by BLM must abide all regulations specific to the use of that site(s). Where applicable, camping permits are required within 30 minutes of arrival at site.
- No person shall possess, cultivate, manufacture, deliver, distribute, or traffic a control substance on public lands [43 CFR 8365.1-4(b)(1)]; [43 CFR 8365.1-4(b)(2)]
- No person under 21 years of age may possess alcoholic beverages on public lands [43 CFR 8365.1-6]; or No person shall drink or have in their possession an open container of alcoholic beverages while riding in or operating a motor vehicle [43 CFR 8365.1-6]
- The use or operation of any motorized vehicle on public lands must conform to all rules, regulations and vehicle codes of the State of California [43 CFR 8341.1(d)]
- No person will operate a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs or alcohol [43 CFR 8341.1f(3)]
- Motorized vehicles on public lands must not be operated in a manner that destroys or disturbs vegetation, wildlife, or soil resources OR operate a motor vehicle in a reckless, careless, or negligent manner. [43 CFR 8341.1(f)(4)(1)]
- Any motorized vehicle requiring a spark arrester must meet either the U.S. Department of Agriculture – Forest Service Standard 5100-1a, or the 80-percent efficiency level standard when determined by the appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Recommended Practices J335 or 350 [43 CFR 8343.1]
- Enter an area or perform any act restricted by Fire Prevention Orders [43 CFR 9212.1(h)(g)]
- Possess or ignite any fireworks including safe and sane, on BLM Lands prohibited [43 CFR 9212.1 (h)]

ANY PERSON CONVICTED OF COMMITTING ANY PROHIBITED ACT MAY BE SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 AND OR IMPRISONMENT NOT TO EXCEED 12 MONTHS.

