

# Hoadley Peaks Road

Easy, dirt road, 2WD (dry) or 4WD



A pair of peaks about 3 miles east-southeast of the town of Lewiston sit astride the county line between Trinity and Shasta counties. Hoadley Peaks Road is in fact a portion of the “county line road.” The county line more or less follows ridgelines, in many areas accessible only by foot. But between Bully Choop peak and East Side Road, a patchwork of county and USFS roads approximates the county line.

Hoadley Peaks South is home to an array of radio repeaters for telephone and emergency services. The site is easily accessible and offers tremendous views of Whiskeytown Lake with Redding in the distance, Shasta Bally and Billy Choop peaks. This location makes for a great lunch stop while you take in the view.

## Vehicle Notes

- ♦ Jeep, SUV, pickups, duallies ok.
- ♦ 2wd if it's dry, 4wd if it's muddy

## 1/2 Day Trip

- ♦ **Hoadley Peaks Road for lunch with return to North Lake via**
  - Lewiston Turnpike Road

## Topo Maps for Hoadley Peaks Road

- ♦ *French Gulch*
- ♦ *Lewiston*

## Directions to Hoadley Peaks Road

Take Hwy 299 to the top of Buckhorn Summit at the Shasta/Trinity County Line. 0.3 miles east of the very summit, take Hoadley Peaks Road north.

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Mile 0: Begin your trip as you exit Hwy 299 and turn north onto Hoadley Peaks Road. Almost immediately on your left is a private driveway. Continue straight about 325 feet and the road turns right and starts climbing.

Mile 0.7: You have climbed the east flank of the mountains dividing Trinity and Shasta counties and arrived on the ridgeline.

Mile 3.4: To this point the road has seemed mostly flat, gaining only a couple hundred feet since you climbed to the ridge. Views to the east and west have been of the valley that Hwy 299 runs through. At this point, you start the climb up Hoadley Peaks South.



View from Hoadley Peaks South

Mile 4.4: At this intersection, you'll see a sign to Hoadley Peaks to the left. This is the road to the summit. To the right, the ridge road continues north. You will note a microwave repeater at the south side of this intersection. Take the road to the left and spiral up to the summit.

Mile 5.2: You're at the top, enjoy the view! The repeaters are used by emergency services to manage medical and fire radio traffic. The tallest peak to the southeast, just south of Whiskeytown Lake, is Shasta Bally. That peak also has repeaters or radio, telephone and internet services. The tallest peak almost directly south is Bully Choop, another repeater site on the county line. The network of repeaters is critical to the safety and well-being of residents and visitors alike in the North Lake area. The town of Lewiston is to the west-northwest.

After lunch, return down the spiral road to the intersection with the ridge road, and either return to Hwy 299 to the right, or turn left to continue north on the county line road.

Approximately 1.1 miles north of the intersection, you'll encounter another intersection with Lewiston Turnpike Road. Take the road to the left, and follow the Turnpike all the way down to Lewiston. This road is in good condition since it is maintained as to provide underground power to the repeater site. The road descends eventually into Hoadley Gulch, and brings you to Trinity Dam Boulevard, about 5.4 miles down Turnpike Road.

From this point, you can turn right to explore the Lewiston Fish Hatchery and the Trinity Dam. Or you can continue straight ahead on the Turnpike to explore Old Lewiston. Cross the old bridge and turn left on Rush Creek Road to return to Hwy 3.



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