HAT CREEK CONSERVATION AREA

The Hat Creek conservation area is an incredible ecological location containing stunning scenic landscapes, world-renowned fly fishing, and a biodiverse range of habitats. The Shasta Land Trust has protected over 2,425 acres with an additional 1,820 planned in the coming months.





Conserving the beauty, character, and diversity of significant lands in far northern California.





Hat Creek is one of the State's first protected "Wild Trout Areas", thanks to the work of CDFW and CalTrout. Several sections of degraded in-stream habitat, riparian habitat, and wild trout populations were improved thanks to the Hat Creek Restoration Project by the Lomakatsi Restoration Group and CalTrout.



The Hat Creek area lies within the Pit River Tribe's ancestral territory. Descendants of the Illmawi Band of the Pit River Tribe used the land for fishing, hunting, and foraging for centuries. 2,425 acres have been protected by the Shasta Land Trust and returned to the Pit River Tribe as the original stewards of the land.



Hat Creek is an essential conservation zone for aquatic species like blue heron and osprey, as well as a variety of endangered and threatened species like sandhill crane, bank swallow, Shasta crayfish, rainbow trout, and sculpin.



The landscape features a range of diverse habitats including oak woodland, coniferous forest, sagebrush, annual grasslands, wet meadow, and riparian corridor.



The conservation area includes multiple opportunities for recreation with several places available for fishing, bird watching, hiking the Pacific Crest Trail, and hiking along Hat Creek.