

REDDING'S WATERFALL LOOP

Visit five waterfalls in a day!

LION SLIDE FALLS: Redding boasts some of the most premier outdoor opportunities of any city. There is so much to do and see in every direction. One of the best day trips in the area is a waterfall tour visiting Lion Slide Falls, Burney Falls, and the three McCloud River Falls. It makes for a fun day and takes you through some of the most iconic landscapes and vistas in UpState California. From Redding, it is about a 45-minute drive to the first stop, Lion Slide Falls. Hit CA Highway 299-E toward Burney. In about 40 miles you'll get to a road called Big Bend. Take a left and drive about 1.5 miles until you see the pull off for the falls on the right side of the road just before the bridge over Hatchet Creek. The hike up to the falls is short, with moderate difficulty, and is worth the stop.



Lion Slide Falls, Photo: a_ white612



McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park

BURNEY FALLS: The next stop is Burney Falls. Get back on to CA Highway 299-E and head toward Burney. Drive till you get to Highway 89, also known as Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway, and take a left to head north. A few miles down 89 and you will see the entrance to McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park on the left. There is a small day fee (\$8) to use the park, but again it is worth it as it is incredibly scenic and unique! The 129-foot Burney Falls is more magnificent in person than in the photos, and it flows from underground springs at a rate of 100 million gallons per day - ALL YEAR LONG. The hike down to the falls is short and easy with a paved path. If you wish to hike around the falls, there is a 1.5-mile loop that takes you on part of the famed Pacific Crest Trail and up to the top of the falls across the creek.

LOWER MCCLLOUD FALLS: The final stop is the McCloud River Falls. To get there, continue on HWY-89 for about 30 minutes until you see the signs for the falls. There are several access points, and if someone wanted to opt out of the hike they could drive to each one. The hiking loop as it will take you along the McCloud River and through the forest to each of the three falls - Lower Falls, Middle Falls, and Upper Falls - each unique. It is only about a 1-mile hike from the Lower Falls to Upper Falls, and is really easy. Lower McCloud Falls is the lowest of three levels of the McCloud River Falls, at a 12 foot broad plunge into a large pool. Surrounding the pool are large rocks perfect for sun bathing, making this location popular for swimming and relaxing.



MIDDLE MCCLLOUD FALLS: The middle of three levels of the McCloud River Falls and is the largest and most impressive with a 44 foot drop providing a magnificent view. The waterfall is one of the widest in California at 120 feet, creating a veil of white water during spring and reducing to become two separate but uniform cascades in later seasons.

UPPER MCCLLOUD FALLS: The tallest of the three McCloud Falls, it escapes a narrow gorge to crash down small steps to its base, where a beautiful aquamarine pool will catch your attention.

