

= California State Route 3 =

State Route 3 (SR 3) is a state highway in the U.S. state of California . It runs from State Route 36 north along the shore of Trinity Lake , Fort Jones and Etna . The route approaches Yreka , intersecting with Interstate 5 , and turns east to Montague . The road was numbered SR 3 in 1964 , and most of it has been part of the state highway system since 1933 .

= = Route description = =

SR 3 is part of the California Freeway and Expressway System and is eligible for the State Scenic Highway System . Caltrans has subsequently designated it as a scenic highway for its entire length .

State Route 3 begins at the junction with State Route 36 south of the town of Peanut in Trinity County . SR @-@ 3 is also known as Bramlot Road from its southern terminus to Hayfork . This stretch of road through the Shasta @-@ Trinity National Forest parallels the Hayfork River . Once SR @-@ 3 reaches the town of Hayfork , it travels along Hyampom Road east and snakes through the mountains to Douglas City and the junction with State Route 299 . From there , SR 3 runs concurrently with SR 299 north to the town of Weaverville .

SR 3 then departs from SR 299 , providing access to the Whiskeytown @-@ Shasta @-@ Trinity National Recreation Area and Trinity Dam along Lewiston Lake .

SR 3 passes through the towns of Covington Mill , Trinity Center , and Wyntoon before paralleling the Trinity River and Trinity Mountains as Weaverville @-@ Scott Mountain Road and crossing the Scott Mountains and the Pacific Crest Trail at 5 @,@ 205 feet (1 @,@ 586 m) into Siskiyou County .

In Siskiyou County , SR 3 passes through Callahan , Etna , Greenview , and Fort Jones as it turns northeast to intersect with Interstate 5 in Yreka . At this point , State Route 263 continues in the northerly direction towards State Route 96 ; SR 3 turns east to its northern terminus in the incorporated city of Montague .

= = History = =

The short piece from SR 36 north to Peanut was added to the state highway system in 1907 as part of the Peanut Road , which became Route 35 in 1917 . Route 35 was extended north from Peanut to Route 20 (SR 299) near Douglas City in 1933 , and simultaneously a new Route 82 was created , running from Route 3 (I @-@ 5) in the Yreka area southwest to Etna and east to Montague . The gap between Douglas City and Etna was filled in 1959 with an extension of Route 82 south to Route 20 near Weaverville ; at the same time , the portion between Weaverville and Yreka was added to the California Freeway and Expressway System , which identifies the main routes of transportation in the state of California . The State Route 3 designation was applied to the Peanut @-@ Montague roadway in the 1964 renumbering . The overlap with temporary I @-@ 5 (along the portion where SR 3 runs concurrently with Interstate 5 today) near Yreka was removed when the new I @-@ 5 bypass was built ; the legislative definition was updated to reflect this in 1974 , soon after the building of the bypass .

= = Major intersections = =

Except where prefixed with a letter , postmiles were measured on the road as it was in 1964 , based on the alignment that existed at the time , and do not necessarily reflect current mileage . R reflects a realignment in the route since then , M indicates a second realignment , L refers an overlap due to a correction or change , and T indicates postmiles classified as temporary (for a full list of prefixes , see the list of postmile definitions) . Segments that remain unconstructed or have been relinquished to local control may be omitted . The numbers reset at county lines ; the start and end postmiles in each county are given in the county column .

