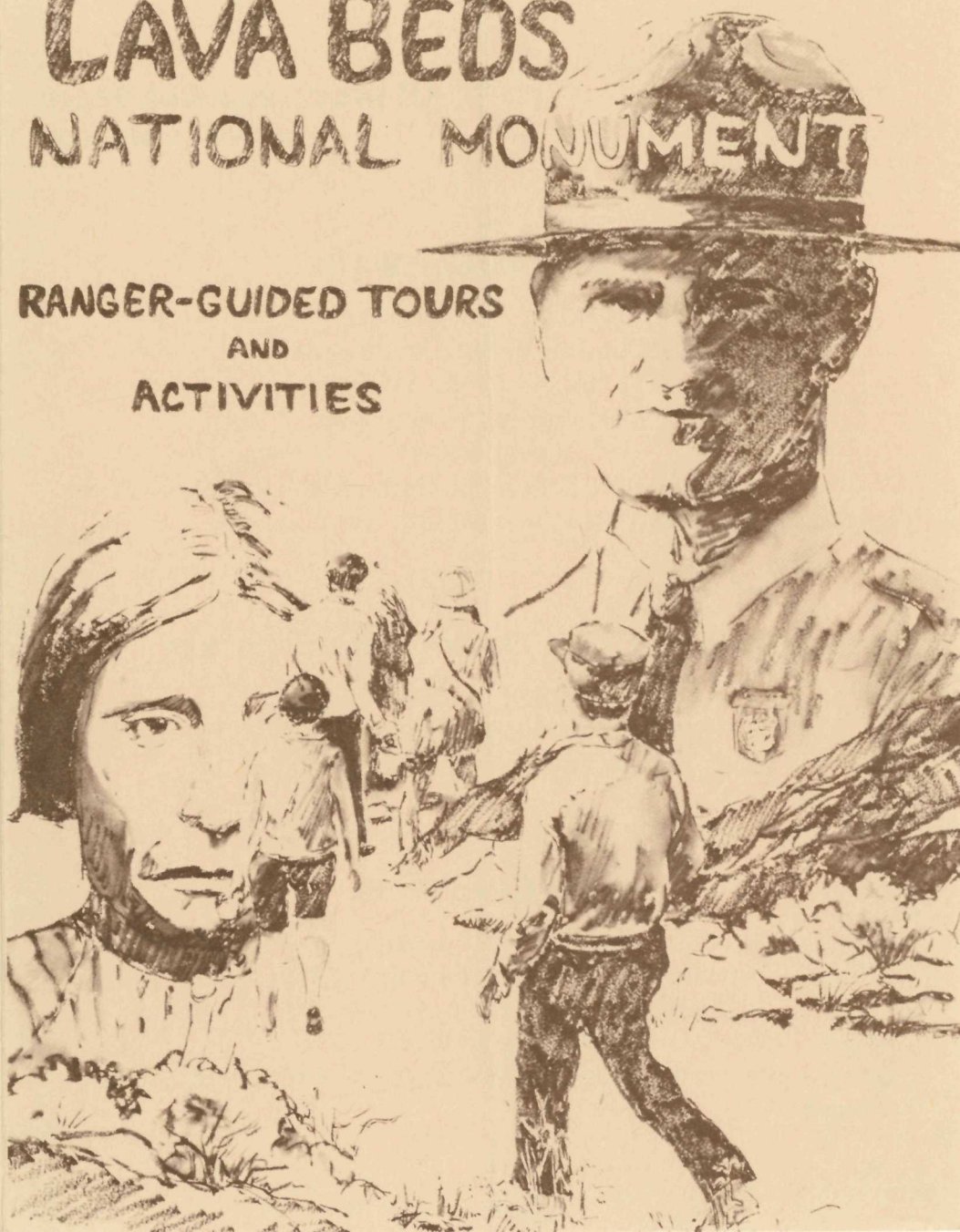


# LAVA BEDS NATIONAL MONUMENT

RANGER-GUIDED TOURS  
AND  
ACTIVITIES



**Each of our activities is offered daily. We will have a destination and a subject in mind, but will be flexible if we find that most everyone has already been to that area. All programs will be held regardless of weather. They may be modified, but they will not be cancelled.**

**All programs will begin on Memorial Day Weekend and will continue through Labor Day.**

### **9am Outdoor Walk**

Will last 2 to 3 hours.  
Meet on the Visitor Center porch.  
Will carpool to the trailhead.  
Wear sturdy hiking shoes.  
Bring water.

Typical destinations are Schonchin Butte, Black Crater, Captain Jack's Stronghold, Petroglyph Cliff.

### **9:30 and 11am Orientation Program**

Will last ½ hour.  
Meet on the Visitor Center porch.  
Question and answer period following film.

### **2pm Cave Walk**

Will last 2 to 3 hours.  
Meet on the Visitor Center porch.  
Will carpool to the cave entrance.  
Wear some kind of hat!

Bring a jacket and wear long pants, as cave temperatures are around 50°F.

### **2:30 and 4pm Orientation Program**

Will last ½ hour.  
Meet on the Visitor Center porch.  
Question and answer period following film.

### **7:30 7pm Evening Stroll**

Will last 1 hour.  
Meet at the campground amphitheatre.  
Just a short, informal stroll to settle our dinners and to get acquainted before the evening program.

### **9 8:30pm Evening Program**

Will last 1½ hours.  
Meet at the campground amphitheatre.  
Typical topics are Caves and Caving, Geology, Indian Lore, Stars, Volcanoes, or possibly a night cave crawl or a hike up Schonchin Butte. (Notes will be posted on bulletin boards and amphitheatre signs.)  
Watch also for impromptu demonstrations, talks, or conducted tours at the Visitor Center throughout the day. Activities are announced at the beginning of every program.



We hope we can offer insights and information which may make your visit here more meaningful, but we have nothing to say which you **must** hear, and there is nothing in print which you **must** read. Lava Beds is a marvelous area for exploring on your own. We have a variety of short hiking trails, roadside exhibits, and all sizes of lava tube caves. Free lights are available for loan at the Visitor Center and we'd be pleased to share a few of our favorite, lesser-known caves with you.

The Lava Beds area possesses hazards not normally encountered in your home surroundings. To insure your safety and to protect the unspoiled beauty of the area please observe the following rules:

Leave all plants, wildlife, and natural and cultural features as you find them, so others may also enjoy them. Collecting of any kind is not permitted.

Do not litter.

Pets must be kept on leash or in your car. They are not allowed on trails, in caves, or in public buildings. They must not molest wildlife, dead or alive, because of plague hazards.

If you go into the wilderness go prepared. Nighttime temperatures may drop into the 50s or below. Tell someone where you intend to go and when you intend to return. Don't change your itinerary after you depart!

Learn and practice lightning safety measures. Electrical storms are common in summer.

While caving carry **two** reserve lights.

Wear a hat. Cave ceilings are rough and jagged.

Take a sweater or jacket and wear long pants. Caves are 50°F. Wear sturdy shoes for sure footing.

Don't take beverages in the caves. Caving and alcohol don't mix.

Do not smoke in the caves. Air does not readily circulate.

Do not disturb bats or other cave creatures. This is **their** home. **You** are only a tolerated guest.

Snakes sun themselves on the rocks in cave collapses. Do not molest them. This is their home, too, and they are an important and a protected part of the Lava Beds ecosystem.

**If you have questions or comments, ask any Park Ranger. We are here to help you.**