



Lassen Volcanic National Park

Kings Creek Falls Trail Guide



Level of Difficulty: Moderate
Round Trip Distance: 2.3 mi (3.7 km)
Round Trip Time: 2 hours
Elevation Start / Loss: 7286 ft (2220 m) / 486 ft (148 m)

Kings Creek Falls can be accessed via a loop or an out-and-back hike. The first half mile passes along Lower Kings Creek Meadow. The loop then begins to the left (clockwise) along the Upper Cascades section, which offers expansive vistas as it steadily descends towards Kings Creek Falls. A fenced overlook provides a clear view of the 30-foot falls. Hikers can return to the trailhead via the Cascades Foot section which is a steep, narrow stone staircase or return on the Upper Cascades section.

Directions to Trailhead

The trailhead is located on the south side of Lassen Volcanic National Park Highway, 13 miles from the Southwest Entrance. Parking is available in the pullouts on either side of the highway adjacent to the trailhead or in the Kings Creek Meadow pullout.

Special Considerations

Creek Crossings can be hazardous during the spring snow melt season. Use caution when crossing, wear proper footwear and carry extra clothing.

Winter Conditions can persist through the summer months, especially in the forested sections of the trail. Wear proper footwear and consider using trekking poles to help maintain balance.

Hiking at High Elevation can aggravate preexisting medical conditions. Know the effects of altitude. Carry plenty of water, take breaks often, and do not exceed your abilities.



Knee and ankle injuries are the most common visitor injury

Watch your footing • Consider using trekking poles for balance • Wear appropriate footwear

How Can I Safely Enjoy the Falls?

Crystal clear creek water roaring down cascades and a 70 foot drop is a spectacular sight and a considerable danger. The Kings Creek Falls trail ends at a steep overlook with wood railings. For your safety, please stay behind the railings.

Snow melt significantly increases water flow in the spring season and increases the danger of drowning or being swept over the falls. Traveling off-trail around the waterfall strongly is discouraged.





Cascades Foot Section Uphill Traffic Only

Please travel uphill only on this narrow, steep section alongside the cascades to help improve your safety and the safety of others.



Pets Are Not Permitted on Hiking Trails

For the protection of wildlife and the safety of your pet, pets are allowed only in paved areas such as campgrounds and parking areas.



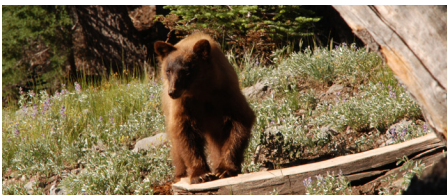
In Case of Emergency, Dial 911

The closest emergency phone is at the Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center. Cell phone service may be available at the Lassen Peak and Bumpass Hell parking areas.



What Should I Do if I Encounter a Bear?

Avoid potential bear encounters on the trail by making noise to make your presence known. Be particularly careful near streams, and when vegetation or terrain limits visibility. If you encounter a bear, do not run. Slowly back away or detour around the bear if it is not aware of you. Report any bear encounters to a park ranger.



Black bears are occasionally spotted in the Kings Creek area

Kings Creek Falls Trail Map

