



Lassen Volcanic National Park

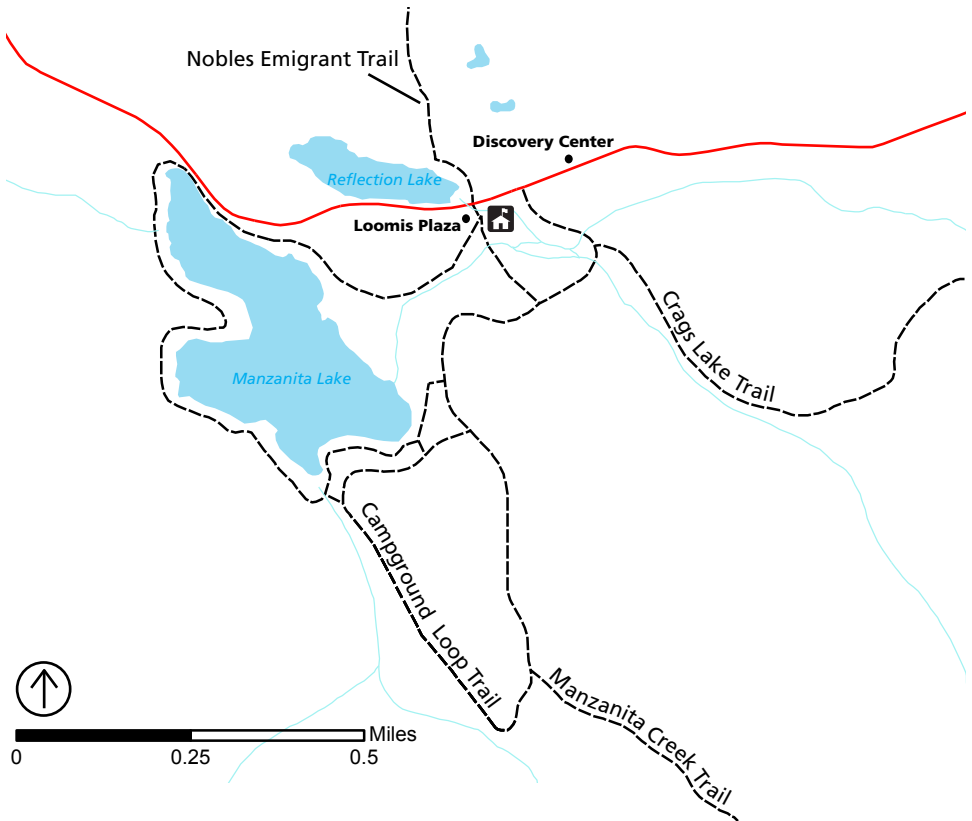


Manzanita Lake Winter Routes



A Nordic skier on enjoys a tour on the park highway route

Winter snowfall transforms Lassen Volcanic National Park into a vast playground for Nordic skiers and snowshoers. On the north side of the park, gentle terrain through dense pine forest offers excellent beginner and intermediate touring routes. Begin your winter adventure at the Loomis Plaza parking area.



Beginner Routes

Manzanita Lake Snowshoe Loop

This trail is not recommended for skiing.

Distance: 1.6 mile loop

Elevation Gain: None

Estimated Time: 1.5 hours

This unmarked trail skirts the shore of Manzanita Lake. The lake may appear to be frozen over; however, it is never safe to travel on the ice.

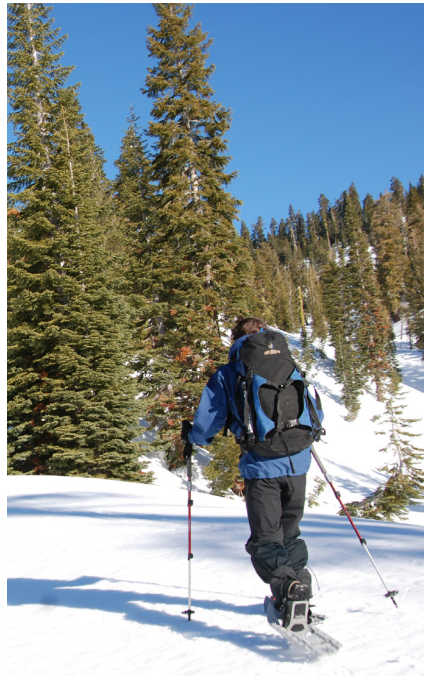
Manzanita Campground Loop

Distance: 1.5 mile loop

Elevation Gain: None

Estimated Time: 1.5 hours

Cross the footbridge by the Loomis Ranger Station, turn right and follow the road to the campground for approximately a quarter mile to where it turns to the right through a set of large rocks. The trail covers a half-mile loop through several sections of the campground.



In Case of Emergency, Dial 911

The closest emergency phone is near the restrooms in the Loomis Plaza. Please note that the ranger station is not staffed at all times.

Are You Ready for Winter Conditions?

Safety is *Your* Responsibility

- Water: Exercising in dry high-elevation air makes one particularly susceptible to dehydration
- Waterproof Gear: Always carry waterproof cold weather gear, even on sunny days
- Layers: Maintain an even temperature, as excessive perspiration can lead to hypothermia
- Map and Compass: Carry a topographic map and compass and know how to use them



Intermediate Routes

Chaos Jumbles Area

Distance, elevation gain and times vary

Head up the park road for approximately a half-mile to an open area of stunted trees. Veer to the right up toward Chaos Crags. Here the undulating topography slopes up into the bowl of the Crags. The terrain is easy to moderately difficult with excellent views at the higher elevations.

Chaos Crags Trail

This trail is not recommended for skiing.

Distance: 4 miles round-trip

Elevation Gain: 850 feet

Estimated Time: 3-4 hours

Cross the footbridge by the Loomis Ranger Station, turn left and follow the road to the Chaos Crags Trailhead sign. Follow yellow tree markers as the trail climbs steeply up to a ridge. If you decide to descend to Crags Lake, beware of potential rock falls and high winds.

Manzanita Creek

Distance: 7.5 miles round-trip

Elevation Gain: 1,550 feet

Estimated Time: 6 hours

Cross the footbridge by the Loomis Ranger Station, turn right and follow the road to the far end of the campground to the Manzanita Creek trailhead sign. Follow the yellow tree markers on this mostly gradual climb to the headwaters of Manzanita Creek. The trail ends below Crescent Cliffs in a scenic horseshoe-shaped valley. Suitable snow camping sites are found along the upper portion; however there are several avalanche paths off of Loomis Peak. Select a route and campsite with caution.

Nobles Emigrant Trail

Distance: 7 miles round-trip

Elevation Gain: 400 feet

Estimated Time: 3-4 hours

The trail begins across the street from the Loomis parking area and skirts past Reflection Lake to join the historic Nobles Emigrant Trail. Follow the orange tree markers along the base of Table Mountain. The trail climbs over a flank of Table Mountain into a thick fir forest and rejoins the park road three miles east of the Loomis Plaza at Sunflower Flat. Return the way you came or via the park road to make a loop.



Park Highway Route

The Lassen Volcanic Highway opens to skiing and snowshoeing at the winter season highway closure. The route follows the snow-covered road, with several destinations along the way.

Destinations beyond the Crags Campground area are recommended for overnight trips only. Above Kings Creek, the terrain enters an area that is subject to extreme avalanche danger. Heavy and deep snow and steep terrain require advanced skiing and mountaineering skills. This area is not recommended for the novice skier or snow camper. The summit of the park highway climbs to 8,500 feet in elevation and provides spectacular views of the region. Allow a minimum of three days to cross the park.

Crags Campground

Distance: 4.4 miles one way

Elevation Gain: 200 feet

Estimated Time: 3-4 hours

Hot Rock

Distance: 7.7 miles one way

Elevation Gain: 400 feet

Estimated Time: Overnight

Summit Lake

Distance: 12.2 miles one way

Elevation Gain: 1,200 feet

Estimated Time: Overnight

Road Summit

Distance: 21.6 miles one way

Elevation Gain: 2,700 feet

Estimated Time: 2 days one-way

Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center

Distance: 28 miles one way

Elevation Gain: 2,700 feet

Estimated Time: 3 days one-way

