



Twin Lakes Backcountry Camping

By signing a Lassen Volcanic National Park backcountry permit you acknowledge that you have read and will abide by the following regulations. Violators are subject to citation.

Free Permit Required

A free backcountry permit and vehicle parking slip is required for all overnight stays outside of designated campgrounds and all day use with stock animals.



Campfire Not Allowed

Help prevent wildfire by using chemical (gas) camping stoves only in Lassen's backcountry.



No Pets or Bicycles

Pets and bicycles are prohibited in Lassen's backcountry.



Group Size

Overnight backcountry groups are limited to 10 people in order to reduce impact to trails and campsites.



Weapons

Weapons may only be carried in accordance with a valid California Concealed Weapons Permit.



Pack out Trash

Use minimum impact camping techniques. Pack out all trash including toilet paper. (Animals dig up and scatter buried toilet paper.)



Stock

All stock use requires a permit. Overnight stock camping is limited to designated stock corrals.



Bear-Resistant Storage Container Required

A bear-resistant storage container certified by the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee is required. View the list at go.nps.gov/lavo/backpacking. Hanging food is not permitted. All food and scented items must be properly secured both day and night. **A fed bear is a dead bear.**





Areas in red are too close to water and trails for camping. Please make your camp outside these areas.

Campsite Selection

Good campsites are found, not made. Help preserve the pristine character of the Lassen Volcanic Wilderness by following some simple guidelines when selecting a place to camp near Twin Lakes:

Protect riparian areas and water quality by camping at least 200 feet (70 adult steps) from lakes and creeks.

When possible, use previously used campsites unless the campsite is within 200 feet of water or trails.

Camp on durable surfaces such as rock, gravel, dry grass, or snow.

Do not build structures, shades, fire rings, furniture, or dig trenches.

Keep the campsite clean. Inspect your campsite for trash or spilled food. Pack out all trash and extra food.

Wash dishes and yourself 200 feet from water and use small amounts of biodegradable soap.

Follow Leave No Trace Principles

Plan ahead and prepare. Schedule your trip to avoid times of high use.

Travel on durable surfaces such as existing trails, rock, gravel, dry grass, or snow.

Deposit solid human waste in catholes dug 6-8 inches deep—at least 200 feet from water, camp, and trails. Cover and disguise the cathole when finished. Pack out toilet paper and hygiene products.

Preserve the past: examine, but do not touch historic structures or artifacts.

Leave plants, rocks, and other natural objects as you find them.

Never feed animals. Observe all wildlife from a distance never approach or follow them.

Be courteous of other visitors. Yield to other users on the trail. Step to the downhill side of the trail to let when encountering stock animals.

Take breaks and camp away from other visitors. Avoid making loud noises or using loud voices.