Crater Lake, situated on the crest of southern Oregon’s Cascade Mountains, is a brilliant blue body of pristine water. Surrounded by mountains, volcanic peaks and lush forests, America’s deepest lake is undoubtedly one of its most beautiful. The circumference is 26 miles with the widest point measuring six miles.

The caldera rim is encircled by Rim Drive, a 33-mile route offering panoramic views of the lake. The water is accessible only by one steep trail to Cleetwood Cove. Interpretive boat tours disembark from the Cove during the summer.

Seventy miles of hiking trails are available, from short walks to the 20-mile Pacific Crest Trail.

**SPECIAL INFORMATION**

Permits are required for backcountry camping and may be obtained from the park’s superintendent. The Steel Information Center (3 miles south of Rim Village) offers a video, information, displays and visitor services.

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