



World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument Tule Lake Unit

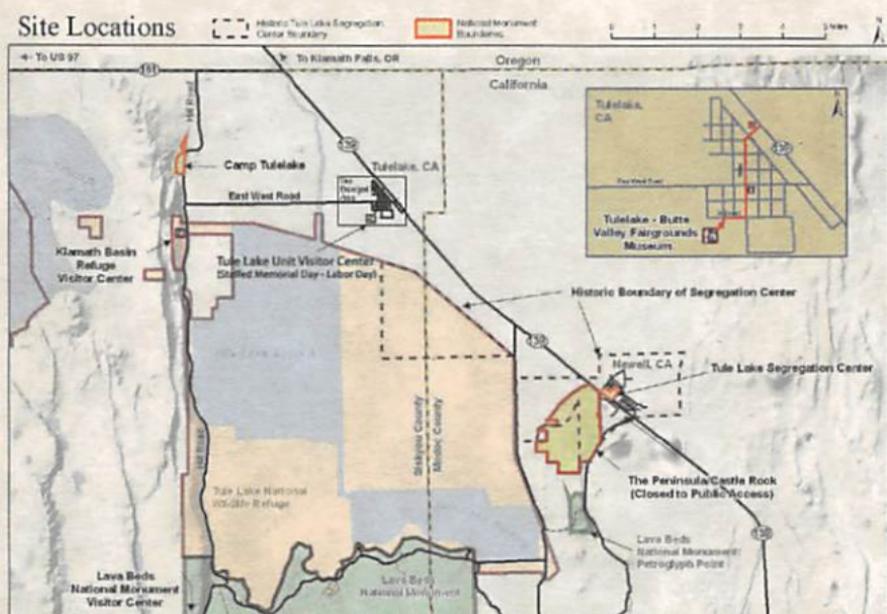
The World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument was established on December 5, 2008 serving as a reminder of the hardships endured on the home front during World War II. The two sites, the Tule Lake Segregation Center, located in Newell, CA and Camp Tulelake, located along Hill Road just west of Tulelake, CA, represent the unique history of the small community living here and the nation during this time period.

The Tule Lake Segregation Center, beginning as one of ten relocation centers established throughout the United States under the auspices of the War Relocation Authority, held 18,789 of the 120,000 men, women, and children of Japanese ancestry who were displaced from their homes and forcibly moved to the Centers. It was transformed into a Segregation Center in 1943 when a Loyalty Questionnaire was used to separate the supposedly "loyal" from the "disloyal" internees. Due to the harsh conditions of the Center, strife and controversy arose. This led to the construction of a stockade, with a jail, and the implementation of martial law.

Camp Tulelake in its origins began as a Civilian Conservation Corps Camp in 1935. During its seven years of operation Camp Tulelake housed young men between the ages of 17 and 25 who were employed as a measure to reduce the rampant unemployment and economic chaos that gripped the nation. During their time here these men rehabilitated and expanded the use of public lands. In 1943 it was transformed to hold 100 men from the Tulelake Segregation Center who refused to answer the Loyalty Questionnaire. Later that same year it was used to house a group of 243 internees from other war relocation centers to break a farm strike at the Segregation Center. In 1944 it was then converted into a prisoner of war (POW) camp. Remodeled by 150 Italian POWs, it held 800 German POWs to work in the Tulelake Basin helping local farmers harvest and tend their fields.

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Hours & Fees

- 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Memorial Day to Labor Day
- No Fees

Features & Programs

Camp Tulelake and Tule Lake Segregation Tours:

- Memorial Day to Labor Day: Weekend Ranger Led Tours
- Labor Day to Memorial Day: Tours Upon Request

Facilities

Visitor Center Desk inside the Tulelake-Butte Valley Fair Office

- Museum
- Information
- Book Store

Information

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