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Capulin Volcano National Monument



Severe Weather

Capulin Volcano is an area of high lightning strikes. Thunderstorms are common, particularly during the summer, and Capulin's high elevation makes lightning strikes more likely.

Rain can also create hazards as the trail is steep and can become slick when wet. Heavy rain or hail can cause landslides that make the Volcano Road impassable, potentially trapping visitors on the top of the volcano.

Please be observant of weather conditions.

Lightning can strike from up to 10 miles. This is the same distance at which you can hear thunder. IF YOU CAN HEAR THUNDER, YOU CAN GET STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

IF A STORM IS APPROACHING, GET TO A SAFE PLACE BEFORE IT HITS. Avoid the high points of the trail, open areas, and lone trees.

Lightning strikes can cause serious injury or even kill.