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DIXIE FIRE IMPACTS TO CONSIDER FOR UPCOMING VISITS

Consider, as you plan a visit to Lassen Park for 2022, areas to the west of and along the park highway that were unaffected by the fire are the safest areas. Manzanita Lake and most of the Southwest and Butte Lake Areas have limited or no impacts from the fire.

Many highlights along the highway look the same as before the fire. You will however, see burned areas from a few sections.

Closures are in place in some affected areas to reduce risk to visitors and damage to park resources, or to allow for repair or rehabilitation work. The opening of Warner Valley and Juniper Lake roads will be delayed beyond the normal spring/summer opening to allow for post-fire repair. Please respect all closures, adhere to posted speed limits, and be patient with your fellow visitors..

Other areas affected by the Dixie Fire are open, and entering these areas involves risk. Additional hazards may be present along the highway, including fallen trees, rockfall, or slow or stopped cars.

Most park campgrounds are anticipated to open for the 2022 summer/fall season. Scheduled opening dates may be delayed for post-fire repair at Summit, Juniper, and Warner Valley Campgrounds. Once open, selected sites may remain closed for ongoing repair and rehabilitation work. Southwest Walk-in Campground is anticipated to remain closed due to tree hazards.

Butte Lake road, day use area, and campground are anticipated to open for the normal summer/fall season. Cinder Cone Trail is open and closures are not anticipated.

Some Butte Lake vicinity forested areas have low to moderate severity effects, and trails south of Cinder Cone toward Snag Lake and west to Summit Lake will likely remain closed until hazards have been cleared.

Half of the park was not affected by the Dixie Fire. While the Dixie Fire footprint covers 69% of the park, not all areas within the footprint burned. The majority of burned areas lay in the eastern portion of the park and were low to moderate severity. One-third of affected areas burned at high-severity, including portions of Mill Creek drainage (below the Southwest Entrance), Warner Valley, and Juniper Lake Area.

As you reconnect with familiar unburned landscapes, start a practice to watch burned areas for Lassen's resilience, such as the sprouting of fire-following plants. Encourage your friends and family to plan a 2022 visit to Lassen Park, for an up close and personal view.

Adapted from LVNP website, visit <https://www.nps.gov/lavo/playourvisit/visit-after-dixie-fire.htm> for current "plan your visit" information and guidance.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR: RECONNECT WITH THE PARK

John Muir told us a hundred and twenty five years ago to venture and roam in our Western Mountains. From "The Wild Parks and Forest Reservations of the West," originally published in Atlantic Monthly, August 1897:

Keep not standing fix'd and rooted,
Briskly venture, briskly roam;
Head and hand, where'er thou foot it,
And stout heart are still at home.

He wrote this at a time when he was alarmed by civilization overtaking our natural places. His admonition to avoid getting too rooted in city life is more potent today perhaps than it has ever been.

Whether you've been isolated because of the pandemic, or kept away by fire, now is the time to reconnect with the Park. Come and enjoy the night sky, the clean air, cold fresh mountain water and the song of the birds and the trees and all the critters. I know you'll find yourself at home, just like Muir advised more than a century ago.

Thank you for your support.

Pete Dailey, Chair
Lassen Park Foundation





LASSEN VOLCANIC NP PARTNERS CONTINUE LASSEN RESILIENCE CAMPAIGN

Lassen Association, Lassen Park Foundation and Lassen Volcanic National Park continue the resilience campaign to support the park's immediate and long-term recovery efforts.

Still available is the original, limited edition print by Chico artist Jake Early. The four-color silkscreen print features Lassen Peak and a mosaic of Dixie Fire impacts within the park. The run of 500 signed prints and a small number of artist's proofs will be for sale on the Lassen Association website and at the Park Store inside the Kohm-yah-mah-nee Visitor Center.

Proceeds from sales of the print benefit park fire relief and education efforts. For more information about purchasing the Lassen Resilience print, contact Lassen Association at (530) 360-0530, lassenassociation@yahoo.com.

Information about the Lassen Resilience print artist, Jake Early, is available at jakeearly.com and jakeearlyart.com.

For more information on Lassen Volcanic National Park, including winter season activities, visit the park website, nps.gov/lavo.



Fireweed is common in recently burned lands, keep an eye out for its bright blooms as you explore!

Lassen Park Foundation is seeking new Board Members

If you have an interest in serving on our Board of Directors please e-mail info@lassenparkfoundation.org.

RANGER-LED PROGRAMMING

Discover your park through a ranger-led program from Junior Ranger activities to evening talks. Programs are offered mid-June through early September. Program details will be posted outside the Loomis Museum and Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center on the day a program is offered. (Please note that ranger-led programming will not be posted online in 2022).

CURRENT HOURS

Kohm Yah-mah-nee V.C.
Wednesday-Sunday, 9am-5pm

Lassen Cafe & Gift
Open Weekends, 11am-2pm

Lassen Crossroads
Closed for Winter

Manzanita Camper Store
Closed for Winter

Loomis Museum:
Closed for Winter

CYNTHIA GRAVES PERRINE JOINS LASSEN PARK FOUNDATION

Cynthia Perrine joins LPF as Executive Director, starting February 2022. A native of Chico, she grew into a field biologist and outdoor recreation enthusiast with Lassen Volcanic National Park as a steady companion.

She first climbed Lassen Peak on her own two legs at the age of 3, with her family during an annual outing with their church. Later, led by her 4th Grade Teacher, Corbin Scott, the class raised transportation funds to visit the Park's unique geologic and geothermal features. On a 6th grade class trip to the Lassen Chalet, led by teacher Herb Clark, she skied for the first time, exploring Cat Tracks and Forest Run trails. Throughout teenage years and into college, she and friends left many notes inside the message tube atop Brokeoff Mountain.

After graduating from UC Davis with a degree in Environmental Biology and Management, she attended graduate school for Botany at CSU Chico, researching fire ecology in the Park with Dr. David Wood. Her project involved solo backpacking along the Pacific Crest Trail near Twin Lakes to collect data on red fir and whitebark pine regeneration after a prescribed natural fire. At that same time, her now husband, John Perrine, was working with Lassen Park to conduct a Ph.D. research project on a high elevation red fox, now known as Sierra Nevada Red Fox. They visited the Park and surrounding region regularly in 2006-2007, as John managed photo retakes and mammalian research in the Lassen region with U.C. Berkeley's Grinnell Resurvey Project.



Cynthia and John currently live in San Luis Obispo, California, where John is a professor of wildlife ecology and conservation at Cal Poly State University. Along with their three children, they enjoy the outdoors regularly, and have made fond family camping and hiking memories in the Lassen region. Daughters Shannon (16) and Charlotte (14) each climbed Lassen Peak at or before the age of 3 to follow in Mom's footsteps, and son Patrick (9) is currently thinking up his own Lassen adventure story since he missed out on the early peak-climbing tradition.

Other passions include soccer, dogs, angling, paddleboarding, kayaking, and music, especially guitar and trumpet.

Our new Executive Director is excited for the opportunity to build upon the legacies of Lassen Park Foundation. She especially looks forward to expanding the reach of the Volcano Adventure Camp's grant program, assisting with support of park infrastructure projects, and using her fire ecology and zooarchaeology knowledge to help share the story of resilience and recovery of the landscape and living features of this unique national treasure.



Cynthia and John along Summit Lake to Twin Lakes trail, July 2000

In years since, Cynthia managed education and training programs for professionals and amateur natural history enthusiasts with California Department of Fish and Wildlife and UC Berkeley's Jepson Herbarium. She's coordinated several workshops in Lassen, on the topics of alpine floristics, snow survival, camera trapping for wildlife studies, and ecology of bats. Most recently, she's worked with Western Section of The Wildlife Society, managing business operations, developing career development programs, and directing strategic planning.

She completed a Master's of Business Administration in 2020, and is a Certified Wildlife Biologist and Fellow with The Wildlife Society, Certified Nonprofit Professional with the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance, and Land Ethic Leader with the Aldo Leopold Foundation.

Her professional interests are driven by connecting people to the land, and creating, in community, a land ethic that encourages conservation, education, and management based on sound science and stewardship.



Cynthia and John's daughters take in the view from Lassen Peak after Charlotte's first climb, in July 2009.

At Lassen Park Foundation we connect children with nature. Through our policies and practices we offer opportunities for youth to experience and learn about their national park, regardless of race, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, location, citizenship status or religion.



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