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Photo of Neowise Comet over Lassen Peak courtesy of Bob Wick, BLM

# LASSEN VIRTUAL DARK SKY FESTIVAL

## AUGUST 14 - 15, 2020

### Celebrate all that is out of this world from your own spot under the night sky.

Lassen's annual Dark Sky Festival is happening this year, it's just changing to an online event. Much like the rest of the world, Lassen Volcanic National Park has had to make some adjustments to their summer event schedule due to COVID-19. Information on this year's Virtual Dark Sky Festival is here for you.

*There will be no in-park events in 2020 due to COVID-19 response.*

#### Virtual Talks

Join us for two virtual talks in which we'll pose visitor-submitted questions to Dark Sky Festival partners. We will share each pre-recorded video on a Facebook watch party in which the presenter(s) and park rangers will be available to answer additional questions via chat.

#### Ask a NASA Astrobiologist Friday, August 14 • 10 - 10:30 am

Join astrobiologists Dr. David DesMarais and Dr. Niki Parenteau from the NASA Ames Research Center as they answer your questions about the study of life in the universe and their research at Lassen Volcanic National Park.

#### Ask an Amateur Astronomer Saturday, August 15 • 2 - 2:30 pm

Join Dave Schlom, host of the North State Public Radio Podcast Blue Dot, who will answer your questions about how you can explore the night sky in the park or wherever you are.

#### Junior Ranger Night Explorer

#### Friday and Saturday, August 14 & 15 • 10 am - 4 pm

In-park visitors age 5 and older can complete a Junior Ranger Night Explorer booklet to earn a special patch. Pick up and turn in your booklet at the Loomis Museum or Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center. Kids can also complete the booklet at home and earn a digital high five at [go.nps.gov/juniorrangers](https://go.nps.gov/juniorrangers).



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

It's been an interesting season up at Lassen Volcanic National Park. Despite all of this year's obstacles, Lassen Park Foundation was able to assist the park with funding for seasonal staffing and awarded Youth Camping Grants to several groups.

The youth camping season looks a little different this summer with youth groups staying in their own tents at Manzanita Lake Campground instead of the group tent cabins at the Volcano Adventure Camp, and with group sizes restricted to 10 people. We have worked closely with our park partners to find a way to bring youth groups into the park for a summer camping experience at Lassen in a safe and responsible way.

Lassen Park Foundation is now a proud member of the Recreate Responsibly Coalition. We encourage park guests to abide by social distancing guidelines while visiting the park and be patient with others during your visit. Please remember to protect not only the natural resources at Lassen, but also the people. Be considerate of others and patient in the face of challenges. This is a trying time, and it's up to all of us to make positive contributions to keep Lassen Volcanic National Park safe and welcoming for all identities and abilities.

Sincerely,

Pete Dailey, Chairman  
Lassen Park Foundation

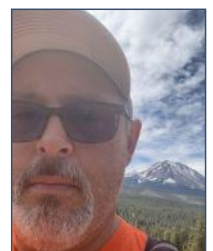
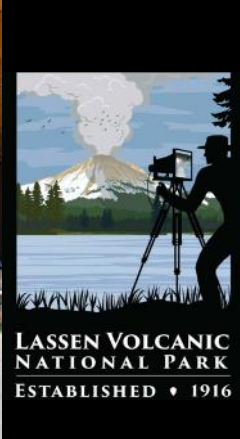






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LASSEN VOLCANIC NATIONAL PARK  
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# LASSEN VOLCANIC NATIONAL PARK 2020

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## SUMMER SEMINARS

### Guided Hikes with Tracy Salcedo

August 1 • 4 - 6 pm @ Manzanita Lake  
\$10 / Person

### Nature Photography Workshop

September 18 & 19  
\$150 / Person

[go.nps.gov/lavo/seminar](http://go.nps.gov/lavo/seminar)

## VIRTUAL DARK SKY FESTIVAL

August 14 & 15  
[go.nps.gov/darksky](http://go.nps.gov/darksky)

"Ask a NASA Astrobiologist" Virtual Talk  
Friday, August 14 • 10 - 10:30 am

"Ask an Amateur Astronomer" Virtual Talk  
Saturday, August 15 • 2 - 2:30 pm

Junior Ranger Night Explorer  
Fri. and Sat., August 14 & 15 • 10 am - 4 pm

## PEAK EXPERIENCE AUCTION

Virtual Event  
September 14th - 20th

Silent & Live Auction Online Bidding  
Opens September 14th @ 9am

Live Stream Event:  
September 19, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

<https://lassenparkfoundation.ejoinme.org/PeakExperience2020>

## RECREATE RESPONSIBLY



Park guests enjoying the newly redesigned Bumpass Hell Trail with face masks (2020).

During this public health crisis, spending time in outdoor spaces has become even more important for many Americans. Yet these unusual circumstances mean that all of us, from seasoned outdoor enthusiasts to families heading out to their local park for the first time, could use a little guidance about how to stay safe. Lassen Park Foundation has joined the Recreate Responsibly movement and proudly shares these guidelines for getting outside to keep yourself healthy and to maintain access to our parks, trails, and beaches.

### Know Before You Go

Check the status of services in the park before you arrive and have a back-up plan if it's too crowded for your comfort or the services you're looking for are not available.

### Practice Physical Distancing

Keep your group size small. Be prepared to cover your nose and mouth and give others space. The National Park Service encourages non-medical face masks, but does not require them within park boundaries. If you are sick, stay home.

### Plan Ahead

Be prepared for facilities to be closed, pack lunch, and bring essentials like hand sanitizer and face coverings.

### Play it Safe

Slow down and choose lower-risk activities to reduce your risk of injury. Search and rescue operations and health care resources are both strained.

### Leave No Trace

Respect the land and waters, as well as native and local communities. Take all your garbage with you when you leave.

### Explore Locally

Limit long distance travel. Be mindful of your impact on the communities you visit.

### Build an Inclusive Outdoors

Be an active part of making the outdoors safe and welcoming for all identities and abilities.

#RECREATE RESPONSIBLY

**#RecreateResponsibly**

- KNOW BEFORE YOU GO**: Icon of a closed sign.
- PRACTICE PHYSICAL DISTANCING**: Icon of a 6ft distance arrow.
- PLAN AHEAD**: Icon of a hand sanitizer bottle and a bag.
- PLAY IT SAFE**: Icon of a compass and a signpost with 'HARD' and 'EASY' directions.
- EXPLORE LOCALLY**: Icon of a house and a mountain range.
- LEAVE NO TRACE**: Icon of a hand putting trash into a bag.
- BUILD AN INCLUSIVE OUTDOORS**: Icon of hands holding a heart over a mountain range.



# LASSEN VOLCANIC NATIONAL PARK'S ORIGIN STORY

Long before Lassen's Butte was officially recognized by the US Government on June 15, 1915 as Mount Lassen, codifying the nomenclature offered in Dr. J. S. Diller's geological survey, and well before Jedediah Smith penned the first English name, Saint Joseph's Mountain, the peak was known to natives as Amblur Kai, meaning "Mountain-ripped-apart" or "Fire Mountain." It is this volcanic legacy to which we owe the creation of Lassen Volcanic National Park. Locals pushed for the area to be designated a national park since at least as early as 1890, when the Oroville Mercury Press called for such federal action. It would be a quarter century before Lassen Volcanic National Park would become a reality.

Theodore Roosevelt took the first steps to protect what would later become the Park in 1905 when he created the Lassen Peak Forest Reserve. In 1907, Congress designated Lassen Peak and Cinder Cone as national monuments. In 1912, Congressman John Raker, from Susanville, introduced legislation to turn the area inclusive of those monuments and the nearby geothermal features into a fully-fledged national park. Unfortunately, there was not enough support in Congress. Lassen was too remote for many visitors and wasn't near enough to the transcontinental rail line to bring people to a park. While beautiful and majestic, Lassen fell short of the scenic grandeur of places like Yosemite. It looked as if the effort to get a national park was doomed to fall short.

Everything began to change in May of 1914. Late one afternoon, a phreatic explosion from the sleeping Lassen sent a plume of steam and ash into the air. A phreatic explosion describes an eruption driven by the pressure of an aquifer turned to steam by volcanic activity. For the next year, a series of about 200 phreatic eruptions would call national and even international attention to Lassen. But in May of 1915, as if to affirm its native name, Amblur Kai, in rebuke of congressional ambivalence, Lassen decided to put on a real show. Locals began to notice the peak glowing around May 14, due to lava flow visible from as far away as the peak could be seen. The lava formed a large dome. On May 19, the mountain erupted, blowing apart the dome and raining glowing rock upon the heavy snowpack of the northeast flank of the mountain.

An avalanche of snow and lava crashed 4 miles down the mountainside, cleaving trees at the stump. As the snow melted, the devastation continued in the form of a lahar (geologists' term for mud flow) engulfing 11 miles of the Lost Creek drainage, unmooring trees by their roots. When the mudflow lost its momentum, the meltwater flooded several ranches in route to the Pit River, where it resulted in a dramatic fish kill.

Amblur Kai was not finished. On May 22 an eruption blew open a new crater near the summit. Ash formed a mushroom cloud that could



*Eruption from Downtown Red Bluff  
March Family Photograph Collection Photograph by F.R. Eldridge*

be seen from Sacramento. The ash fell again upon Lassen's northeast flank creating an even greater wave of destruction than the eruption of May 19. After the climactic eruption of May 22, Lassen continued to experience phreatic explosions for two more years before falling back into slumber.

With Lassen's new notoriety, Congressman Raker resumed his effort with the support of Redding Newspaper publisher, Michael Dittmar, and Red Bluff businessman Arthur Conard, who organized an influential cohort of northern California business interests to lobby Congress. The good guys prevailed in Congress, and on August 9, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed the bill establishing Lassen Volcanic National Park.



Photos courtesy of the National Park Service

## PEAK EXPERIENCE VIRTUAL AUCTION

Lassen Park Foundation's annual auction/gala, Peak Experience, is scheduled for September 14th - 20th, and the show will go on! We are committed to supporting Lassen Volcanic National Park before, during, and after the pandemic. We continue to raise funds and help keep jobs at the park, introduce kids to the park for the first time, and foster support and stewards of our favorite national park, Lassen Volcanic. We need your help to make this our reality.

Peak Experience will be a little different this year, but just as much fun. We are planning for a fully online, virtual event that will keep our audience engaged, garner enthusiasm for the park, and raise funds to support our ongoing projects and programs.

### REGISTER ONLINE

Registration for the auction is FREE! It'll give you access to view all our terrific auction items.

Both the Live and Silent Auction items bidding will be done online through either your mobile device or computer. After you register for free online, you'll receive your own personal URL to log into the system and start bidding. It's that easy!

<https://lassenparkfoundation.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/PeakExperience2020>

### TO-GO MEALS

If you enjoy having dinner with your friends when attending our auction then we have a back-up plan for you! CR Gibbs (Redding) and Shelley's Creative Catering (Chico) are our two catering partners this year, and with their help we are offering to-go dinner options for registered participants. For \$40 you can purchase a four-course, to-go meal and pick it up at either CR Gibbs or Shelley's on September 19th before the live stream event.

Our special Lassen Park Foundation wine is back again this year, and can also be purchased and picked up to pair with your meal!



### HOW TO BID

All bidding at this year's Peak Experience will be done fully online! If you've ever attended the event before then you've already experienced bidding for the Silent Auction items on your mobile device. Well, that's what's happening this year except that ALL bidding will be done on your mobile device with both Silent and Live auction packages. Then, the night of the live stream you can watch the presentation prepared by our Board of Directors featuring short videos on our projects and programs, and the Live Auction itself hosted by our auctioneer! We highly recommend you watch the Live Stream on one device while bidding on the other.

**Screen One (9/14-9/20):** Your mobile device or computer to bid on items on the Mobile Bidding page through your personal URL.

**Screen Two (9/19 at 6:30pm):** Your smart TV or computer to view the Live Stream through YouTube or Facebook Live.

### START BIDDING

Silent and Live Auction item bidding will open Monday, September 14th at 9am online.

Live Auction bidding will close during the Live Stream broadcast starting on Saturday, September 19th at 6:30pm.

Silent Auction bidding will close on Sunday, September 20th at 5pm.



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We normally have a theme for the auction each year, but this year we thought we'd just use it as an excuse to unveil our new look and logo. *Please welcome the new Lassen Park Foundation logo!*

# ONLINE BIDDING STARTS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH AT 9AM. DON'T MISS OUT!





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**Jody Johnson**

Jody Johnson is one of our newest Board Members having joined in June, 2020. Jody is a Mineral, CA native whose family ran the Mineral Lodge for over 50 years. Jody grew up working at the Mineral Lodge and her parents, George and Jo Ann Perkins, and Aunt and Uncle, Sue and Fred Beresford, operated the ski area at Lassen for many years. Her father, George, was the author of "Hiking Trails in Lassen National Park". Her mother, Jo Ann, recently published "Population 85: A Story of a Small Town in Northern California".

Jody is committed to the communities she lives in and participates in numerous nonprofits and fundraisers in Tehama County each year, including a ski program for Visually Impaired students in Tehama County in collaboration with Mt. Shasta Ski Park. Jody has also taught for the Kinesiology program at Chico State.



**Steve Williams**

Steve Williams joined Lassen Park Foundation's Board of Directors in May, 2014. A 1982 Business Administration graduate of CSU, Chico, Steve Williams immediately began his career in the firm his grandfather founded in 1931 and that his father helped grow. Steve continued in this direction when he helped merge the firm with others to form InterWest Insurance Services in 1992.

A strong believer in community involvement and philanthropy, Steve has always been active in the business, as well as the larger, community. He is a past president of the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers Association. He has served as a Board Member or Director for the following organizations: Turtle Bay Exploration Park, Greater Redding Chamber of Commerce and The Shasta Builders Exchange. In addition, Steve is an active member of Redding Rotary. Married for 39 years this month, Steve and his wife Nancy have two adult children: Karen and Brian.



**Pete Dailey**

Pete Dailey joined Lassen Park Foundation's Board of Directors in October, 2016 and currently serves as Chairman of the Board. Pete Dailey has a seasonal home in Mineral and has been enjoying Lassen Volcanic National Park since childhood. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in History from UC Berkeley, Masters in Business Administration from Pepperdine, and is currently working on a Masters in Liberal Arts from Stanford.

Pete retired from a technology career in Silicon Valley as an executive at a large PC manufacturer to spend time with his children. Together they explore and share the same gifts from Mt. Lassen that have been passed down for generations.

**Lassen Park Foundation is seeking new Board Members.** If you have an interest in serving on our Board of Directors please contact our office via e-mail at [info@lassenparkfoundation.org](mailto:info@lassenparkfoundation.org).



# THANK YOU!

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### In Honor:

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Go to [www.lassenparkfoundation.org](http://www.lassenparkfoundation.org) or call us at **(530) 768-1110** to make a donation today. Or you can fill out the form below and mail to: PO Box 33, Anderson, CA 96007. **You make our Foundation possible!**

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