

# Lassen Volcanic Guide

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## Stay OUT



### Protect Your Park

Park resources need time to recover.

Adhering to closures helps to:

- + Limit further erosion
- + Protect plants of concern
- + Allow sensitive areas and species to recover
- + Limit the introduction of invasive species



## Stay SAFE

### Protect Yourself

Areas burned by wildfire are dangerous.

Hazards in closed areas include:

- Falling trees and limbs
- Hidden stump holes
- Loose or falling rock
- Unsafe water crossings
- Hot / smoldering ground

## Know Before You Go

### View Current Conditions at Visitor Centers

Information about open areas, facilities, activities, closures and weather is available outside of the Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center and Loomis Museum 24 hours a day.

### Be a Safety Champion

See visitors entering closed areas? Speak up! A courteous reminder about why entering closed areas endangers oneself, first responders, and the park should be enough. If not, please report closure violations to a park ranger.

### No Drone Zone

Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft within park boundaries is prohibited. Drones have the potential to disturb wildlife, disrupt other visitors' experiences, and disrupt helicopter operations for fire or search and rescue operations.

### No Fuel or EV Charging Stations in the Park

There is no fuel in the park. The nearest gas stations are in Old Station (14 miles NE) and Chester (30 miles SE). The nearest electric vehicle charging stations are in Redding (50 miles W), Susanville (65 miles E) and Anderson (62 miles SW).

### Weather

Fall brings cooler temperatures to this high-elevation area. Dress in layers and carry a warm layer, hat, and sunscreen. Average high/low temperatures at Manzanita Lake (5,650 feet elevation): Oct 69/30°F | Nov 56/21°F | Dec 50/14°F.

### Emergencies - Cell Service Limited

If you have an emergency call 911. Cell service is very limited in the park and surrounding areas. If phone service is not available, contact a park employee.

### Be Prepared for Winter Driving Conditions

Ice and snow can create hazardous conditions, especially when temperatures drop during the evening and early morning hours. To check for chain requirements, road closures, or other highway advisories, call CalTrans at (800) 427-7623 or visit roads.dot.ca.gov.

### Effects of High Elevation

Being at high elevation can aggravate pre-existing medical conditions. If you start to experience any symptoms of altitude sickness (headache, dizziness, shortness of breath, confusion, pain behind eyes, or nausea) go to a lower elevation. Seek medical attention from a ranger or doctor.

# Explore Your Resilient Park

## What to Do

### Walk a Pet

Pets are permitted in developed areas only (campgrounds, picnic areas, paved roads, and parking lots).

### See Hydrothermal Features

Sulphur Works is located on the park highway one mile north of the Southwest Entrance. A wheelchair accessible sidewalk provides access to the roadside features.

### Purchase Food, Supplies or Souvenirs

All items are available at the Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center. Educational products and souvenirs are also available in the Loomis Museum through 10/31.

### Day Hike (No Backpacking)

View a list of open trails on the information boards outside the Loomis Museum or Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center. The entire park is closed to backcountry camping.

### Fish, Swim or Boat

Manzanita Lake is open to swimming, non-motorized boat use and catch and release fishing only. A California state fishing license is required. Watercraft are not permitted on Reflection Lake, Emerald Lake, or Lake Helen.

### Camp

Manzanita Lake Campground Loops A and B are open to first-come, first-served camping only. No drinking water is available after 10/12. Camping fee is \$15. Dump station is open through 10/12. Fires are prohibited; gas stoves and lanterns are permitted. Camping outside of designated campgrounds is not permitted in the park. Dispersed camping is permitted within Lassen National Forest. All other campgrounds are closed including camping in vehicles in the Southwest parking area.

### Watch Wildlife

Animals may be more concentrated on the west side of the park unaffected by the Dixie Fire. Give wildlife the space they need post-fire by maintaining a safe distance when viewing. Never feed wildlife.

### Ride a Bicycle

There are no bike trails in the park. Bicycles may go anywhere a car may go and are prohibited on trails or in the backcountry.

### Become a Junior Ranger

Kids ages 5 to 12 can complete an activity booklet to earn a badge. Kids age 4 and younger can complete a Chipmunk Club card to earn a sticker. Pick up and turn in items at the Loomis Museum or Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center.



## Getting Around

### Lassen Volcanic National Park Highway

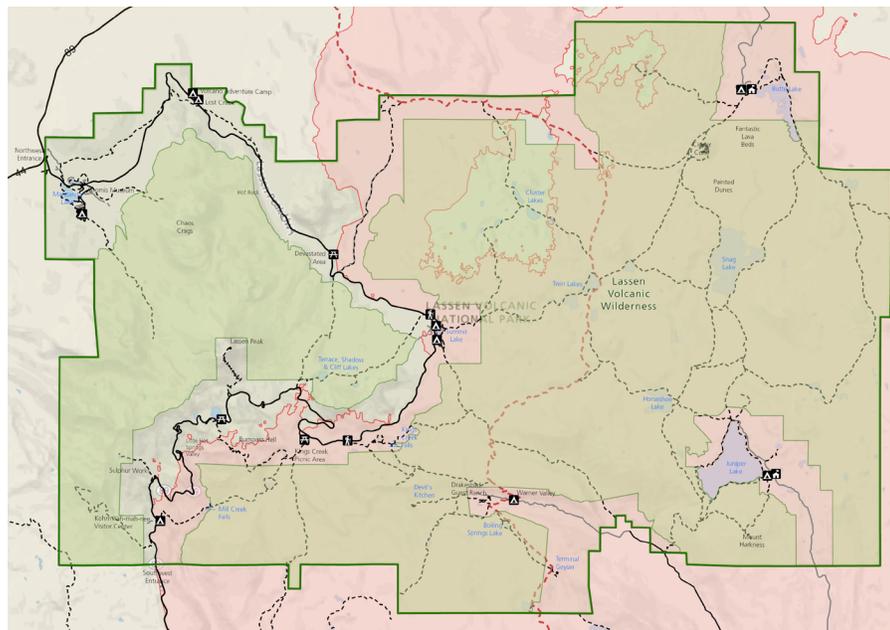
Check information boards outside park visitor centers to view closure points on the park highway. It is possible to drive around the east or west side of the park when the highway is closed to through traffic. Drive time around the park to either entrance is approximately 1.5 hours.



### Drive with Care

Protect wildlife by adhering to posted speed limits. Pull over if taking your time or enjoying the view.

## The Dixie Fire



The Dixie Fire affected 73,067 acres or 68% of Lassen Volcanic National Park in August and September, 2021. The entire park closed when the fire entered its southeast corner near Juniper Lake on August 5. Lassen Volcanic supported full suppression efforts, with which firefighters successfully contained the fire east of the park highway. Post-fire aerial imaging shows that the fire burned at mixed intensity across the park.

Immediate actions are taking place to repair damages from suppression activities, address safety concerns including road damage and hazard trees, and to stabilize cultural and natural resources such as the Mt. Harkness Fire Lookout stone base and steep slopes at risk of erosion.

Park staff and its partners will begin planning for long-term recovery and restoration over the winter season. This will include repairing or rebuilding facilities and other infrastructure such as trail bridges and boardwalks and some natural resource management actions including invasive plant monitoring.

The Dixie Fire has made a significant impact on park viewsheds and the visitor experience. However, fire is an integral part of the ecosystems in this resilient, volcanic landscape. A forest leveled by Lassen Peak eruptions more than 100 years ago and another affected by the 2012 Reading Fire tell the story of nature's continuous cycle of regeneration and renewal.