

Lassen Volcanic Guide

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Be Prepared for Modifications to Services and Facilities

Learn more about how Lassen Volcanic National Park is responding to COVID-19 and how you can recreate responsibly on page 13.

Explore Your Park in...

Four Hours

Half a day is just enough to enjoy several **Highway Highlights** (pg 3) along the 30-mile road that connects the northwest and southwest entrances. Plan one hour drive time without stops.

Take in the sights, sounds, and smells of **Sulphur Works Hydrothermal area** (pg 3).

Hike the **Devastated Area Interpretive Trail** (pg 8) and uncover the dramatic story of the 1914-1915 Lassen Peak eruptions.

Stop for a photo or a picnic at **Manzanita Lake**. Views of Lassen Peak are best along the northwest shore near the entrance station. View a map of the Manzanita Lake area in the park brochure.

One Day

A full day gives you time to enjoy multiple **Highway Highlights** (pg 3) and at least one hike in the Southwest or Manzanita Lake areas.

Take a hike (pg 8-9). The most popular trails in the park offer a variety of sights and experiences: Lassen Peak (5 mi), Bumpass Hell (3 mi), Kings Creek Falls (3 mi), and Manzanita Lake Loop (1.8 mi). Parking is limited: arrive early; go mid-week; or choose an equally scenic, but less-popular trail.

Enjoy a picnic (pg 6). Pick up supplies or grab ready-to-go items at the Manzanita Lake Camper Store or Lassen Café in the Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center (pg 4).

Take a dip (pg 6) in one of the park's many lakes.

Two or More Days

More time provides the opportunity to enjoy longer hikes and a full day in one of the more remote areas of the park.

Hike Cinder Cone (pg 8) and marvel at the Painted Dunes and lava rock-lined **Butte Lake**.

Climb to the active fire lookout atop Mt. Harkness (pg 9) and take a refreshing dip in **Juniper Lake**.

Explore a remote hydrothermal area with a hike to Devils Kitchen, Boiling Springs Lake, or Terminal Geyser (p 8) in **Warner Valley**.

Marvel at the **Milky Way** (pg 6) under Lassen Volcanic's dark night sky.

Fish in or float on an alpine lake with your own non-motorized watercraft (pg 6).

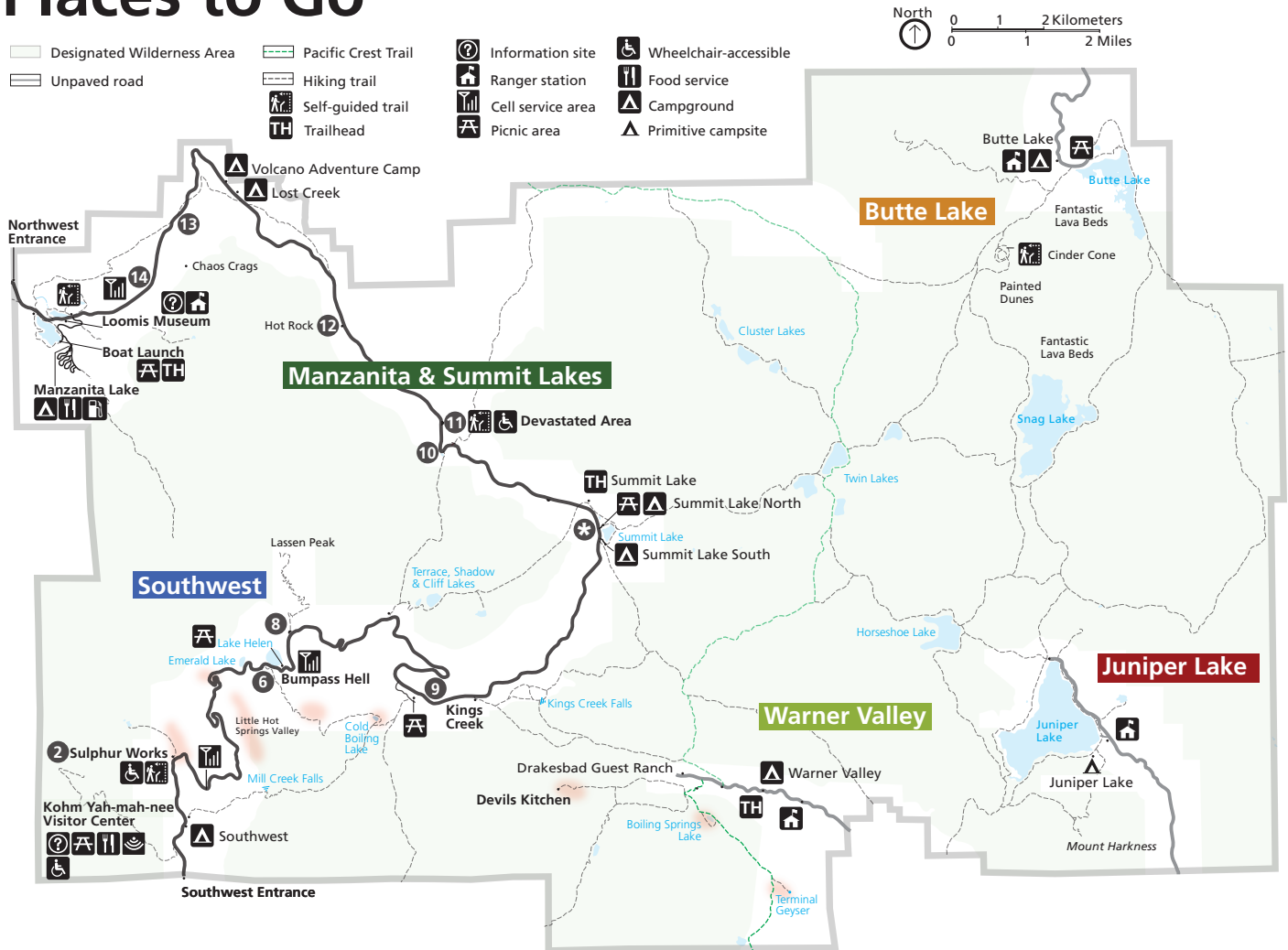
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Places to Go



Getting Around

An area map on page 16 includes distances and travel times from nearby communities as well as directions to the Butte Lake, Warner Valley, and Juniper Lake areas.

SW Southwest Area 6700 ft (2042 m) elevation
The steep, rugged terrain in the Southwest Area offers dramatic vistas, moderate to difficult hikes including Lassen Peak Trail, and access to the best-known hydrothermal areas in the park: Sulphur Works and Bumpass Hell.

ML Manzanita Lake Area (plus Summit Lake)
5800 ft (1768 m) elevation | 6700 (2042 m) elevation
Located in the northwest corner of the park, Manzanita Lake offers the most amenities and is popular with campers and families. The largest campground in the park is a short walk from Manzanita Lake, the Camper Store, and Loomis Museum. The popular Summit Lake Campgrounds and Trailhead are located 12 miles southeast of Manzanita Lake. The busy trailhead is popular with backpackers and stock users.

BL Butte Lake Area 6100 ft (1859 m) elevation
This remote landscape is dominated by the jagged Fantastic Lava Beds and barren Cinder Cone volcano. The hike to its summit is both challenging and unforgettable. The campground and day use area provide a great base for hiking, backpacking, swimming, and boating. Plan an hour drive time from the Northwest Entrance.

WV Warner Valley Area 5600 feet (1707 m) elevation
This narrow valley features a number of hydrothermal areas and the historic Drakesbad Guest Ranch. Enjoy easy to moderate hikes to remote hydrothermal areas including Devils Kitchen, Boiling Springs Lake, and Terminal Geyser. Plan an hour drive time from the Southwest Entrance.

JL Juniper Lake Area 6790 feet (2070 m) elevation
This remote, high-elevation landscape contains the largest lake in the park and an active fire lookout. A campground and day use area offer great starting points for hiking, backpacking, swimming, and boating. Plan a 90 minute drive time from the Southwest Entrance.

Highway Highlights

The 30-mile Lassen Volcanic National Park Highway connects the northwest and southwest entrances of the park. Plan for an hour drive-time, without stops. Travel the highway in either direction and enjoy numerous roadside highlights. You can learn more about the park at each stop with the printed road guide or the roadside audio tour.

Highway Highlights match numbered markers along the road. Markers also correspond to stops in the audio tour and road guide.



2 Sulphur Works

Surround yourself in the gurgling symphony of boiling mudpots and hissing steam vents at the most easily accessed hydrothermal area.

6 Bumpass Hell Parking Area and Overlook

Can you spot the rim of the former Brokeoff Volcano, also known as Mt. Tehama, in the volcanic remnants that surround you? The nearby boulder tells the story of this massive volcano's slow disappearance. The parking area also serves as the Bumpass Hell Trailhead and is often full.

8 Lassen Peak Parking Area and Viewpoint

Experience the majesty of Lassen Peak from the highest point on the park road at 8,512 feet.

9 Kings Creek Meadow Scenic Pull-out

Get your camera ready for this scenic spot where Kings Creek meanders through an expansive meadow at the foot of Lassen Peak.

* North Summit Lake Picnic Area and Loop Trail

This perfect picnic spot invites you to take a dip in Summit Lake, stroll around the Summit Lake loop trail, or get ready for a trek out to Twin Lakes. Parking is available in pullouts outside the North Summit Lake Campground entrance.

10 Hat Creek

Don't miss this area's fantastic fall colors. Use the crosswalk to access hidden Hat Creek meadow. Can you tell what animal used to live here?

11 Devastated Area

Discover the story of devastation and forest recovery following Lassen Peak's 1915 eruption on this short, accessible trail.

12 Hot Rock

Snap a photo with this several-ton rock that photographer B.F. Loomis reported was too hot to touch after it was ejected from the crater of Lassen Peak in 1915.

13 Nobles Emigrant Trail

Step foot on a spur of the California National Historic Trail. The wagon tracks have since faded but the story is forever etched on the landscape. This route welcomed a portion of the more than 250,000 emigrants who traveled to the gold fields and rich farmlands of California during the 1840s and 1850s in the greatest mass migration in American history.

14 Chaos Crags and Jumbles Scenic Pull-out

Imagine a rock slide racing nearly 100 miles an hour down Chaos Crags at this pullout on the north side of the highway about a mile from the Loomis Museum.

Roadside Audio Tour

Delve into park history with a roadside audio tour. Download the MP3 files or *Lassen Audio Tours* podcast before your visit at go.nps.gov/lavo/audio. Or, purchase an audio CD at Lassen Association stores in the Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center or Loomis Museum.

Printed Road Guide

For a more in-depth auto tour, you can purchase a printed park road guide *Lassen Volcanic National Park: Auto Tours, Trips, and Trails* at Lassen Association stores in the Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center or Loomis Museum.

Slow Down, Enjoy the Drive



Adhering to posted speed limits is a great way to help care for Lassen's wildlife and to increase your chances of spotting one of the many creatures that call Lassen home. Pullouts provide great opportunities to get a closer look.

Give 3 Feet to Bicyclists

California law requires drivers give three feet as they pass bicyclists on the road. Can't give three feet? Treat the bicyclist as you would a vehicle in front of you and wait to pass until you can give three feet.



Roadside Geology

Take a self-guided tour of volcanism in and around the park with a free guide from the U.S. Geological Survey. Download the PDF at go.nps.gov/lavo/volcanoes.

Services & Facilities



Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center



Loomis Museum



Manzanita Lake Camper Store

Most services and facilities are accessible daily between June and September. Fall hours and seasonal closures begin in mid-October. There are two visitor centers in the park. The Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center is located at the Southwest Entrance and the Loomis Museum is located one mile from the Northwest Entrance. Food is available at the Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center and the Manzanita Lake Camper Store, which also offers camper services and unleaded gas.

Be Prepared for Modifications to Services and Facilities

Find current information about services and facilities outside the Loomis Museum and Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center or online at [go.nps.gov/lavo/current](https://www.nps.gov/lavo/current). Learn more about how Lassen Volcanic National Park is responding to COVID-19 and how you can visit responsibly on page 13.

SW Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center

Explore exhibits, watch the 20-minute park film, purchase souvenirs, or enjoy a casual meal at this year-round visitor center.

Lassen Café & Gift

Browse the gift shop for souvenirs including arts and crafts from local artists or enjoy café offerings.

Lassen Association Store

Open during visitor center hours

Browse books, maps, trail guides, videos, and educational gifts at the Lassen Association store. All profits benefit the park.

Wi-Fi

Free Wi-Fi is available at the Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center. You must open a browser and agree to terms of use to connect to *NPS Visitor WiFi*. Please note that bandwidth is very limited during the summer months and service may be slow or unavailable during busy times.

ML Lassen Crossroads

This open-air pavilion highlights the diverse features of the Lassen region, comprised of Lassen Volcanic National Park and Lassen National Forest. The site offers large vehicle parking and can be used for carpooling into the park. The site is open daily between 7 am and 3 pm and gated at all other times.

ML Loomis Museum

Explore exhibits or watch the 20-minute park film at this summer-only visitor center and museum. Education merchandise is available at the Lassen Association bookstore inside.

ML Manzanita Lake Camper Store

Located at the entrance to the Manzanita Lake Campground, the store offers camping supplies, gifts, hot and cold food, gasoline, showers, and laundry.

An **ATM** is located inside the Camper Store.

Showers and Laundry

Coin-operated showers and laundry machines are available at the Manzanita Lake Camper Store. A change machine is located in the laundry room.

Gasoline

Unleaded gas is available behind the Manzanita Lake Camper Store. Gas may be purchased with a credit card 24 hours a day. Note that there is no gas available within 30 miles of the Southwest Entrance.

Dump Station

A dump station is located on the road between the park highway and the Manzanita Lake Campground. Fee is \$8. Holders of Senior and Access passes receive a 50% discount.



Manzanita Lake camping cabin

Phones and Cell Service

Cell service (AT&T and Verizon) is very limited in the park and surrounding areas. View spots with limited coverage on the map on page 2. Pay phones are located outside the Manzanita Lake Camper Store and the Loomis Museum (payment by calling card only). An emergency phone is located in the Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center 24-hour vestibule.

Lost and Found

Leave a found item or report a lost item at the Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center or Loomis Museum.

Lodging

Overnight accommodations are available at Drakesbad Guest Ranch in Warner Valley in the summer season only. Lodging is available within numerous communities around the park (see map on pg 16).

WV Drakesbad Guest Ranch

This historic ranch offers lodging, dining, a thermal-heated pool, and horseback riding. Reservations required, call (866) 999-0914.

ML Manzanita Lake Cabins

Rustic, 1-room, 2-room, and bunk cabins are available. For reservations call (866) 999-0914 or visit lassenlodging.com. Check-in inside the Manzanita Lake Camper Store.



Entrance Fees

Your park fees provide funding for park projects that improve and enhance the park for all visitors.

Pass	Cost
Valid for 1-7 Days	
Vehicle Pass	\$30
Motorcycle Entry Pass	\$25
Individual Entry Pass	\$15
Annual Passes	
Lassen & Whiskeytown Pass	\$55
Valid one year from month of purchase at Lassen Volcanic and Whiskeytown National Recreation Area.	
Interagency Pass	\$80
Valid for entrance to all federal recreation sites for one year from month of purchase.	
Military Pass	Free
Available to active duty military members and their dependents. (in-person only)	
4th Grade Pass	Free
Available to all U.S. 4th graders with a valid Every Kid Outdoors paper pass.	
Lifetime Passes	
Access Pass	Free (in-person)
Available to U.S. citizens or permanent residents with permanent disabilities. \$10 (by mail)	
Senior Pass	\$80 (in-person)
Lifetime pass for U.S. citizens or permanent residents age 62 or over. \$90 (by mail)	
	\$20 (one year)

Access for People with Disabilities

A complete list of accessible services and recreation opportunities is available at visitor centers and online at go.nps.gov/lavo/access.



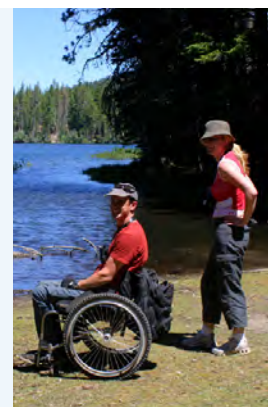
Trails with access for users with limited mobility include: Devastated Area Interpretive Trail, Sulphur Works hydrothermal area, and Lassen Crossroads information area.



Accessible campsites are available at Manzanita Lake, Summit Lake North, and Butte Lake Campgrounds. Accessible camping cabins are available at Manzanita Lake.



Assisted Listening Devices are available for auditorium and amphitheater presentations. Audio description is available for the park brochure, visitor center exhibits, and the park film. Ask a ranger for assistance.



Things to Do



Bumpass Hell Trail



Ranger-led Program



Kayakers on Manzanita Lake

Ranger-led Programs

This summer's ranger-led programs and schedule are modified in response to COVID-19. View current information outside the Loomis Museum and Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center, on campground bulletin boards, and online at go.nps.gov/lavo/programs.

Hiking

Climb volcanoes, marvel at hydrothermal areas, explore lakeshores, and so much more. Choose from a selection of easy to strenuous day hikes listed by park area on pages 8 and 9. Take the Reach Higher Trail Challenge and earn a free bandana. Learn more at go.nps.gov/reachhigher or at park visitor centers.

Swimming

The high-elevation lakes in the park offer a refreshing reprieve from summer heat. Manzanita, Summit, and Emerald lakes are the shallowest and generally the warmest. Lake Helen, Juniper Lake, and Butte Lake often remain cool year-round. Entering thermal waters is prohibited and extremely dangerous (see warning on page 7).

Picnicking

Enjoy lunch at any of the scenic spots along the park highway, or find a picnic table at Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center, Lake Helen, Manzanita Lake, Kings Creek Picnic Area (charcoal disposal available), or along the northern shore of Summit Lake.

Backpacking

Choose from over 150 miles of trails, pickup a free backpacking permit, then enjoy your night in Lassen Volcanic Wilderness.

Experience Wilderness

Venture just beyond the highway corridor to enter Lassen Volcanic Wilderness and experience nature at its wildest. In 1972, three-quarters of the park received Congressional Wilderness Area designation, a status afforded to just five percent of America's public lands. Wilderness is managed to minimize human influence and preserve natural conditions. View Lassen Volcanic Wilderness Area—identified with light green shading—on the park map on page 2.

Wildflower Viewing

Blooms appear May through September in park meadows and valleys, and along lakeshores. View a wildflower guide at go.nps.gov/lavo/flora or purchase one at Lassen Association stores (pg 4). Learn how you can help foster park wildflower populations like the rare Lassen Paintbrush on page 15.

Biking

Bikes are welcome on roads and parking areas (not on hiking trails). There are no bike trails in the park. Helmets are highly recommended for adults and are required under California law for children age 17 and younger. Biking on the park highway is recommended only for experienced riders; there are no shoulders or bike lanes. Road cyclists should ride single file and be attentive to passing vehicles that may not be aware of cyclists. Bicyclists may also use the gravel roads into Butte and Juniper Lake areas and Warner Valley road (13 miles pavement then 3 gravel). See map on page 16.

Boating

Boating is popular on Manzanita Lake, Butte Lake, Summit Lake, and Juniper Lake. Only non-motorized watercraft are permitted. Put in and take out is restricted to designated boat launches at Manzanita and Butte Lakes. Watercraft are not permitted on Boiling Springs Lake, Emerald Lake, Reflection Lake, and Lake Helen. Children under 13 years of age must wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket.

Fishing

2020 California free fishing days: 7/4 and 9/5

California fishing regulations apply to all areas within the park. A California license is required; children under 16 years of age do not require a license. Fishing is not permitted at Manzanita and Butte Lake boat launch areas or in Manzanita Creek above Manzanita Lake (to protect nesting birds, spawning fish, and their habitats). Fishing in Manzanita Lake is limited to catch and release with artificial lures (no power bait) and a single, barbless hook only. Lakes with trout species include: Manzanita, Butte, Horseshoe, Ridge, Terrace, Summit, Snag, and Crystal. Creeks with fish include: North Fork Bailey, North Arm Rice, Hat, Hot Springs, Kings, Summit, and Grassy.



Milky Way over Chaos Crags

Stargazing

You can enjoy Lassen's dark night skies anywhere you find open sky. Bumpass Hell and Devastated parking areas offer wide views of the sky and are located just off the park highway. Lake Helen, Manzanita, Summit, and Reflection Lakes often offer spectacular, mirror-like reflections of the starry sky. The darkest nights afford the best views of the Milky Way—the cloud-like stretch of stars that crosses the sky from east to west. For the best experience, dress warmly and use flashlights minimally, your eyes will adjust to the darkness and stars will appear brighter.

Explore the Area

Subway Cave

This 1/3-mile, self-guided loop begins on top of a lava flow before descending down into a lava tube, named for its similarity to a subway tunnel. Bring a flashlight and wear sturdy shoes; the cave is completely dark and the floor is rough and jagged. View the map on page 16 for directions from the Northwest Entrance (15 mi, 20 min) to the trailhead in Lassen National Forest.

Burney Falls

The 129-foot Burney Falls is the centerpiece of nearby McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park. The waterfall and stream are fed by large springs that are commonly associated with areas covered by recent lava flows. The park is located 43 miles north of the Northwest Entrance on SR-89 (55 min) and charges an entrance fee. Check for changes due to COVID-19 response: parks.ca.gov/?page_id=455 | (530) 335-2777.

Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway

One of only 42 All American Roads in the nation, this 500-mile route connects Lassen Volcanic and Crater Lake National Parks. The volcanic activity of the Cascade Mountain Range has created unique geological formations that can only be seen in this part of America. Learn more at go.nps.gov/VLSB.

Circle of Discovery

A circle of seven national park sites within northern California and Southern Oregon contains a vast array of resources from America's oldest trees and deepest lake to hydrothermal areas, ice caves, and dramatic waterfalls. Learn more at go.nps.gov/COD.



Hydrothermal Areas

Lassen Volcanic National Park contains eight hydrothermal (hot water) areas. The roaring fumaroles, thumping mudpots, boiling pools, and steaming ground in these areas are produced when water is heated by magma three miles underground. These features are related to active volcanism and are indications of the ongoing potential for further eruptions.

Sulphur Works is easily accessed via a short, paved walk along the park highway, near the Southwest Entrance.

The 16-acre **Bumpass Hell** basin is the largest hydrothermal area in the park. Get there via a moderate, 3-mile round-trip hike from the park highway (pg 9).

Cold Boiling Lake is a dying hydrothermal area that is better described as a cool, bubbling lake. Get there via an easy, short hike from the park highway (pg 9).

The more remote **Devils Kitchen, Boiling Springs Lake**, and **Terminal Geyser** (not a true geyser, but a spring flowing over a steam vent) include features similar to Bumpass Hell in a wilderness setting. Hike there from the Warner Valley Trailhead (pg 8).

You can often see steam rising in Little Hot Springs Valley and below Pilot Pinnacle from overlooks along the park highway in the Southwest Area. There are no trails to these areas.

Don't Get Burned

For your safety, stay on established boardwalks and trails.

Ground in hydrothermal areas can look solid but may actually be a thin crust hiding pools of acidic, boiling water or mud. Visitors have been severely injured traveling off-trail in park hydrothermal areas.









Hiking



There are over 150 miles of trails in Lassen Volcanic and each one offers its own reward. Below is a selection of day hikes in the park. Information about additional trails including backpacking routes is available at park visitor centers.

*Elevation change is the difference from beginning and ending elevation and is not a cumulative total of gain or loss.

Average Level of Difficulty: Easy ● Moderate ●● Moderately Strenuous ●●● Strenuous ●●●●


Manzanita and Summit Lakes Area	Level of Difficulty	Round-trip Distance (mi)	Elevation Change (ft)*
Echo Lake Trail climbs through forest and woodland before arriving at Echo Lake; offers spectacular views of Lassen Peak. Trailhead 1/2 mile north of North Summit Lake campground.	●●	4.4	416
Paradise Meadow  Trail follows a creek up a narrow ravine and ends at a meadow lined by talus cliffs. Trailhead across highway from Hat Creek Meadow.	●●	2.8	700
Devastated Area Interpretive Trail   Accessible path with signs about the effects of the 1915 Lassen Peak eruption. Excellent for families or those unable to take longer trails. Trailhead at Devastated parking area.	●	0.5	0
Lily Pond Nature Trail  Easy trail skirts Reflection Lake and a lily pond. A trail brochure and corresponding posts highlight the plants and trees in the area. Trailhead across from the Loomis Museum.	●	0.6	0
Manzanita Creek Trail climbs gently through firs and pines; switchbacks to a meadow alongside Manzanita Creek; then ends in a meadow with views of Eagle Peak, Vulcan's Castle and Loomis Peak. Trailhead at end of Manzanita Lake Campground road.	●●	7.0	1,110
Manzanita Lake Easy, mostly flat trail wraps around Manzanita Lake. Superb views of Lassen Peak and Chaos Crags. Great for birdwatchers, wildflower enthusiasts, and families. You can pick up this loop trail from the boat launch area or behind the Loomis Museum.	●	1.5	0
Chaos Crags and Crags Lake Climbs gently through forest along thinly forested edge of Chaos Jumbles. The trail continues down a steep path to the lake which is often dry in the summer. Trailhead 0.1 miles after turnoff to Manzanita Lake Campground.	●●	4.0	850

Butte Lake Area			
Cinder Cone   Exposed path of sand-like loose cinders skirts the Fantastic Lava Beds and the Painted Dunes before climbing steeply to the summit with spectacular views of Lassen Peak and the eastern park. Trailhead to the right of Butte Lake boat ramp.	●●●●	4.0	846

Warner Valley Area			
All trails below begin from trailhead across from Warner Valley Campground			
Devils Kitchen Trail gradually crosses through meadow and forest to a circuit that winds through mudpots, steam vents, fumaroles, and milky Hot Springs Creek.	●●	4.2	440
Boiling Springs Lake  Trail climbs gradually through meadow and forest to the lake. Steam vents under the lake keep the water around 125 degrees. Good wildflowers and bird viewing.	●	1.8	300
Terminal Geyser  Continues from Boiling Springs then follows the Pacific Crest Trail. Drops steeply to a clearing where a stream runs over a steam vent (not a true geyser).	●●	5.8	610

 Self-guided Interpretive Trail

 Wheelchair Accessible Trail

 Parking limited; arrive early or visit on weekdays




No Pets on Trails

To protect park wildlife and your pet, pets are not permitted on hiking trails or in any body of water (including in a carrier). Learn more on page 14.

Explore Safely

Your Safety is Your Responsibility

- Bring water
- Wear sturdy boots
- Bring extra food
- Pack a map and compass
- Check the weather forecast
- Carry extra layers for warmth
- Tell someone where you are going and when you will return
- Stay on trails or boardwalks in hydrothermal areas** (pg 7)

Southwest Area	Level of Difficulty	Round-trip Distance (mi)	Elevation Change (ft)*
Brokeoff Mountain Mostly steep, forested trail climbs to the shoulder and then to the top of Brokeoff, providing excellent panoramic views of the park and surrounding area. Trailhead ¼ mi south of SW entrance.	●●●●	7.4	2,600
Mill Creek Falls Rises and falls through the red fir forest to an overlook of the falls. Continue across the creek to reach the top of the falls. Trailhead behind Kohm Yah-mah-nee Amphitheater.	●●●	3.6	307
Ridge Lakes Steep trail climbs up a ridge and then through a ravine to Ridge Lakes nestled in a basin between Brokeoff Mountain and Mt. Diller. Trailhead at Sulphur Works parking area.	●●●●	2.0	1,045
Bumpass Hell Trail   This trail is wide and relatively flat to the Bumpass Hell basin overlook. From the overlook, the trail descends 300 feet into the basin where hikers can explore the hydrothermal features from a boardwalk. Trailhead in Bumpass Hell parking area; parking is very limited.	●●	2.6	300
Lassen Peak  Exposed, steep trail of loose rock switchbacks up a ridge to the peak. Great views along the trail and superb panoramic views from the top. Trailhead at Lassen Peak parking area.	●●●●	4.8	1,957
Cold Boiling Lake Easy trail passes through forest and meadow to this bubbling lake in an alpine basin. Tiny gas bubbles escape Lassen's hydrothermal system below making it appear to be boiling. Trailhead at Kings Creek Picnic Area; parking is very limited.	●	1.4	40
Kings Creek Falls  Trail crosses through Kings Creek Meadows and forests before dropping steeply down to the cascades and falls. Trailhead 1 mile north of Kings Creek Picnic Area.	●●	3.0	500
Terrace, Shadow, and Cliff Lakes  Rocky trail through the basin between Reading Peak and Lassen Peak. Lakes offer good swimming. Trailhead halfway between Lassen Peak parking area and Kings Creek Meadow.	●●●	3.4	700

Juniper Lake Area			
Mount Harkness Climbs through forest and open woodland to the peak. A staffed fire lookout and panoramic views are found at the top. Trailhead adjacent to Juniper Lake Campground.	●●●●	3.8	1,246
Crystal Lake Short ascent winds through forest to this small tarn in a rocky basin. Trailhead 0.3 miles north of Juniper Lake Campground.	●	0.8	380
Inspiration Point Climbs through forest, meadow patches, and a sunny bench section. The summit rewards hikers with stunning views of Lassen, Prospect Peak, Cinder Cone, and Mount Harkness. Trailhead 50 feet east of Juniper Lake picnic area parking.	●●	1.4	400
Horseshoe Lake Easy trail climbs gently to a saddle between Juniper and Horseshoe Lakes. Good fishing. Trailhead at Juniper Lake picnic area.	●	2.8	240

 Indicates a National Trail or part of one

Camping

Lassen Volcanic contains eight campgrounds. Juniper Lake and Southwest Walk-in are first-come, first-served only. The other six campgrounds offer both reservation and first-come, first-served sites. However, this summer Manzanita and Summit Lake Campgrounds will be reservation-only after 6/30. Group campsites are available within three campgrounds and Lost Creek Group. Campsites fill by Friday afternoon on holiday weekends; Manzanita Lake, Summit Lake, and Juniper Lake are generally the first to fill.

First-Come, First-Served Sites

You may obtain a campsite without a reservation at: Juniper, Southwest Walk-in, Butte Lake, and Warner Valley Campgrounds. You cannot reserve these sites and they can fill up. You may not hold a site for someone who has not arrived.

Reservable Sites

Sites may be reserved in advance at Warner Valley, Manzanita Lake, and Summit Lake Campgrounds. Reservations are required for Manzanita and Summit Lake after 6/30 and for all group sites. For reservations call (877) 444-6777 or visit www.recreation.gov. Warner Valley Campground reservations available at (877) 622-0221.

Campsite Payment

Checks and credit cards are preferred for campsite payment. Please limit cash transactions to reduce risk during COVID-19 response.

Manzanita Lake Camping Cabins

Twenty rustic cabins are located adjacent to the Manzanita Lake Campground. Learn more on pg 5.

Discounts

Holders of Senior and Access passes receive a 50% discount on dump station and camping fees, except for group campsites.

Services and Dump Station

In-park services including pay showers, laundry, and a dump station (\$8) are available near the Manzanita Lake Campground. There are no hookups in the park.

Camping in Vehicles

Camping in self-contained vehicles is allowed in the Southwest parking area with campground payment (a campsite is not required). Camping or overnight vehicle parking in pullouts, parking areas, picnic grounds, or any place other than a designated campground is not permitted.

Campground	Elevation	# Sites	Season	Daily Fee	Accessible	Flush Toilets	Vault Toilets	Services	Boat Launch	Reservable	RV Sites
Butte Lake	6100'	101		\$22	•	•	•		•	•	•
Group sites		6	View status of campgrounds outside the Loomis Museum and Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center and online at go.nps.gov/lavo/camp .	\$62		•	•		•	○	•
Juniper Lake	6800'	18		\$12			•		•		
Group sites		2		\$32			•		•	○	
Lost Creek Group	5900'	8		\$62			•			○	•
Manzanita Lake	5900'	179		\$26	•	•	•	•	•	*	•
Group sites		4		\$72						○	
Summit Lake North	7000'	46		\$24	•	•				*	•
Summit Lake South	7000'	48		\$22			•			*	•
Southwest Walk-In	6700'	20		\$16		•	•				
Warner Valley	5600'	17		\$16			•			•	

○ Reservation required *Reservation required after 6/30



Campground Regulations

- Check-in any time, but sites may not be available until noon. Check-out time is noon.
- A maximum of two vehicles are allowed at each campsite, except at designated group sites. An RV, tow vehicle, trailer, car, or truck each count as one vehicle.
- Campsite capacity is limited to six persons and three tents.
- Group campsite capacity is 25 persons per site. Group campsites at Juniper Lake are restricted to tents with a maximum of 15 persons per site.
- Quiet hours are 10 pm - 6 am.
- Generator hours are 8 - 10 am, 12 - 2 pm, and 5 - 7 pm. Please be considerate of your fellow campers.
- Camping is limited to 14 days per year, per campground. Summit and Juniper Lakes are limited to 7 days per year.

Campfires

Open fires are restricted to metal fire rings within designated campgrounds only. **Attend to campfires at all times and ensure your campfire is out cold before you leave.** Gather only dead and down wood less than 4 inches in diameter and within 30 feet of roadways. Wood is available for purchase at the gift shop in the Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center and at the Manzanita Lake Camper Store. Help prevent the spread of invasive insects and diseases by buying or collecting firewood where you camp. Learn more at dontmovefirewood.org.

Camping Outside the Park

Numerous campgrounds are available in the surrounding Lassen National Forest. The Almanor Ranger District includes campgrounds along the southern boundary of the park. The Hat Creek Ranger District includes campgrounds along the northern boundary of the park. Dispersed camping (outside of designated campgrounds) is also permitted within Lassen National Forest. Learn more at fs.usda.gov/activity/lassen/recreation/camping-cabins.



Backpacking Permit Required

A free permit is required for overnight camping outside of designated campgrounds. Permits are available at Loomis Museum and the Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center. Self-registration is available after hours at the above locations and at the Juniper Lake, Butte Lake, and Warner Valley Ranger Stations.

Leave No Trace

Help keep Lassen Wild by observing Leave No Trace principles. Help protect water, wildlife, and wilderness by: camping at least 200 feet (about 70 big steps) from water, 300 feet from other groups, and 1/2 mile from any developed area. Pack out what you pack in (including toilet paper), and do not construct improvements such as windbreaks, rock seats, etc.



Protect Yourself and the Park

To reduce the risk of human-caused wildfire, campfires are not allowed anywhere in the backcountry. Gas stoves are permitted. Filter or treat all drinking water; Giardia has been found in park surface waters.

Bear Resistant Food Storage Required

Backcountry users must use a container certified by the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee* to store food and scented items. This regulation is in response to increased negative bear-human interactions in the park.

*View a list of NPS approved containers at go.nps.gov/lavo/backpacking

Stock Use

Travel with stock is limited to day use only. A free permit is required and may be obtained at the Loomis Museum and Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center; and outside the Juniper Lake, Butte Lake, and Warner Valley Ranger Stations.

Three stock corrals are available for overnight use: Butte Lake (\$37), Summit Lake (\$37), and Juniper Lake (\$32). Potable water is not available at Juniper or Summit Lake Stock Corrals. Reservations are required; call 1-877-444-6777 or visit recreation.gov.

For Kids & Families

The following activities and destinations are particularly suited to young children and their families. The Manzanita Lake Area is the most popular destination for families who enjoy the large, adjacent campground; proximity to easy hiking trails; and selection of ranger-led activities. Summit Lake, Butte Lake, and Warner Valley areas also offer good family-friendly camping and recreation opportunities.

Facilities

Kids and adults alike enjoy the exhibits inside the Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center and Loomis Museum. Lassen Association bookstores inside both visitor centers offer educational materials including activity books, guidebooks, and more. Gift shops inside the Manzanita Lake Camper Store and Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center offer souvenirs and treasures for little ones. The soft-serve ice cream cones offered at both locations are especially popular on hot days.

Hiking Trails

Young and new hikers alike tend to enjoy trails with shorter distances, gentler terrain, or limited elevation change. Look for hikes with easy to moderate difficulty in the day hikes list on pages 8 and 9. Not listed is a short half-mile loop around Reflection Lake. This route (not a defined trail in all sections) offers fantastic views of Lassen Peak and Chaos Crags and is a shorter alternative to the 1.8-mile Manzanita Lake loop. Just outside the park, Subway Cave trail (pg 7) offers an unforgettable hike through a lava tube.

Other Activities

You can enjoy **swimming and water play** in any park lake, but not in hydrothermal areas (pg 7). Manzanita, Summit, and Emerald lakes offer the shallowest and warmest water.

Take a **nature walk** and explore the park your own way. Choose a pullout off the park highway or start walking from your campsite and explore! Let your young adventurer lead the way as you listen for birds, look for wildlife, smell the wildflowers, and touch and feel nature's textures.



Become a Junior Ranger

Age 4 and Younger

Our youngest explorers are welcome to participate in our Chipmunk Club. Kids can learn more about wildlife in the park and earn a Chipmunk Club sticker. Pick up a Chipmunk Club card at the Loomis Museum or Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center.



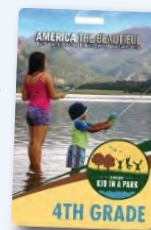
Ages 5 to 18

Complete the Junior Ranger activity booklet or participate in a Junior Ranger program to earn a Lassen Junior Ranger badge. Pick up a Junior Ranger activity booklet at the Loomis Museum or Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center and then choose from a variety of activities while learning more about Lassen Volcanic National Park.



Free Parks Pass for Fourth Graders

Get and print your pass at everykidoutdoors.gov. Use your printed pass or trade it in for a pass card for free entrance for you and your family to all federal lands and waters through August 31.



Volcano Adventure Camp

Lassen's designated youth-camping facility, Volcano Adventure Camp, supports low-cost group camping experiences by reducing the amount of equipment required and providing necessary amenities for first-time campers. Learn more at go.nps.gov/VAC.



Recreate Responsibly

Stay Safe in Your National Park

The National Park Service encourages all visitors to make smart decisions and follow Center for Disease Control guidance to help reduce the spread of COVID-19:



Practice social distancing. Maintain at least 6 feet (1.8 meters) of distance between you and others.



Wear a face covering when social distancing cannot be maintained.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze (not with your hands).



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Most importantly, please return home and stay at home if you feel sick.

Responding to COVID-19

Lassen Volcanic National Park continues to follow the latest Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance for risk assessment and disease prevention and protection of public spaces and workplaces. The safety and health of National Park Service (NPS) employees, visitors, partners, volunteers and resources remains our top priority, which is why we have been making significant operational changes in response to the coronavirus outbreak. Learn more about NPS response at [nps.gov/aboutus/news/public-health-update.htm](https://www.nps.gov/aboutus/news/public-health-update.htm)

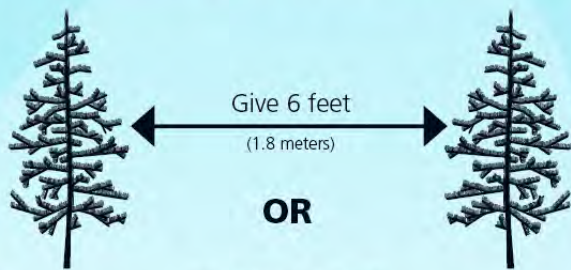
Be Prepared for Modifications to Services and Facilities

Access to and availability of park services and facilities may be impacted by COVID-19 response. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we continually adapt and modify operations for the safety of both staff and visitors.

Find current information about services and facilities outside the Loomis Museum and Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center or online at [go.nps.gov/lavo/current](https://www.nps.gov/lavo/current).

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Lassen Volcanic National Park Edition



OR

12 American Pikas



2 Sierra Nevada Red Foxes



0.87 Sulphur Works mudpots



Supporting Your Park

The **Lassen Park Foundation** provides support to preserve and interpret the special natural and cultural resources of Lassen Volcanic National Park and its environs for future generations. **Become a Friend of Lassen** by: contributing to the Lassen Park Foundation (donations are tax-deductible) or participating in fundraising events like the annual Discover Lassen event (cancelled in 2020).



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Lassen Association stores offer books, maps, and educational gift items about the natural and cultural history of Lassen. **All profits benefit the park** and support efforts such as:

- Art programs
- Reach Higher Trail Challenge
- Dark Sky Festival
- Junior Ranger Program

Become a member today and support your national park.



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Protect Yourself—Protect the Park



Golden-mantled squirrel on Brokeoff Mountain



Visitors with pets at Sulphur Works



A black bear cub in a campsite

Pets in the Park

Dogs and other pets are welcome anywhere a car can go and in designated campsites. Pets must be leashed at all times and are not permitted on trails/routes (including in a carrier) or inside visitor centers or other facilities.

Pets are permitted in most areas of the surrounding Lassen National Forest. Discover nearby areas to take your pet at go.nps.gov/lavo/pets.

Why Are Dogs Limited to Paved Areas?

All dogs leave behind a territorial scent that disrupts the behavior of native animals like the Sierra Nevada red fox.

Dogs are predators that could chase, scare, kill, and transmit diseases to wild animals. Additionally, wild animals can transmit diseases including bubonic plague to pets as well as humans.

Lassen's Own Red Fox

Once found throughout the Sierra Nevada and Southern Cascade mountain ranges, the Sierra Nevada red fox is now one of the rarest mammals in California.

Ongoing research has identified 20 individuals in and around Lassen Volcanic Park, making it the largest known Sierra Nevada red fox population.



You can help foster Lassen's native red fox by:

- Reporting red fox observations in the Lassen area (above 2,500 feet elevation).
- Keeping your dog off park trails and on a leash in permitted areas and encouraging fellow visitors to do so.
- Picking up trash and disposing of garbage properly.

Learn more or report a sighting at go.nps.gov/lavo/SNRF

Keep Wild Animals Wild

Never Feed Wildlife

Your choices improve your safety and theirs.



Bad for Wildlife:

- Wildlife that has been fed can become dependent on people and forget how to forage for food on their own.
- Wild animals can become unhealthy or die from eating human food instead of their natural food.
- Fed animals hang around parking lots and roads and could be hit and killed by cars.
- Animals that are fed can become nuisances or aggressive and may have to be relocated or euthanized.

Bad for You:

- Small rodents and birds can and will bite the hand that feeds them, transmitting a variety of diseases.
- Animals may carry rabies and you will have to get shots if bitten.
- Larger animals, such as deer, have been known to buck or kick suddenly and cause serious injuries.
- Wildlife may carry diseases that your pets are not protected from.

Store Food Properly

Allowing wild animals to obtain human food often results in aggressive behavior. Aggressive wildlife are a threat to human safety and must be relocated, or more likely, euthanized.

In campgrounds and cabins: store your food and scented items in food lockers. Only have the food out that you are actually using; if you are not using it, please put it back into the food locker.

In picnic areas and on the trail: always keep your food within arm's reach and do not turn your back on your food. Never leave food unattended.



A black bear and cub in pinemat Manzanita



Lake Helen and Brokeoff Mountain



Shasta lily (*Lilium pardalinum ssp. shastense*)

Be Prepared

Call 911 In Case of Emergency

If phone service is not available, contact a park employee or go to a visitor center.

Effects of High Elevation

Hiking at high elevation can aggravate pre-existing medical conditions. Carry plenty of water, take breaks often, and do not exceed your abilities. 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.

Bear Safety

Black bear sightings in the park occur occasionally. Human-bear encounters are much rarer. Avoid potential bear encounters on trails by making noise when vegetation or terrain limits visibility, especially near water. **If you encounter a bear do not run.** Keep out of sight and detour behind or downwind of the bear if possible. If the bear notices you: pick up small children, stay in a group, and slowly back away. Do not drop your pack, this teaches bears how to obtain human food and can result in the death of a bear.

Sunrise and Sunset

Data for the Manzanita Lake Area

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Month	Average High/Low
5/15	5:49 am	8:16 pm	May	70/29 °F
6/15	5:35 am	8:38 pm	June	79/34 °F
7/15	5:48 am	8:35 pm	July	84/40 °F
8/15	6:16 am	8:03 pm	August	85/40 °F
9/15	6:46 am	7:15 pm	September	78/36 °F
10/15	7:17 am	6:26 pm	October	69/30 °F

Weather

With elevations from 5,650 feet to 10,457 feet, a wide variety of weather conditions occur in Lassen Volcanic. Expect a 5° temperature decrease for every 1,000-foot increase in elevation. Prepare for your visit; bring layered clothing, a raincoat, hat, and sunscreen.

Tread Lightly

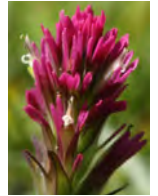
Wildflowers Grow By the Inch and Die By the Foot

Lassen needs your help fostering wildflower populations like the rare Lassen Paintbrush. You can both enjoy wildflowers and protect them by choosing to:

- Stay on established trails
- Rest or picnic on hard surfaces
- Leave wildflowers for others to enjoy
- Enjoy flowers in fragile wet areas near meadows, lakes, and creeks from afar



Lemmon's Paintbrush
Castilleja lemmonii



Lassen Paintbrush
Castilleja lasseanensis

The delicate Lassen Paintbrush is impacted by trampling, especially in the Kings Creek area. **Just four to six steps on average can kill a plant.** Certain floral characteristics and genetic evidence suggest this flower is its own distinct species. Its distribution is likely limited to Lassen Volcanic and its immediate surroundings.

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.



Firearms

Visitors are responsible for understanding and complying with all applicable State of California, local, and federal firearm laws. Federal law prohibits firearms in certain facilities in this park identified by posted signs at public entrances. For more information, visit oag.ca.gov/firearms.

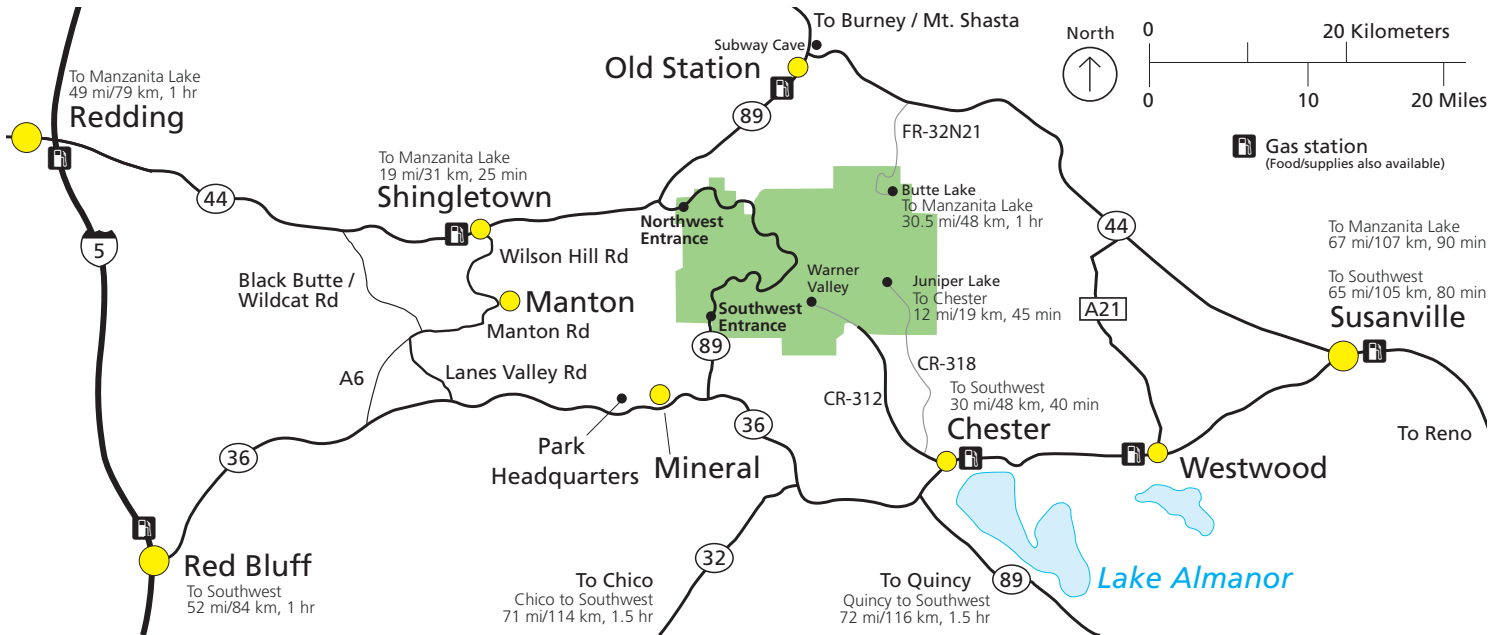
Don't Get Burned

For your safety, stay on established boardwalks and trails. Ground in hydrothermal areas can look solid but may actually be a thin crust hiding acidic, boiling water or mud. Visitors have been severely injured traveling off-trail in park hydrothermal areas.

Getting Around

Lassen Volcanic National Park Highway (a 30-mile section of SR-89) connects the northwest and southwest entrances to the park. The Butte Lake, Warner Valley, and Juniper Lake Areas are accessed by separate entrances in the northeast and southeast corners of the park.

The park highway closes to through traffic for the winter snow season (approximately November to May). The highway opens to through traffic when spring road clearing operations are complete. Directions for travel around the park are listed below.



Abbreviations: Miles (mi) | State Route (SR) | County Road (CR) | Forest Road (FR)

Western Route around the Park 1hr 45min
Shortest route around the park. Windy road; not recommended for RVs and trailers.

1. From the Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center, head south on SR-89 for 6 mi.
2. Turn right (west) on SR-36. Continue for 23 mi.
3. Turn right (north) onto Lanes Valley Road. A large road sign on the north side of the highway marks the turnoff approximately 1 mi before the town of Paynes Creek. Continue for 7 mi.
4. Turn right onto Manton Road (CR-A6). Continue for 7 mi.
5. In Manton, turn left onto Wilson Hill Road. Continue for 1.5 mi.
6. Turn left to stay on Wilson Hill Road. Continue for 6 mi.
7. Turn right (east) onto SR-44. Continue for 17 mi.
8. Turn right (south) into the park.

Eastern Route around the Park 2 hrs
Fewer curves than western route; best for RVs and trailers.

1. From the Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center, head south on Lassen National Park Highway (SR-89) for 6 mi.
2. Turn left (east) on SR-36. Continue 38 miles.
3. Turn left (north) on CR-A21/Mooney Road located in the town of Westwood.
4. Continue for 18 miles. Turn left (west) onto SR-44. Continue for 28 mi.
5. Turn left (west) onto SR-44/89. Continue for 13.5 mi.
6. Turn left (south) into the park.

Butte Lake Area

The road to Butte Lake is gravel and passable by most vehicles.

1. From the Manzanita Lake Entrance, follow SR-89 east 13.5 mi to the SR-44/89 junction in Old Station.
2. Turn right to follow SR-44 and continue 11 mi.
3. Turn south onto Butte Lake Road (FR-32N21). Look for signs indicating Butte Lake Campground.
4. Continue 6 mi to the Butte Lake Campground and day use area.

Warner Valley/Juniper Lake

The roads to the Warner Valley and Juniper Lake areas are partly gravel and are not recommended for trailers.

1. From CA-36 in Chester, turn onto Feather River Road (on the east side of the bridge).

To Warner Valley

2. Continue a half mile and veer left onto CR-312.
3. Continue 4 miles and veer right to stay on CR-312. Follow signs to Drakesbad.
4. Continue 12.5 miles to Warner Valley Campground and Day Use Area.

To Juniper Lake

2. Continue a half mile and veer right onto CR-318.
3. Continue 13 miles to Juniper Lake campground.
4. Continue an additional half mile to the day use area.