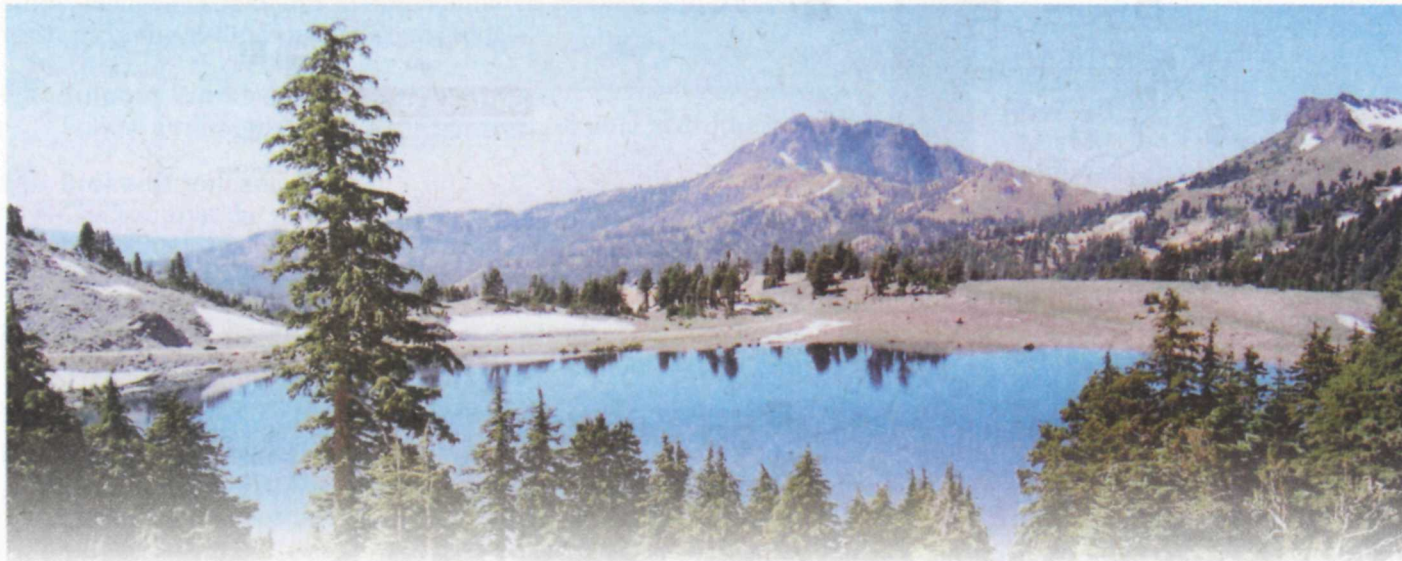


Lassen Volcanic Guide

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Explore Your Park

Half-Day

Enjoy several Highway Highlights (pg 3). Stop along the 30-mile (48 km) highway that connects the northwest and southwest entrances.

Listen to the sounds and smells. Walk the paved sidewalk at Sulphur Works Hydrothermal area (pg 3).

Walk a short trail. Follow the Devastated Area Interpretive Trail (pg 10). Uncover the dramatic story of the 1914–1915 Lassen Peak eruptions.

Have a picnic (pg 6). Pick up supplies at the Manzanita Lake Camper Store or Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center (pg 4).

One Day

See colorful wildflowers (pg 6). Enjoy blooms from May through September in meadows and valleys, and along waterways.

Take a hike (pg 10–11). Choose at least one hike in the Southwest or Manzanita Lake areas. Parking fills up fast at trailheads. Consider arriving early or going mid-week.

Attend a ranger-led program (pg 6). Daily offerings are posted outside the Loomis Museum and Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center. Earn a Junior Ranger badge!

Cast a fishing line (pg 6). Visit one of the park's many lakes.

Two or More Days

Get a view. Climb Cinder Cone to see the Painted Dunes and Fantastic Lava Beds in the Butte Lake Area (pg 10).

Marvel at the night sky. See the Milky Way (pg 6) from one of eight campgrounds in the park.

Go boating on a mountain lake. (pg 6). Bring your own non-motorized watercraft to use on park lakes or rent a one at Manzanita Lake.

Plan a backpack trip. Explore remote areas of the park. Permit required. Purchase a permit at [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) (pg 13). View map with driving directions on back page.

Stay Alert in Burned Areas

Learn about the 2021 Dixie Fire (pg 9). Remain safe by following posted guidance in fire recovery areas. View current information at the Loomis Museum and Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center or [go.nps.gov/lavo/conditions](https://www.go.nps.gov/lavo/conditions).



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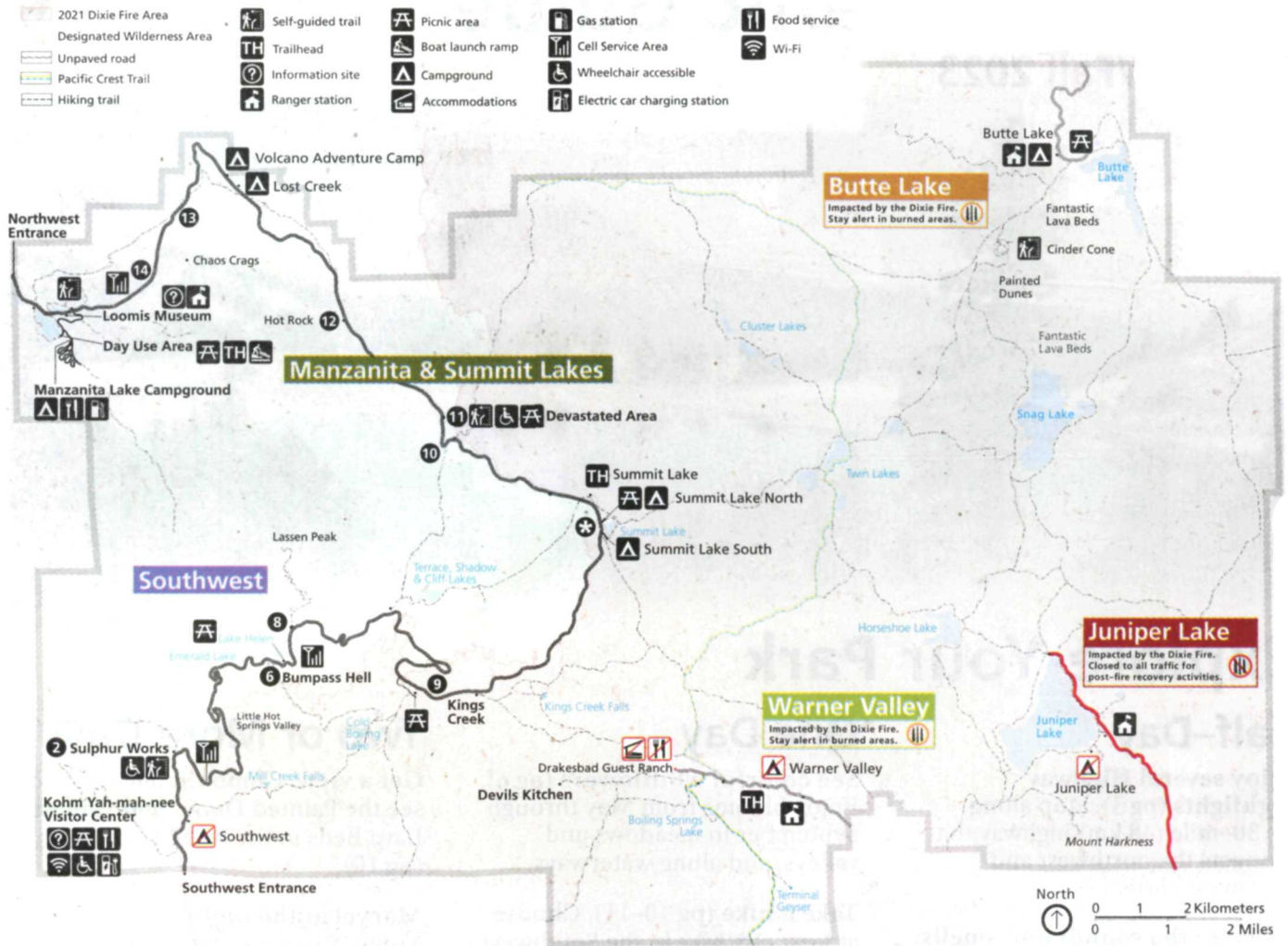
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Places to Go



Getting Around

An area map on page 16 includes distances, travel times and directions to surrounding 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 ft (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 are located 12 miles (19 km) southeast of Manzanita Lake.

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.

WW Warner Valley Area 5600 ft (1707 m) elevation
This narrow valley was heavily impacted by the 2021 Dixie Fire. View the status and conditions of facilities and trails outside park visitor centers or online at go.nps.gov/lavo/conditions. Plan a 90-minute drive time from the Southwest Entrance.

JL Juniper Lake Area 6790 ft (2070 m) elevation
This remote, high-elevation landscape was heavily impacted by the Dixie Fire. **Closed to all traffic for post-fire recovery activities.** View current conditions outside park visitor centers or at go.nps.gov/lavo/conditions.

Highway Highlights

The 30-mile (48 km) Lassen Volcanic National Park Highway connects the two entrances of the park. Plan for an hour drive-time without stops. Highway Highlights match numbered markers and correspond to stops in the audio tour and road guide.



- 2 Sulphur Works**
Follow a sidewalk to the park's most accessible hydrothermal area.
- 6 Brokeoff Volcano Vista**
Can you spot the rim of the former Brokeoff Volcano in the remnant peaks that surround you? 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 (2,594 m).
- 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**
Enjoy a picnic, walk, or swim along the north and west shores of Summit Lake. Parking is available in pullouts outside the North Summit Lake Campground entrance.
- 10 Hat Creek**
Do not 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, self-guided walk.
- 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 Sunflower Flat, Nobles Emigrant Trail**
Step foot on a spur of the California National Historic Trail.
- 14 Chaos Crags and Jumbles Scenic Pull-out**
Imagine a rock slide racing nearly 100 miles (161 km) an hour down the slopes of this group of dome volcanoes.

Roadside Audio Tour

Learn as you drive the park highway. Download and listen through the NPS Mobile App, the Lassen Audio Tours podcast, or MP3 files from go.nps.gov/lavo/audio. Play tour backward if starting from the northwest entrance.

Printed Road Guide

The printed guide *Lassen Volcanic National Park: Auto Tours, Trips, and Trails* offers a more in-depth auto tour.

Purchase an audio tour CD or the printed road guide at park stores or at lassenassociation.org.

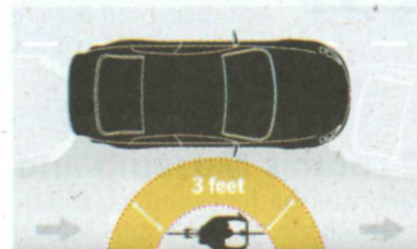
Drive with Care

- Protect wildlife by following posted speed limits.
- Use pullouts to enjoy the view.
- Pull over if taking your time; there are no passing lanes in the park.



Give 3 Feet (0.9 m) to Bicyclists


California law requires drivers give 3 feet (0.9 m) as they pass bicyclists on the road. Treat the bicyclist as you would a vehicle in front of you. Wait to pass until you can give 3 feet (0.9 m).



NPS Mobile App

The NPS App is the new official app for the National Park Service with tools to explore more than 400 national parks nationwide. Download at go.nps.gov/app.

Save Lassen Volcanic for Offline

Once you have downloaded the app, toggle the button  on the Lassen Volcanic homepage to save for offline use. Internet access is extremely limited in the park.

Services & Facilities



Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center



Loomis Museum



Manzanita Lake Camper Store

Most services and facilities are accessible daily, as staffing allows, between June and September. Fall hours and seasonal closures begin mid-October.

SW Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center

Explore exhibits, purchase souvenirs, or enjoy a meal at this year-round visitor center. The 20-minute park film plays on the hour and half hour.

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

Wi-Fi

Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center provides free Wi-Fi. Connect to *NPS Visitor WiFi* by opening a browser and agreeing to terms of use. Limited bandwidth during the summer months. Busy times may lead to slow or unavailable service.



Electric Vehicle Charging Station

Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center parking area has two level 2 electric vehicle charging stations (pg 2). Payment only accepted through the free Liberty Hydra app. Move your vehicle when it has completed charging. Learn more at go.nps.gov/lavo/transport.

ML Loomis Museum and House

Park information, exhibits, and the 20-minute park film are available at the Loomis Museum. Find educational items at the Lassen Association store inside the Loomis House.

ML Manzanita Lake Camper Store

Located at the Manzanita Lake Campground, the store offers camping supplies, gifts, hot and cold food, gasoline, showers, and laundry. The Camper Store has an ATM inside.

Services

Use coin-operated showers and laundry machines. The laundry room has a change machine.

Purchase unleaded gas behind the store with a credit card 24 hours a day. **No gas available within 30 miles (48 km) of the Southwest Entrance.**

Use the dump station on Manzanita Lake Campground Road from May 19–October 10. Fee is \$8. Those with Senior and Access passes get a 50 percent discount.

ML Lassen Crossroads

This open-air pavilion offers large vehicle parking. Visitors use it for carpooling into the park. Open daily between 7 am and 3 pm and gated at all other times.

Lodging

Many communities around the park have lodging available (see map on pg 16).

SW Drakesbad Guest Ranch

This historic ranch remains closed this season for repairs following the 2021 Dixie Fire.

ML Manzanita Lake Cabins

Call (530) 779-0307 or visit lassenlodging.com to reserve rustic, 1-room, 2-room, and bunk cabins. 20 cabins available. Check-in inside the Manzanita Lake Camper Store.

Lost and Found

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

Phones and Cell Service

The park and surrounding areas have limited cell service (AT&T and Verizon). See cell coverage spots on the map (pg 2). The Manzanita Lake Camper Store and the Loomis Museum have pay phones outside (payment by calling card only). The Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center also has an emergency phone in the 24-hour vestibule.

Entrance Fees

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

Lassen Volcanic no longer accepts cash. You must pay with credit card, debit card, or on a mobile app.

Use a self-registration pay station for entrance fees and campgrounds. The park encourages purchasing a Lassen 7-Day Entrance pass or Lassen Volcanic Annual pass through Recreation.gov prior to your visit.

Pass (valid for 1–7 days)

Vehicle Pass—\$30
Motorcycle Entry Pass—\$25
Individual Entry Pass—\$15

Annual Passes

Lassen Volcanic Annual (Multi-Park Pass)—\$55
Interagency Pass—\$80
Military Annual Pass—Free (in-person only)
4th Grade Pass—Free
Senior Annual Pass—\$20

Lifetime Passes

Access Pass—Free (in-person) or \$10 (by mail)
Senior Lifetime Pass—\$80 (in-person), \$90 (by mail), \$20 (one year)
Military Lifetime Pass—Free (in-person only)

Accessibility

Visitor centers and go.nps.gov/lavo/access have a complete list of accessible services and recreation opportunities.

Trails

Devastated Area Interpretive Trail (with audio description), Sulphur Works hydrothermal area, and Lassen Crossroads information area

Camping

Manzanita Lake, Summit Lake North, and Butte Lake Campgrounds have accessible campsites. Manzanita Lake also has accessible camping cabins.

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

Information about daily program offerings will be posted outside the Loomis Museum and Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center, when available.

Field Seminars

Delve into nature photography in a two-day workshop or take a guided hike with Lassen Volcanic hiking book author Tracy Salcedo. Reservations highly recommended. Course fees directly benefit the park. Learn more at go.nps.gov/lavo/seminar.

Hiking

Climb volcanoes, marvel at hydrothermal areas, hike to lakes, and so much more. Choose from a selection of easy to strenuous day hikes (pg 10–11).

Swimming

The high-elevation lakes offer a refreshing break from summer heat. Entering thermal waters is prohibited and extremely dangerous (pg 7). **Tread Lightly on lakeshores and wetlands.** Protect these sensitive habitats by staying on hard surfaces and off of flowers (pg 15).

Picnicking

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

Backpacking

Permit required. Obtain a backcountry permit online at recreation.gov. Visit go.nps.gov/lavo/backpacking for more information (pg 13). Experience the Lassen Volcanic Wilderness while hiking in the backcountry.

Wildflower Viewing

Blooms appear May through September in meadows and valleys, and along waterways. View a wildflower guide at go.nps.gov/lavo/flora or purchase one at Lassen Association stores (pg 4). Foster park wildflower populations like the Lassen Paintbrush. (pg 15).

Biking

Bikes allowed on roads and in 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 recommended only for experienced riders. Expect no shoulders or bike lanes. Road cyclists must ride single file. Pay attention to passing vehicles. Bicyclists may also use the gravel roads into Butte and Juniper Lake areas and Warner Valley road—13 miles (21 km) pavement then 3 miles (5 km) gravel. See map on page 16.

Boating

Boating is popular on Manzanita Lake, Butte Lake, Summit Lake. Juniper Lake is closed in 2023. Only non-motorized watercraft and floaties permitted. Put in and take out restricted to designated boat launches at Manzanita and Butte Lakes. **Watercraft 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. No pets allow on watercraft.

Fishing

2023 California free fishing days: 7/1 and 9/2

California fishing regulations apply to all areas within the park. A California license 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. Fishing in Manzanita Lake is limited to catch and release with artificial lures (no 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.

Stargazing

Enjoy Lassen's dark night skies anywhere in the park. Bumpass Hell and Devastated parking areas offer wide views of the sky. 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. Dress warmly and use red flashlights for the best experience. Your eyes will adjust to the darkness and stars will appear brighter.



Milky Way over Chaos Crags

Explore the Area

Subway Cave

This 0.75-mile (1.2 km), self-guided loop begins on top of a lava flow before descending into a lava tube. 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 (24 km)/20 min) to the trailhead in Lassen National Forest.

Burney Falls

The 129-foot (39 m) Burney Falls is the centerpiece of McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park. The waterfall and stream are fed by large springs commonly associated with areas covered by recent lava flows. The park is located 43 miles (69 km) north of the Northwest Entrance on SR-89 (55 min) and charges an entrance fee.

Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway

One of only 42 All American Roads in the nation, this 500-mile (805 km) 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.



Bumpass Hell Basin hydrothermal area

Hydrothermal Areas

Lassen Volcanic National Park contains eight hydrothermal (hot water) areas. Water heated by magma 3 miles (5 km) underground produces roaring fumaroles, thumping mudpots, boiling pools, and steaming ground. These features relate to active volcanism and indicate potential for further eruptions.

Sulphur Works—Accessed via a short, paved walk along the park highway, near the Southwest Entrance.

Bumpass Hell Basin—The largest hydrothermal area in the park at 16-acres (6.5 hectares). Hike a moderate, 3-mile (5 km) round-trip trail from the park highway (pg 11).

Cold Boiling Lake—Considered a dying hydrothermal area, but best described as a cool, bubbling lake. Get there via an easy, short hike from the park highway (pg 11).

Impacts from the 2021 Dixie Fire limit access to Devils Kitchen, Boiling Springs Lake, and Terminal Geyser.

Stop at overlooks along the park highway in the Southwest Area to see steam rising in Little Hot Springs Valley and below Pilot Pinnacle. Trails do not exist in these areas.

Do not Get Burned

Stay on established boardwalks and trails.

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



For Kids & Families

The Manzanita Lake, Summit Lake, Butte Lake, and Warner Valley areas offer family-friendly camping and recreation opportunities.

Facilities

- **Enjoy exhibits.** Step inside the Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center and Loomis Museum.
- **Discover fun activities.** Pick up activity books, guidebooks, and more at Lassen Association bookstores.
- **Purchase souvenirs.** Explore the gift shops inside the Manzanita Lake Camper Store and Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center.
- **Eat ice cream.** Buy a soft-serve cone from Manzanita Lake Camper Store or Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center

Hiking

- **Explore easy to moderate hikes.** Choose from the day hikes list on pages 10 and 11.
- **Enjoy a view.** Walk a short 0.5 mile (0.8 km) loop around Reflection Lake. This route offers views of Lassen Peak and Chaos Crags. Not a defined trail.
- **Take a nature walk.** Choose a pullout off the park highway or start walking from your campsite and explore.
- **Wander through a lava tube.** Hike the Subway Cave trail (pg 7) outside the park.

Other Activities

- **Splash in the water.** Swim in any park lake, but not in hydrothermal areas (pg 7).
- **Attend a ranger-led program.** Daily offerings posted outside the Loomis Museum and Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center.

Become a Junior Ranger

Age 4 and Younger

Participate in our Chipmunk Club. Kids learn 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 12

Complete the Junior Ranger book or participate in a Junior Ranger program to earn a Lassen Junior Ranger badge. Pick up a Junior Ranger book at the Loomis Museum or Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center

Ranger Tip: Plan enough time to return your book to a visitor center during business hours. The park does not mail badges.



Volcano Adventure Camp

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

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.



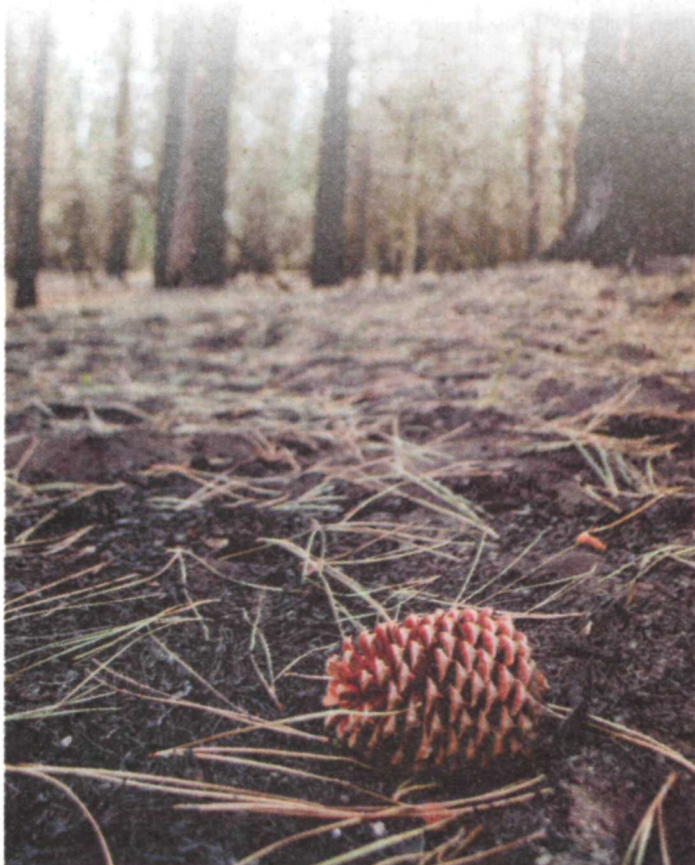
Dixie Fire Recovery

The Dixie Fire started July 13, 2021, 40 miles (64 km) southeast of Lassen Volcanic. Full containment occurred on October 26. The fire reached a total size of 963,309 acres (389,837 ha), making it the largest single fire in California history.

The park spent 30 years on fuel reduction. These efforts helped decrease burn severity during the fire. Because of this, natural patterns of wildfire will return in burned areas. Park fire management activities support regular cycles of smaller, natural wildfires. They contribute to forest health and reduce the risk of catastrophic fire.

Repair and rehabilitation work progressed in 2022. Restoration occurred at Kings Creek and Mill Creek Overlooks. Drakesbad and Summit Lake received new boardwalks. Park staff identified 4,000 hazard trees. Staff and Mooretown Rancheria removed over 2,500 trees. The park surveyed for invasive plants. They also stabilized roads, developed areas, and cultural sites. Plus, park staff assessed over 113 miles (182 km) of trail. Recovery efforts will continue throughout 2023.

Stay alert in burned areas. Remain safe by following posted guidance. View current information at the Loomis Museum and Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center or go.nps.gov/lavo/conditions.



The *Lassen Resilience* silkscreen print by Chico artist Jake Early features Lassen Peak and a mosaic of wildfire effects. Sales of the limited edition print benefit park Dixie Fire recovery and education efforts. Prints are available at park stores or at lassenassociation.org

Wildfire is one of many powerful forces that shape this park formed by volcanoes, carved by ice, and altered by hydrothermal activity. Lassen Volcanic is itself a story of resilience told through its continuous cycles of regeneration and renewal.

Thank You For Your Support

The **Lassen Park Foundation** provides support to preserve and interpret the special natural and cultural resources of Lassen Volcanic National Park and its environments 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.



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

Become a member today and support your national park.



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Hiking

Lassen Volcanic has over 150 miles (241 km) of trails and each one offers its own reward. Below is a selection of day hikes in the park. Park visitor centers have information about additional trails, including backpacking routes.

Which Trail is Right For You?

Choose a trail that fits the lowest level of fitness and ability within your group. Turn around if you feel tired or weak.

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



No Pets on Trails

Protect park wildlife and your pet. Leashed pets are permitted only in developed areas—roadways, parking lots, campgrounds, and picnic areas. Learn more on page 14.

Manzanita and Summit Lakes Area	Level of Difficulty	Round-trip Distance	Elevation Change *
Manzanita Lake Easy, mostly flat trail wraps around Manzanita Lake. Superb views of Lassen Peak and Chaos Crag. Great for birdwatchers, wildflower enthusiasts, and families. You can pick up this loop trail from the boat launch area or behind the Loomis Museum.	Easy	1.5 mi (2.4 km)	0 ft (0 m)
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.	Moderate	7.0 mi (11.2 km)	1,110 ft (338 m)
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.	Easy	0.6 mi (0.9 km)	0 ft (0 m)
Chaos Crag and Crag 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 (0.16 km) after turnoff to Manzanita Lake Campground.	Moderate	4.0 mi (6.4 km)	850 ft (259 m)
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.	Easy	0.5 mi (0.8 km)	0 ft (0 m)
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. Parking Limited.	Moderate	2.8 mi (4.5 km)	700 ft (213 m)
Summit Lake Loop Begin and end at the Summit Lake Ranger Station parking lot. Cross the boardwalk and follow the eastern edge of the lake. After 0.6 mi (1 km) use the right fork to circle back along the western shore of the lake, paralleling the Park Highway, to the trailhead.	Easy	1.8 mi (km)	0 ft (0 m)

Butte Lake Area	Level of Difficulty	Round-trip Distance	Elevation Change *
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. Follow established trail. Off-trail use prohibited. Trailhead to the right of Butte Lake boat ramp.	Strenuous	4.0 mi (6.4 km)	846 ft (258 m)
Butte Lake Shore This easy trail affords excellent views of Fantastic Lava Beds, Cinder Cone, and Prospect Peak. Glimpses of Lassen Peak are also visible from the east shore of Butte Lake. Return the way you came or make a small climb up Butte Creek to loop back past Bathtub Lake.	Easy	2.3 mi (3.7 km)	80 ft (24 m)

Prevent Injury—Explore Safely

Your Safety is Your Responsibility

- ✓ Bring water
- ✓ Wear sturdy boots
- ✓ Check the weather forecast
- ✓ Pack a map and compass
- ✓ Carry sun protection; dress in layers.
- ✓ Watch for altitude sickness (pg 14)
- ✓ Tell someone where you are going and when you will return
- ✓ Stay on trails or boardwalks in hydrothermal areas (pg 7)



 Indicates a National Trail or part of one

Southwest Area	Level of Difficulty	Round-trip Distance	Elevation Change*
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 0.25 mi (0.40 km) south of SW entrance.	Strenuous	7.4 mi (11.9 km)	2,600 ft (792 m)
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.	Strenuous	2.0 mi (3.2 km)	1,045 ft (319 m)
Bumpass Hell Trail  This trail is wide and relatively flat to the Bumpass Hell basin overlook. From the overlook, the trail descends 300 feet (91 m) into the basin where hikers can explore the hydrothermal features from a boardwalk. Trailhead in Bumpass Hell parking area. Parking limited. Trail does not open until free of snow and ice. Hiking prohibited prior to opening.	Moderate	2.6 mi (4.1 km)	300 ft (91 m)
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. Follow established trail. Off-trail use prohibited. Trailhead at Lassen Peak parking area.	Strenuous	4.8 mi (7.7 km)	1,957 ft (596 m)
Cold Boiling Lake Easy trail passes through forest and meadow to this dying hydrothermal area 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 limited.	Easy	1.4 mi (2.2 km)	40 ft (12 m)
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. Parking limited.	Moderately Strenuous	3.4 mi (5.5 km)	700 ft (213 m)
Kings Creek Falls Follow along Lower Kings Creek Meadow for 0.5 mi (0.8 km). Go left to begin the loop. Enjoy great vistas while descending to the falls. A fenced overlook provides a view of the 30-foot (9 m) waterfall. Park at Kings Creek Trailhead. Located in the Dixie Fire burn area.	Moderate	2.3 mi (3.7 km)	486 ft (148 m)

Stay Alert in Burned Areas

Remain safe by following posted guidance in fire recovery and repair areas.



Hazards in Burned Areas Include:

- Falling or fallen trees or limbs
- Hidden stump holes
- Loose or falling rock
- Undefined or unmarked trails
- Increased danger on windy or rainy days
- Higher than normal stream flow
- Unstable shorelines



Camping



Reservations

Reservations required. Reserve a site at [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) or call (877) 444-6777. Park staff cannot assist with reservations.

First-Come, First-Served

All Juniper Lake and Warner Valley campsites closed for post-fire repair. Opening dates to be determined. Butte Lake first-come, first-served September 5–October 5. No holding sites for late arrivals.

Dry Camping

No water available when dry camping is in effect. Water systems are turned off during the cold fall and winter months.

Camping in Vehicles

Camping in self-contained vehicles allowed in the Southwest parking area. Campers must pay for occupied parking spaces.

Payment

Pay by credit card only. Holders of Senior and Access passes receive a 50 percent discount on dump station and camping fees, except for group campsites.

Services

Use in-park services including pay showers, laundry, and a dump station (\$8) near the Manzanita Lake Campground (pg 4). No hookups available in the park.

Campfires

Attend to campfires at all times. Your campfire must be out cold before you leave. Open fires restricted to metal fire rings at designated campgrounds. Check campground bulletin boards for current fire restrictions.

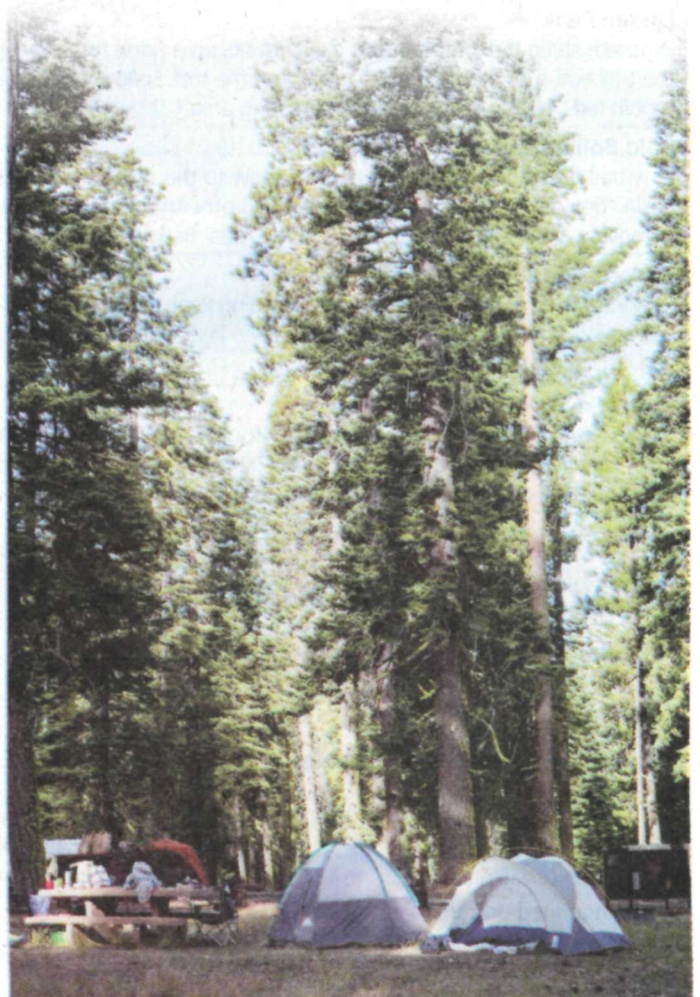
Gather only dead and down wood less than 4 inches (102 mm) in diameter and within 30 feet (9 m) of roadways. Purchase wood at the the Manzanita Lake Camper Store. Prevent the spread of invasive insects and diseases. Do not bring wood from outside areas.

Camping Outside the Park

No camping allowed outside of designated campgrounds, except if backpacking. Portions of Lassen National Forest allow dispersed camping. Lassen National Forest also contains multiple campgrounds north and south of the park.

Camping Regulations

- Check-in any time, but sites may not be available until noon. Check-out time is noon.
- A maximum of two vehicles per 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 closed in 2023.
- Quiet hours are 10 pm–6 am.
- Generator hours are 8–10 am, 12–2 pm, and 5–7 pm. Please be considerate of other campers.
- Camping is limited to 14 days per year, per campground. Summit Lake is limited to 7 days per year.
- No camping in pullouts, parking areas, or picnic grounds.





Campgrounds

Butte Lake 6100 ft (1859 m) elevation

- 101 sites, 6 group sites. Accessible. Flush and vault toilets, RV sites, water.
- **Reservable:** June 2–September 4, \$22 per night. Group sites \$62 per night.
- **First-come, first-served:** September 5–October 16, \$15 per night.

Juniper Lake 6800 ft (2073 m) elevation

- Closed for post-fire repair. Opening date to be determined.

Lost Creek Group 5900 ft (1798 m) elevation

- 8 sites. Vault toilets, RV sites, water.
- **Reservable:** June 9–September 18, \$62 per night.

Manzanita Lake 5900 ft (1798 m) elevation

- 179 sites, 4 group sites. Accessible. Flush and vault toilets, RV sites, water.
- **Reservable:** May 19–October 9, \$26 per night. Group sites May 19–June 26 and September 5–October 9, \$72 per night.
- **Loops C and D closed for maintenance after September 5.**
- **Campground fully closed October 10.**

Summit Lake North 7000 ft (2134 m) elevation

- 46 sites. Accessible. Flush and vault toilets, RV sites, water.
- **Reservable:** June 23–September 11, \$24 per night.

Summit Lake South 7000 ft (2134 m) elevation

- 48 sites. Vault toilets, RV sites, water.
- **Reservable:** June 23–September 11, \$22 per night and September 12–26, \$15 per night

Southwest Walk-In 6700 ft (2042 m) elevation

- Closed for post-fire repair. Opening date to be determined.

Warner Valley 5600 ft (1707 m) elevation

- Closed for post-fire repair. Opening date to be determined.



Backpacking

View current conditions outside the Loomis Museum or Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center.

Permit Required

Camping in the backcountry requires a permit. **All permits must be obtained through Recreation.gov.** Carry the permit with you. Display parking slip on vehicle dashboard.



Recreation.gov

Bear Resistant Food Storage Required

Backcountry users must use a container certified by the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee to store food and scented items. Canisters are available for rent in limited quantities at park stores in visitor centers.

Bears obtaining improperly stored food has and may result in park closures.



Leave No Trace

Observe Leave No Trace principles. Protect water, wildlife, and wilderness—camp at least 200 feet (61 m) from water, 300 feet (91 m) from other groups, and 1/2 mile (0.8 km) from developed areas. Pack it in, pack it out (including toilet paper). Do not construct improvements such as windbreaks, rock seats, etc.

Protect Yourself and the Park

No campfires in the backcountry. Gas stoves are permitted. Filter or treat all drinking water; Giardia has been found in park surface waters.

Stock Use

All trails within the Dixie Fire footprint are temporarily closed to stock use while rehabilitation efforts occur.

Travel with stock is limited to day use only. Permits may be required. Contact park for further information.

All stock corrals are closed for the season.

Stay Alert in Burned Areas



Protect Yourself—Protect the Park



Bear Safety & Stewardship



Black bear sightings in the park occur occasionally. Human–bear encounters are increasing as a result of bears obtaining improperly stored food from hikers or backpackers.

Be Bear Aware

- **Make noise when hiking.** Avoid potential bear encounters when vegetation or terrain limits visibility, especially near water.
- **Do not run.** If you encounter a bear, keep out of sight and detour behind or downwind if possible.
- **If a 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 its death.

Bear spray is not necessary or permitted in the park.

Stay with or Store Scented Stuff

Allowing wild animals to obtain human food often results in aggressive behavior. Aggressive wildlife threaten human safety and will most likely be euthanized.

Campgrounds and cabins—store your food and scented items in food lockers. Only have the food out that you are actually using, otherwise keep food in the food locker.

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 your pack unattended.

Backpacking—store food and scented items in a mandatory, bear-resistant container. Learn more on page 13.



Cute animals will bite.



Leashed pets are welcome on paved areas.

Keep Wild Animals Wild



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), in any body of water, or inside visitor centers or other facilities. Pets are permitted in most areas of the surrounding Lassen National Forest. Learn about 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 rare Sierra Nevada Red Fox. Dogs are predators that could chase, scare, kill, and transmit diseases to wild animals. Also, wild animals can transmit diseases including bubonic plague to pets as well as humans.



Protecting Lassen's Own Fox

The Sierra Nevada Red Fox is one of the rarest mammals in California. 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:

- Keeping your dog on a leash in permitted areas and encouraging other visitors to do so.
- Picking up trash and disposing of garbage properly.
- Reporting red fox observations in the Lassen area—above 2,500 feet (762 m) elevation. Learn more or report a sighting at go.nps.gov/lavo/SNRF.



Never Feed Wildlife

Feeding wild animals human food puts them at risk of becoming sick or dying. They may become dependent on humans and are more likely to get hit and killed by a car.

Animals can bite the hand that feeds them. They transmit a variety of diseases, including rabies. Larger animals, such as deer have been known to buck or kick suddenly and cause serious injuries.



Don't get burned by hydrothermal features.



Lake Helen and Brokeoff Mountain



Shasta lily (*Lilium pardalinum* ssp. *shastense*)

Be Prepared

Effects of High Elevation

Hiking 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.

Do Not 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.

Weather | Sunrise and Sunset

A wide variety of weather conditions occur in Lassen Volcanic. Elevations range between 5,650 feet (1,722 m) to 10,457 feet (3187 m). Expect a 5 degree temperature decrease for every 1,000-feet (305 m) increase in elevation. Prepare for your visit. Bring layered clothing, a raincoat, hat and sunscreen.

Data for the Manzanita Lake Area.

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Month	Average High/Low °F	Average High/Low °C
5/15	5:50 am	8:15 pm	May	70/29	21/-2
6/15	5:35 am	8:38 pm	June	79/34	26/1
7/15	5:48 am	8:36 pm	July	84/40	29/4
8/15	6:16 am	8:06 pm	Aug	85/40	29/4
9/15	6:46 am	7:17 pm	Sept	78/36	26/2
10/15	7:17 am	6:28 pm	Oct	69/30	21/-1

Enjoy and Protect Plants

Just Four to Six Steps Can Kill a Plant

- ✓ Stay on established trails
- ✓ Rest or picnic on hard surfaces
- ✓ Leave wildflowers for others to enjoy
- ✓ Enjoy flowers from afar

Lassen Paintbrush (*Castilleja lasseensis*)

Trampling has affected this flower, especially in the Kings Creek area. Floral characteristics and genetic evidence show a distinct paintbrush species. Distribution remains limited to Lassen Volcanic and the immediate area.



Call 911 In Case of Emergency

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



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.

Firearms

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. Visitors are responsible for understanding and complying with all applicable State of California, local, and federal firearm laws.

COVID-19 Response

COVID-19 may impact park services and facilities. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we continue to adapt and modify operations for the safety of both staff and visitors.

Getting Around

Lassen Volcanic National Park Highway (a 30-mile (48 km) 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 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) | Kilometers (km) | 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 (10 km).
2. Turn right (west) on SR-36. Continue for 23 mi (37 km).
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 (2 km) before the town of Paynes Creek. Continue for 7 mi (11 km).
4. Turn right onto Manton Road (CR-A6). Continue for 0.6 mi (1 km).
5. Turn left onto Blackbutte/Wildcat Rd. Continue for 9 mi (14 km).
6. Turn right (east) onto SR-44. Continue for 24 mi (39 km).
7. 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 (10 km).
2. Turn left (east) on SR-36. Continue 38 mi (61 km).
3. Turn left (north) on CR-A21/Mooney Road located in the town of Westwood.
4. Continue for 18 mi (29 km). Turn left (west) onto SR-44. Continue for 28 mi (45 km).
5. Turn left (west) onto SR-44/89. Continue for 13.5 mi (21.7 km).
6. Turn left (south) into the park.

Butte Lake Area

A gravel road leads to Butte Lake. Passable by most vehicles.

1. From the Manzanita Lake Entrance, follow SR-89 east 13.5 mi (21.7 km) to the SR-44/89 junction in Old Station.
2. Turn right to follow SR-44 and continue 11 mi (18 km).
3. Turn south onto Butte Lake Road (FR-32N21). Look for signs indicating Butte Lake Campground.
4. Continue 6 mi (10 km) to the Butte Lake Campground and day use area.

Warner Valley/Juniper Lake

Partly Gravel roads lead to the Warner Valley and Juniper Lake areas. 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 0.5 mi (0.8 km) and veer left onto CR-312.
3. Continue 4 mi (6 km) and veer right to stay on CR-312. Follow signs to Drakesbad.
4. Continue 12.5 mi (20 km) to Warner Valley Campground and day use area.

To Juniper Lake (closed summer 2023)

2. Continue a half mile and veer right onto CR-318.
3. Continue 13 mi (21 km) to Juniper Lake Campground.
4. Continue an additional half mile to the day use area.