

# Craters of the Moon

## National Monument and Preserve



A sea of lava flows with scattered islands of cinder cones and sagebrush characterize this “weird and scenic landscape” known as Craters of the Moon.

Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve contains three young lava fields created by a 52-mile-long tear in the earth’s crust. These remarkably well-preserved volcanic features resulted from geologic events that appear to have happened yesterday and will likely continue tomorrow...

The monument Visitor Center is located 18 miles west of Arco on U.S. Highway 20/26/93 and offers exhibits, films, and a bookstore.

Explore dark lava tube caves, gaping craters, and steep-sided spatter cones along the 7-mile loop road. There are excellent short hikes and educational signs all along the route. A variety of ranger-led walks and talks are offered throughout the year including cave tours in summer and snowshoe walks in winter. The loop road is open to vehicles from May into November and becomes a cross-country ski-trail in winter.

The 51-site campground is open from May into November. Camping is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.



**Visitor Center hours:**

8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
daily with  
extended  
summer hours.  
Closed winter  
holidays.

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