



Lava Beds

National Monument

Lava Beds National Monument was established on November 21, 1925 to preserve the unique geological, natural, and historical features of the local landscape. Known as "The Land of Burnt-Out Fires," the monument occupies over 46,000 acres on the northeast corner of Medicine Lake volcano. The landscape offers outstanding volcanic terrain, and more than 380 lava tube caves, the greatest concentration in North America. In addition to its geologic features, the monument encompasses the main battlefields of the Modoc War of 1872-73, the only Indian war fought in California. Lava Beds National Monument also includes Petroglyph Point, one of the largest panels of rock art in the United States.

The monument offers nearly a dozen different trails through the high desert environment. There are also interpretive exhibits in the visitor center and at points of interest through the monument. Approximately two dozen of the lava tube caves have been developed for public use, with marked entrances and developed trails. The monument loans lanterns free of charge and sells bumphats. Rangers give morning walks, afternoon cave tours, and evening campfire programs in the summer months.



How to Get There



Hours & Fees

- 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Labor Day to Memorial Day
- 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Memorial Day to Labor Day
- A Federal Fee Area

Features

- Lava Tube Caves
- Modoc War Sites
- Wildlife Viewing Areas
- Clear Skies, 150 mile views

Programs

- Interpretive Walks
- Cave Tours
- Campfire Programs
- Special Programs by Reservation

Facilities

Indian Well Visitor Center

- Museum
- Information and Free Lanterns
- Book Store

Indian Well Campground

- 43 Sites
- \$10.00 per Night
- Group Site by Reservation

Information

Call (530) 667-2282

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