

WHERE TO GO & WHAT TO DO

How Much Time Do You Have to Explore?

1
Hour

Stop at the overlooks and visit **Captain Jack's Stronghold** (.5 mi & 1.5 mi) on the northern end of the monument for some great scenery or an amazing hike. **Mushpot Cave** (770 ft) is our "starter" cave where you can learn about the geology of lava tubes by reading the interpretive signs inside.

You have more than enough time to visit two to three caves on **Cave Loop**. Ask a Ranger which caves would be suitable for your visit. Check out **Petroglyph Point** (.25 mi) on the North-eastern end of the monument for some amazing Modoc rock art. Want to go for a short hike? **Schonchin Butte** (0.7 mi) is a switch-back trail that leads to a historical fire look-out built by the Civilian Conservation Corps with the best views of the entire monument.

3
Hours



Attend a Ranger-led program from June to September.

1
Day

You can visit several of the caves on **Cave Loop** and **Skull Cave** (580 ft) and **Valentine Cave** (1,635 ft), as well as some of the geologic sites such as **Mammoth Crater**, and **Black Crater**. Then experience cultural sites of the Modoc War such as the **Thomas-Wright Battlefield** (1.1 mi) and **Gillem's Camp**. Don't forget to take advantage of the various hiking trails like **Hidden Valley** (0.2 mi) and **Big Nasty Trail** (2 mi) for great landscape and wildlife viewing!



Entrance fees do apply when entering the monument.

DINING

There are no restaurants within the monument, but there are plenty of picnic areas. They can be found at the **Mushpot Trail**, **Fleener Chimneys** and **Captain Jack's Stronghold**. If you would rather dine at an establishment, the towns of **Tulelake, CA., Merrill, OR., Malin, OR., & Klamath Falls, OR.** north of the monument have multiple places to select from. If you're headed south, **Alturus, CA.** will also have locations to accommodate you.

WHEN TO GO

Summer: June-September

Ranger-led programs and guided cave tours are offered most days for visitors to learn more about and experience the park. Caves and trails are also self-guided. Some caves are closed due to roosting bat colonies.

Winter: October-May

Little to no ranger-led programs are offered during this time of year, however caves and trails can be explored self-guided. Some caves are closed due to hibernating bat colonies.

PARK ROAD

There are over **20 miles** of road in the monument that are maintained year-round. Forest Service roads 10 and 49 that lead to the monument's southern entrances are unmaintained during the winter and can be covered with snow.



Cell service is very limited in the monument.

VISITOR CENTER

While you can visit the park **24 hours a day**, the visitor center is open **December, January & February** from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. **March, April, & May** from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm. **June, July, & August** from 9:00 am - 5:30 pm. **September, October, & November** from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm.

In order to visit the caves, you are required to be screened for **white-nose syndrome** at the visitor center or during the summer at the northern entrance.

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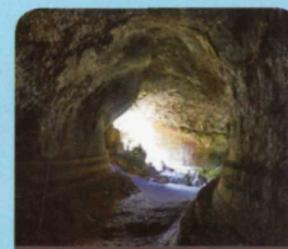
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Trip Planner



WHERE TO GO



WHAT TO DO



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WHAT TO SEE



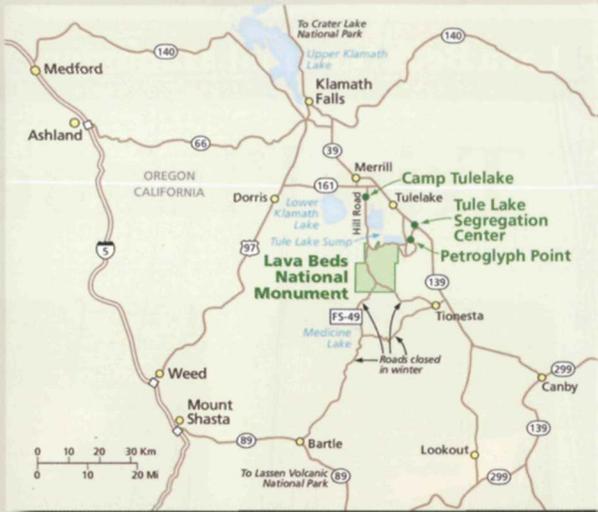
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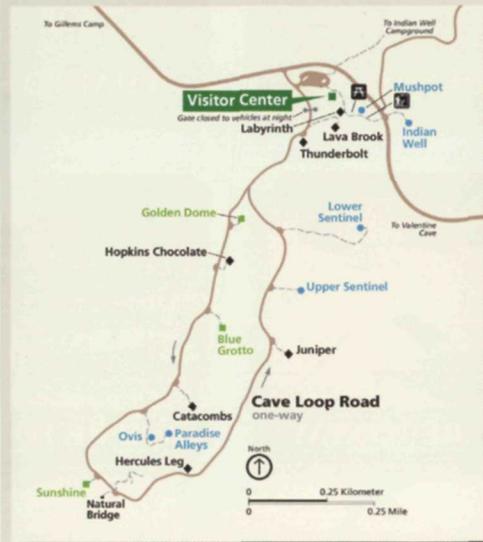
WHERE TO EAT

CAMPING & LODGING

There is one first-come first-serve campground in the monument called **Indian Well Campground**. There are 43 sites available and can accommodate RV's and trailers up to **30 feet**. No hook-ups or electricity are available. At least one loop of the campground is available year-round. The fee is **\$10 per night** per site. There is no other lodging in the park. **Hotels** can be found north of the park in **Tulelake, CA., Merrill, OR., and Klamath Falls, OR.** There are a couple of RV parks south of the park in **Tionesta, CA.**



Many GPS apps do not give proper directions to the area. Feel free to call ahead and ask a ranger for the best directions.



Road suitable for high-clearance vehicle only.

Road to Medicine Lake partially unpaved; closed November to mid-May; winter recreation parking available.

Rough road; not recommended for RVs or trailers; not maintained for winter travel.

Getting Here

There are multiple routes into Lava Beds. The easiest of which is off of **Highway 161** (Stateline) north of the monument. You then would head south on **Hill Road**, past the Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuge. You continue until you reach the turn-off to our **park road**.

	Turnout		Unpaved road
	Paved road		Trail
	Information kiosk		Picnic area
	Restroom(s)		Campground
	Self-guiding trail		

North ↑

0 1 2 Kilometers
0 1 2 Miles



Check road conditions before visiting November through June. The two southern entrances (FS Route 49 & 10) are not maintained during the winter. Snow conditions vary annually.

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