Crater Lake National Park contains more than 90 miles of hiking trails. Many may be hiked in a single day. The steep terrain and elevation of Crater Lake mean that the time, length, and difficulty of trails are not directly related. Difficulty listings are broken into four categories: easy, moderate, difficult and strenuous. Trails listed as strenuous should be taken only by people in good physical condition. Most of these hikes are over a mile high in elevation, so go slow and be prepared.

Crater Lake National Park is a special place and a federally protected area. To help preserve park resources and to protect yourself, please observe the following rules:
- Hiking or climbing inside the caldera is prohibited. Cliffs and rockslides make the caldera extremely dangerous. The Cleetwood Trail is the only safe and legal access to the lake.
- Dogs and other pets are only allowed in developed areas; not on park trails or in the backcountry.
- Bicycles are only allowed on the paved roads and the unpaved Grayback Road.
- Stay on trails to protect vegetation and fragile hillsides. Shortcutting trails, particularly on switchbacks, can damage slopes and make them more susceptible to erosion.
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- **Time:** 1 hour
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- **Features:** Views of Crater Lake.

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- **Difficulty:** Moderate
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**Garfield Peak**

- **Time:** 2 to 3 hours
- **Length:** 1.7 miles one way
- **Elevation:** 7,050 to 8,060 feet
- **Difficulty:** Difficult
- **Trailhead:** Follow sidewalk on lakeside of Crater Lake Lodge going east to start of dirt trail.
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**Mt. Scott**

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