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## Lava Beds National Monument News Release

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### Spend Black Friday at Lava Beds!

TULELAKE, California— For those looking for a more refreshing experience the day after Thanksgiving, Lava Beds National Monument has a solution. On Friday, November 28 ranger led programs will be offered at 11:00 am and 2:00pm. Instead of crowded stores and long lines, experience Valentine and Catacombs Caves on a tour where you will have the opportunity to learn about the geology, ecology, and history of the area – as well as have a lot of fun going through some cool caves! Tours will be filled on a first come, first served basis with a maximum of 15 people per tour. Guided tours are a scarce event this time of year, so visit Lava Beds this Black Friday for a rare seasonal opportunity.

Even without a guided cave tour, Lava Beds National Monument is a great place to visit in fall and winter. The park is less crowded which gives visitors a chance to explore the caves and trails in solitude with a greater chance of seeing wildlife! And caves remain the same temperature year round, so the average can seem quite warm on those cold winter days. Many caves, trails, and scenic overlooks await those desiring a more natural black Friday. The visitor center is open 8:30-5:00 every day. You might even find that unique gift at the Lava Beds Natural History Association bookstore, located in the visitor center.

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Lava Beds National Monument, established in 1925, is a land of turmoil, both geologic and historic. Over the last half-million years, volcanic eruptions have created a rugged landscape dotted with diverse volcanic features. Lava tube caves, Native American sites, historic battlefields and a high desert wilderness experience await you!

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For more information about visiting Lava Beds National Monument, call 530-667-8113, email [labe\\_interpretation@nps.gov](mailto:labe_interpretation@nps.gov), or go to [www.nps.gov/labe](http://www.nps.gov/labe). Also, visit the park's Facebook and Twitter pages.

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