This information was obtained at the Indian Well Headquarters Weather Station, Lava Beds National Monument, California. This reflects temperature and precipitation data from a 56-year period (December 1945 through September 2001).

### What to Expect

At Lava Beds the average annual precipitation total is 15.33 inches (39 cm) with an average annual snowfall of 44.1 inches (112 cm). The most snow accumulation occurs in the month of January.

July tends to be the hottest month and August the driest. December is the wettest and January the coldest.

Elevations within the monument boundary vary from about 4020 ft to 5680 ft. Be prepared for a wide range of weather conditions. The monument is within a high desert area and tends to be hot and dry during summer days. Summer evenings average 45°F to 50°F (7.2°C to 10°C). Carry plenty of drinking water at all times. Conditions may change with little notice.

Thunderstorms with lightning are common during the summer. August is the only month with no snow reported.

Winter conditions vary from year to year. Some years will have more snowfall than others. Roads may be icy. High winds are frequent. The monument and its campground are open all year. Some of the surrounding areas are not open in the winter due to road conditions. Inquire at the Visitor Center before trying to reach the Medicine Lake highlands anytime after Labor Day.