



Explore the Undiscovered



Lassen Volcanic National Park is home to steaming fumaroles, meadows freckled with wildflowers, clear mountain lakes and numerous volcanoes. Jagged peaks tell the story of its eruptive past while hot water continues to shape the land. Lassen Volcanic offers opportunities to discover the wonders and mysteries of volcanoes and hydrothermal areas for visitors willing to explore the undiscovered.

Volcanoes and Hot Water

Hydrothermal (hot water) features at Lassen Volcanic National Park surprise and fascinate visitors to this region of northeastern California. Boiling mudpots, steaming ground, roaring fumaroles (steam vents), and sulfurous gases are linked to active volcanism and are reminders that Lassen Volcanic is a constantly changing landscape. Nowhere else in the Cascade Range of volcanoes can such an array of hydrothermal features be seen.

All four types of volcanoes found in the world are found at Lassen Volcanic. Over 150 miles of trails



A boardwalk provides a safe path through Bumpass Hell

provide access to the summit of many of these volcanoes, with the possibility of climbing all four types. One of park's most scenic trails, Brokeoff Mountain trail (see reverse), offers visitors an opportunity to stand on the edge of the remnant of Lassen's largest volcano known as Brokeoff Volcano or Mount Tehama.

Numerous hydrothermal areas provide an opportunity to explore Lassen Volcanic's undiscovered wonders of volcanoes and hot water. Even the names of these places — Bumpass Hell, Devils Kitchen, Sulphur Works, and Brokeoff Mountain — provide a glimpse into their mystery and lure. Boardwalks and guardrails allow visitors to safely wander amid cracked yellow and red mounds of dissolved rock at Devils Kitchen, hover over the whirling steam and fiery cracks of Bumpass Hell, and listen to the sounds of plopping, hissing, and belching at Sulphur Works.



Boiling Springs Lake



Bumpass Hell



Devils Kitchen



Terminal Geyser

Enjoy Safely

In the park's southeast corner, Drakesbad Guest Ranch offers visitors an opportunity to soak in a swimming pool fed by local thermal springs. The temperature of water in most of the park's hydrothermal features is near boiling. Other waters in hydrothermal areas, even if cool enough, are acidic and unsafe for bathing. The pool at the Drakesbad Guest Ranch is managed by a system that ensures temperatures and pH levels are safe for swimming.



Drakesbad Guest Ranch pool

Travel an Historic Road

The main park road offers visitors an opportunity to explore the park late spring through early fall. A road guide is available at park visitor centers, and features roadside volcanic features, wildlife-watching opportunities, trails and history.



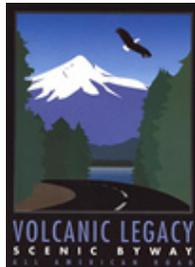
Lassen Peak parking area c.1930

As you travel the park road, you

follow in the wake of countless travelers who too have discovered the wonders that await around each bend. Stop at Sulphur Works and enjoy a natural steam bath from a roadside fumarole (steam vent), or surround yourself in the gurgling symphony of boiling mudpots. At Devastated Area, take a moment to witness the devastating forces of the Lassen Peak eruptions. Before taking a stroll around Manzanita Lake, pull out at Chaos Jumbles and stand among the cluttered rocks that raced down Chaos Crags at speeds up to 100 miles per hour some 300 years ago.

Explore a Volcanic Legacy

Lassen Volcanic National Park comprises the southern end of the Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway, All-American Road. The northern end of the 500 mile byway is capped by Crater Lake National Park in Oregon where mysteries of the earth's interior are studied. This scenic byway allows you to travel from volcano to volcano witnessing fantastic sites — the slopes of Mount Shasta jutting above the valley floor to the summit at 14,162 feet, curtains of water



showering over basalt cliffs at McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park, and lands riddled with remains of underground magma conduits at Lava Beds National Monument.

The Byway offers adventure, exploration, communion with nature and an appreciation for the culture and history of the region. Enjoy stops in the surrounding communities where residents are eager to share the beauty and mystery of this land that is dotted with evidence of an eruptive past.

Experience Wilderness

Over 80 percent of Lassen Volcanic National Park is designated wilderness. An excursion into park wilderness provides an opportunity to experience its breathtaking landscapes in a completely natural

setting. Over 150 miles of trails invite visitors to explore wildflower carpeted meadows, glistening mountain lakes, and breathtaking summits.



Lake Helen and Brokeoff Mountain



Cinder Cone Volcano



Sifford Lake