



Day Hikes

Distance and time are round-trip. For hikes that both lose and gain elevation in one direction, a high point is noted in italics.

Summary	Trailhead Location	Level of Difficulty	Dist. (mi)	Time (hrs)	Elevation Change (ft)	Start/End Elevation (ft)
Southwest Area						
Brokeoff Mountain Mostly steep, forested trail climbs to the shoulder and then to the top of Brokeoff providing excellent panoramic views of the park and surrounding area.	Pullout ¼ mi south of SW entrance	Strenuous	7.4	5-7	2,600	6,635 9,235
Mill Creek Falls Descends through the Red Fir forest to an overlook of the falls at 1.5 miles. Continue across Sulphur Creek to reach the top of the falls.	Southwest parking area. Trailhead behind amphitheater	Moderate	3.2	2-2½	307	6,700 6,600
Ridge Lakes Steep trail climbs up a ridge and then through a ravine to Ridge Lakes nestled in a basin between Brokeoff Mountain and Mt. Diller.	Sulphur Works parking area. 1 mile from SW entrance	Strenuous	2.0	1½	1,045	6,955' 8,000'
Bumpass Hell Rocky trail with grand vistas descends into a basin of Lassen's largest hydrothermal area. Boardwalk temporarily closed.	Bumpass Hell parking area	Moderate	3.0	2	300	8,200' 8,100' 8,400'
Lassen Peak Steep trail of loose rock and cinder switchbacks up a ridge to the peak. Great views on the ascent and superb panoramic views from the top.	Lassen Peak parking area	Strenuous	4.8	3-5	1,957	8,500' 10,457'
Cold Boiling Lake Easy trail passes through forest and meadow to this bubbling lake in an alpine basin. Tiny gas bubbles escape Lassen's hydrothermal system below making it appear to be boiling.	Kings Creek Picnic Area. 17 miles from NW entrance; 12 miles from SW entrance	Easy	1.4	1	40	7,380' 7,420'
Kings Creek Falls Trail crosses through Kings Creek Meadows and forests before dropping steeply down to the cascades and falls. Good wildflowers.	Pullout 17 miles from NW entrance; 13 miles N from SW entrance	Moderate	2.5	2	486	7,286' 6,800'
Terrace, Shadow and Cliff Lakes Rocky trail through the basin between Reading Peak and Lassen Peak. Excellent views of Lassen Peak from Shadow Lake.	Pullout 21 miles from NW entrance; 10 miles from SW entrance	Moderate	3.4	3	700	8,060' 7,360'
Juniper Lake Area						
Mount Harkness Climbs through forest and open woodland to the peak. A staffed fire lookout and panoramic views are found at the top.	Juniper Lake campground	Strenuous	3.8	3	1,246	6,800 8,046
Crystal Lake Short ascent winds through forest to this small tarn in a rocky basin.	0.3 miles north of the Juniper Lake Campground	Easy	0.8	1	380	6,820 7,200
Inspiration Point Climbs through forest, meadow patches and a sunny bench section. The climb to the summit rewards hikers with stunning views of Lassen, Prospect Peak, Cinder Cone and Mount Harkness.	50 feet east of the Juniper Lake picnic area parking lot	Moderate	1.4	1-1½	400	6,800 7,200
Horseshoe Lake Easy trail climbs gently to a saddle between Juniper and Horseshoe Lakes. It then continues through open forest before arriving at Horseshoe Lake. Good fishing and a ranger station can be found at Horseshoe.	Juniper Lake Picnic Area	Easy	2.8	2	240	6,800 6,560 7,040

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Warner Valley Area						
Devils Kitchen Trail gradually crosses through meadow and forest to a circuit that winds through mudpots, steam vents, fumaroles and milky Hot Springs Creek.	Trailhead across from the Warner Valley Campground on Warner Valley Road	Moderate	4.2	2	440	5,640 6,040
Boiling Springs Lake Easy gradual trail crosses through meadow and forest to the lake. Steam vents under the lake keep the water around 125 degrees. Good wildflowers, bird viewing and mudpots abound.	Trailhead across from the Warner Valley Campground on Warner Valley Road	Easy	1.8	1	300	5,640 5,950 6,020
Terminal Geyser Continues from Boiling Springs then follows the Pacific Crest Trail. Drops steeply to a clearing at the base of the geyser. Not an actual geyser, but a fumarole with a stream running over it.	Trailhead across from the Warner Valley Campground on Warner Valley Road	Moderate	5.8	2½-3	610	5,640 5,840 6,250
Butte Lake Area						
Cinder Cone A path of loose cinders skirts Fantastic Lava Beds and the Painted Dunes before climbing steeply to the summit. The trail continues into the summit crater and offers spectacular views of Lassen and the eastern park.	Butte Lake parking area. Southwest side of the boat ramp	Strenuous	4.0	3	846	6,061 6,907
Prospect Peak Heavily forested trail climbs steadily to the rim of this shield volcano's shallow crater. Panoramic views of Cinder Cone area and the east and north areas of the park.	Splits off of Cinder Cone trail after 0.5 mi	Strenuous	6.6	4-5	2,277	6,061 8,338
Northwest Area						
Echo Lake Moderate day hike from the trailhead or Summit Lake campgrounds. Climbs through forest and woodland before arriving at Echo Lake. Trail offers spectacular views of Lassen Peak.	Summit Lake Ranger station. 17 miles from SW entrance; 12 miles from NW entrance	Moderate	4.4	2-2½	416	6,720' 6,845' 7,136'
Paradise Meadow Skirts Hat Lake and then climbs into a narrow ravine with small footbridges over creek crossings. Trail ends at a meadow lined by talus cliffs.	Hat Lake parking area. 9 miles from NW entrance; 19 miles from SW entrance	Moderate	2.8	2	700	6,440' 7,140'
Devastated Area Interpretive Trail Easy walk explains the effects of the Lassen Peak eruptions. Signs along the way explain the Devastated Area its remnants. Excellent for families or those unable to take longer trails.	Devastated Parking Area. 8.5 miles from NW entrance; 19.5 miles from SW entrance	Easy	0.5	½	0	6,470'
Lily Pond Nature Trail Easy walk though woods that skirts Reflection Lake and a lily pond. Interpretive brochures and corresponding posts help visitors discover the plants and trees in the area.	Across highway from the Loomis Museum	Easy	0.75	½-1	0	5,920'
Manzanita Creek Trail climbs gently through firs and pines, switchbacks to a meadow alongside Manzanita Creek then ends in a meadow with views of Eagle Peak, Vulcan's Castle and Loomis Peak.	End of the Manzanita Lake Campground road. Park at the camper store and walk 0.5 miles to the trailhead.	Moderate	7.0	4-5	1,110	5,920' 7,020'
Manzanita Lake Easy, mostly flat trail wraps around Manzanita Lake. Superb views of Lassen Peak and Chaos Crag. Great for birdwatchers, wildflower enthusiasts and families.	Manzanita Picnic Area parking area or anywhere along the shore	Easy	1.5	1-2	0	5,890
Chaos Crag and Crag Lake Climbs gently through forest before opening to the thinly forested edge of Chaos Jumbles. The trail continues down a steep path to the lake which is often dry in the summer.	On the Manzanita Lake Campground road, 0.1 miles after the turn off from the main park road on the left	Moderate	4.0	2	850	5,910 6,640 6,760