Experience Lassen Volcanic National Park!

AT THE EDGE OF LASSEN’S WILDERNESS, the solitude can be so deep that your ears ring with the absence of sound. On mornings after snowfall, the landscape glimmers as if the sky had overturned, spilling the Milky Way across the soaring peaks.

As the sun climbs, things begin to stir in the park. Clark’s nutcrackers call to each other across the red fir forest. The nightly forays of foxes and pine martens are revealed by prints in the snow. By lunch time, giddy children are making their own tracks, sliding down the slopes like otters.

Whether you are looking for a contemplative snowshoe trip, family snow play, or challenging telemark runs, Lassen Volcanic National Park has a lot to offer. Although the Main Park Road through the park usually closes by mid-November, the park is open year-round. Throughout the winter the Main Park Road is plowed to the Southwest Parking Area on the south side of the park and to the Loomis Museum on the north side of the park. The winter season provides visitors auto-free opportunities to see another, quieter side of the park.

Welcome to Lassen Volcanic National Park!

It’s amazing how blue the skies can be at Lassen Volcanic National Park during the fall and winter seasons! The golden colors of the aspens amongst the tall pines and firs are soon blanketed with deep snow that sparkles on clear winter days. There is such beauty for you to see and enjoy this time of year in the park.

Please make your visit safe and enjoyable by planning ahead. Our staff can provide details about trails, ranger-led programs, and weather, road and avalanche conditions. Please remember to help protect and preserve this wonderful park while you visit and enjoy this special place.

Mary G. Martin
Superintendent

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Fall and Winter Activities

Beginner-Intermediate Ski & Snowshoe Routes abound in the Manzanita Lake area (elevation 6,000 feet). The road regularly is plowed from the North Entrance to the Loomis Ranger Station (one mile). Over 15 miles of cross-country ski trails begin at the Loomis Ranger Station. More experienced skiers can access challenging mountainous terrain from this area. See page 5 for suggested routes. The Loomis Ranger Station is open intermittently on weekends and holidays for information, maps and books.

Intermediate-Advanced Skiers and Snowshoers delight in the steep terrain and sweeping views from the snow-covered Main Park Road (usually accessed from the Southwest Area). See page 4 for touring routes.

Fall Hiking & Camping: This is a gorgeous time to visit the park, with fall colors often persisting through early November. Until serious snowfall begins, you can enjoy fabulous hiking throughout the park without the heat or crowds of summer. Manzanita Lake and Warner Valley Campgrounds are open (without drinking water) until snow covers the ground. The Southwest Walk-In campground is open year-round.

Snowshoe Walks
Join a park ranger for a one to two mile adventure exploring winter ecology or Lassen’s geologic history. Wear boots and dress warmly. Participants must be at least eight years old and be able to withstand moderate physical exertion at 7000’ elevation. Snowshoe walks are available first-come, first-served. Snowshoe walks are held Saturdays from January 6 through April 7. Meet the ranger at 1:30 p.m. by the Information Station in the parking area near the Southwest Area. See page 4 for touring routes.

For safety reasons infants and children in carriers are not allowed on snowshoe walks.

A $1 donation is requested for each pair of snowshoes used. Snowshoes are provided for the ranger-led walk only.

Snowplay: The Main Park Road is plowed one mile from the Southwest Entrance to the parking area. Tobogganing, sledding, and tubing are allowed near the Southwest parking area (elevation 6700 feet) and snowboarding is allowed ¼ mile from the parking area.

Snow Camping is available at the Southwest Campground. Vault toilets are available nearby, but there is no water available. Free permits for wilderness snow camping are available at Park Headquarters and the information board in the Southwest Entrance parking area.

Need more information? The Park headquarters information desk in Mineral is open Monday through Friday (closed holidays) for information, maps and books. The phone number for park headquarters is (530) 595-4444.

Group Programs
Snowshoe walks for schools and organized groups of 10 or more persons require reservations well in advance. Reservations can be made as early as November 1 at 8 a.m. for winter school or group programs (dates fill quickly). Programs cover topics such as winter ecology, winter survival, and snow shelters. For more information, please telephone (530) 595-4444 ext. 5133, Monday through Friday.

VISITOR CENTER UPDATE

Southern View of New Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center

Construction of Lassen Volcanic National Park’s new visitor center is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2007 with a grand opening in late summer 2008. A contract was awarded to Slayden Construction Group Inc. of Slayton, Oregon. The National Park Service awarded the project as a “design-build” contract. This type of contract requires the builder to complete a detailed design based on a NPS Schematic Design and then construct the visitor center according to that design. The project includes enhancements to the water and wastewater systems, a parking lot overlay, an amphitheater, an auditorium, energy-saving technology, and other utility enhancements.
For Your Safety
- Please remember that Lassen Volcanic National Park is a wild area with natural wonders that are also potential hazards.
- The National Park Service cannot guarantee your safety.
- Bring a first aid kit, high energy food, water, and extra clothing.
- Prepare for the unexpected. Equipment failure, injury, or illness. Wet winter storms can turn a day trip into an agonizing ordeal.
- An emergency phone is available at the Southwest Entrance Station building.
- A pay phone is available at the Manzanita Lake Loomis plaza.

Roads
- Carry tire chains in your vehicle.
- The Loomis Ranger Station is at 6000’ elevation and the Southwest Entrance is at 6700’ elevation.
- Be alert for icy road conditions and drifting snow.

Park Road Closures
- Call Park Headquarters for current park road information at (530) 595-4444.
- The Main Park Road usually closes by late October for the season due to snow. Visit the road conditions and spring road opening webpage at: http://www.nps.gov/lavo/lassen_roadsontraillands.htm
- Plowing usually begins on the Main Park Road in early April, the road usually opens by mid-June.
- The Butte Lake, Warner Valley and Juniper Lake roads close for the season due to snow by late October and usually reopen by late June.

Cross-country skiers and snowshoers who venture into Lassen’s backcountry can expect spectacular vistas and snowy solitude. Adequate preparation and precaution may ensure a safe and enjoyable experience. Call park headquarters in advance for information on snow, weather, and backcountry conditions.

Day Users
- Always sign in/out on trail register stands at the Southwest parking area and at the trailhead by the Loomis Ranger Station in the Manzanita Lake area
- Registration is helpful should search and rescue assistance be necessary

Overnight Users
- A wilderness permit is required; ask about areas closed to camping;
- Wilderness permits are available at park headquarters in Mineral (open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed holidays) or by calling (530) 595-4444, permits are available during office hours, on weekends at park entrance stations, and at the Southwest parking area after hours. An application for a wilderness permit can be found at http://www.nps.gov/lavo
- Park in designated overnight parking area ONLY; vehicles can be damaged by snow removal equipment if parked in other areas

Pets, Fires, Litter
- Pets are not permitted in the backcountry or in any unplowed areas
- Open fires and fire pans are not permitted, use campstoves only
- Carry out all litter
- Dig latrines and bury human waste at least one foot deep in snow away from trails and drainages; carry out all waste paper

Water, Food, Clothing, Supplies
- Carry water; exercising in dry high-elevation air makes one particularly susceptible to dehydration
- Purify park surface water and melted snow before drinking by using 2-micron filters (or better) and boiling 5 minutes to avoid Giardia
- Carry firewood and an emergency ski tip, how to use them
- Potable water is not available at the Southwest parking area. Potable water is available near the Loomis Ranger Station (only small containers will fit under the faucets).
- Pack your emergency supplies in a complete extra binding, and make sure you know how to use them.

For Your Safety
- Always travel with a partner or a group
- Select a travel route familiar to at least one member of your party and equal to your experience and ability
- Be prepared for winter weather extremes (gale winds, subzero temperatures, blowing snow, whiteout conditions) which can kill unprepared travelers
- Postpone or terminate your trip if a storm is forecasted or appears to be building, weather can be unpredictable and fast-changing
- If caught in a storm, wait it out in a sheltered, avalanche-safe area until conditions stabilize
- Allow extra travel time during soft snow conditions
- Be aware that thermal areas may be covered by snow and that the snow may be dangerously thin and could collapse at any time
- In case of emergency, the nearest telephone or ranger is at the Southwest parking area or Loomis Ranger Station
- Remember: your best chance of survival is to use your own resources; be prepared and stay alert
- When accessing the plowed sections of the road during the spring road opening, please use extreme caution. Avalanches and rock slides can occur at any moment.

Into the Wilderness

Climate Statistics

For a complete listing of park rules and regulations, please ask at park headquarters.

Lassen Volcanic National Park Peak Experiences
Cross-Country Ski and Snowshoe

Virtually the entire park is open to the skier or snowshoer. Most routes described below are accessible with snowshoes or skis with climbing skins. Summit conditions on the various peaks may require an ice axe or crampons. These routes provide a variety of terrain and scenery. Sudden storms or avalanche conditions may be encountered.

The wise winter traveler will turn back at any sign of inclement weather.

Visitors exploring Lassen’s backcountry in the winter should take special precautions. Heavy snowfall and rugged terrain create serious avalanche conditions throughout the park. In addition to the ten essentials, it is strongly recommended that all visitors carry avalanche gear. This includes basic knowledge of route finding and snow science, a probe pole, avalanche beacon and a lightweight shovel.

Wilderness permits are available free of charge from a ranger or at www.nps.gov/lassen. No backcountry camping is allowed within one mile of the plowed areas. The Southwest Campground provides easy access for snow camping. All skiers and snowshoers are asked to sign in/out for day and overnight trips. Registers are located near the bulletin board. Common courtesy asks that snowshoers and snow players stay out of cross-country ski tracks.

Park Road from Southwest Area

Classification: Beginner to advanced Distance: Southwest parking area to Lake Helen 6.2 mi, to road summit at base of Lassen Peak 7 mi, to Kings Creek Meadows 11.6 mi, to Summit Lake 16.5 mi, to Hat Lake 19 mi, to Manzanita Lake 30 mi.

Elevation: Start (Southwest) 6700’, high point 8500’

Average Skiing Time (one way): 1 hr.

To reach this trail, follow the unplowed Park Road from Southwest parking area about ¼ mi., cross the bridge just before reaching Sulphur Works, then turn left (northwest) away from the road and follow the drainage just west of the Sulphur Works thermal basin. The trail climbs rapidly to the Ridge Lakes basin. Several good camping spots (with wilderness permit) can be found on the north shore of Ridge Lakes. If weather is severe, more protected camping can be found about ¼ mi. below Ridge Lakes along its outlet creek. Avoid the area just south of Ridge Lakes during periods of avalanche danger. The trail loops north from Ridge Lakes to rejoin itself about ¼ mi. below the basin.

Lassen Peak

Classification: Advanced Distance: 20 mi. round trip

Elevation: Start 6700’, summit 10,457’

Average Skiing Time (round trip): 3 days

Most skiers and snowshoers allow 3 days to summit Lassen Peak in the winter. A likely itinerary includes setting up camp near Lake Helen (day 1), sumitting Lassen (day 2), return trip (day 3). Remember that conditions on the mountain are most stable in early morning hours, afternoon travel is not recommended. A wilderness permit is required for all overnight visits to the park.

The safest route up the mountain follows the summer trail through the forested section and continues on the southeast ridge to the summit. Weather conditions on Lassen Peak can deteriorate rapidly, creating whiteout conditions and high winds.

Forest Lake

Classification: Intermediate Distance: 1 mi

Elevation: Start 6,500’, high point 7,500’

Average Skiing Time: 2 hr.

Description: The trail begins at the Southwest parking area and follows the unplowed Park Road 100 yds, then turns (south) and follows a shallow bowl several hundred yards until another larger bowl is reached. At this point the trail turns right (west) and passes through the bowl to a flat area. Look for a ridge on the right (north). Follow the crest of the ridge toward the west until a turn to the left (south) up a steep face. Continue to the southwest, staying above some large open areas to the south. On reaching the next ridge, turn right (west) and follow the ridge to the open bowl area beneath Brokeoff Mountain. Do not travel into the bowl—turn left (south) and follow the markers to Forest Lake.

Brokeoff Mountain

Classification: Advanced Distance: 4 mi. one way

Elevation: Start 6650’, summit 9250’

Average Skiing Time (one way): 4 hrs.

Most skiers access the summit via the southwest ridge. Nevertheless, getting onto this ridge can be difficult as the various routes inevitably take a traveler through hazardous canyons. Traditional routes often use the Forest Lake trail or the summer trail which begins near the park entrance. Numerous avalanche paths exist on all aspects of the mountain. Travelers should use extreme caution. Many skiers reserve travel on Brokeoff Mountain until spring when snow conditions traditionally stabilize.

Summit conditions during inclement weather often include high winds with little or no visibility. Large, overhanging snow cornices at the summit make any approach to the edge extremely dangerous.
**Snowshoe Loop**

**Classification:** Beginner  
**This trail is recommended for foot traffic only, not skiing.**  
**Distance:** 1.6 mi. around lake  
**Elevation:** Start $800\text{'}$, high point $850\text{'}$  
**Average Time (round trip):** 1.5 hr.  
The route starts near the Loomis Ranger Station and circles the lake.

**Nobles Emigrant Trail**

**Classification:** Beginner to Intermediate  
**Distance:** 7 mi.  
**Elevation:** Start $850\text{'}$, high point 6150'  
**Average Skiing Time (round trip):** 3-4 hrs.  
The trail starts at the Park Road across from the Loomis parking area. The route joins the historic Nobles Emigrant Trail at the base of Table Mountain. The trail then climbs a portion of the southeast flank of Table Mountain and continues through heavy forest at a gradual descent, then rejoins the Park Road at Sunflower Flat. Turn right (north) to follow the Park Road back to make a loop.

**Manzanita Creek**

**Classification:** Intermediate  
**Distance:** 7.5 mi.  
**Elevation:** Start $850\text{'}$, high point 7400'  
**Average Skiing Time (round trip):** 6 hrs.  
The trail leaves from the Loomis Ranger Station, crosses the footbridge, and turns right onto the Manzanita Lake Campground road. Travel through the campground to the Manzanita Creek trailhead sign. The route is mostly a gradual climb of over 1000 feet. Suitable snow camping sites are found along the upper portion. Make certain to obtain a wilderness permit. Beware of Loomis Peak, which has several avalanche chutes that may reach the trail toward the upper end.

**Near the Park:**

**McGowan Lake & Nanny Creek**

**Classification:** Beginner to Intermediate  
**Distance:** 5 mi. to Nanny Creek  
**Elevation:** Start (Highway 89) 6080', end (Highway 36) 5110'  
**Average Skiing Time (one way):** 2 hrs.  
The trail leaves Highway 89 on the unplowed McGowan Lake Road (3.5 miles south of the Southwest Entrance). The route is marked with blue and white ski touring signs and proceeds across a flat and slightly descending landscape. Skiers will pass through largely forested areas with some meadow clearings, ending at Highway 36 at Nanny Creek. The trail does not go to McGowan Lake which is on private property. This trail makes for a good one way ski if vehicles are available for shuttle.

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**Be “Avalanche Aware”**

**ALWAYS OBTAIN WEATHER AND avalanche information before entering the park’s backcountry (see Color Avalanche Danger Descriptors on back page).** At times, backcountry travel may not be advised due to high or extreme avalanche conditions.

**STORMS**  
- 80% of all avalanches occur during or soon after a storm.  
- When new snow falls on top of old snow, the avalanche danger is much higher.

**SNOWFALL**  
- Snow falling at a rate of 1” or more per hour increases avalanche danger rapidly.  
- With high winds, leeward slopes can become dangerously loaded with snow, even with just a few inches of snowfall.

**WEATHER CONDITIONS**  
- Rapidly changing weather conditions (wind, temperature, precipitation) can cause unstable snow.

**SOUNDS**  
- Unstable snow can settle beneath a skier’s weight with a “whumph.”

**RECENT AND PRIOR AVALANCHE ACTIVITY**  
- If you see a new avalanche, suspect dangerous conditions.  
- Avoid old slide paths, steep open gullies/slopes; watch for areas with small trees bent over and trees with broken limbs.

**ROUTE SELECTION**  
- If you must cross a dangerous slope, stay high and near the top, avoid avalanche fracture lines.  
- If you must climb or descend a dangerous slope, go straight up or down; do not traverse back and forth.  
- Areas of dense timber, ridges, or rocky outcrops can be safer; use them for rest stops.  
- Only one person should cross a dangerous slope at a time.  
- Snow softens as the day grows warmer, this can make a return trip more difficult.  
- Each person should carry a shovel.  
- Carry and learn to use an avalanche transceiver.

**IF YOU ARE CAUGHT IN AN AVALANCHE**  
- Report any unstable areas to a ranger.  
- Discard all equipment.  
- Make swimming motions and try to stay on top, working your way to the avalanche’s side.  
- If you are pulled beneath the surface, keep your mouth closed.  
- As you begin to slow to a stop, make air space in front of your face with your hands, keep your arms close to your body.  
- If you are alone, do not abandon your search and go for help unless it is minutes away, the buried person has less than a 50% chance of survival after 15 minutes.

**IF YOU ARE A SURVIVOR**  
- Mark the place where you last saw the person buried and search directly downslope.  
- Probe the snow in an even line across the snowfield using ski poles, shovels, or skis.  
- If you can, send someone for help.  
- If you are alone, do not abandon your search and go for help unless it is minutes away, the buried person has less than a 50% chance of survival after 15 minutes.

**LAKE ICE IS DANGEROUS AND UNSTABLE.** Lake shores may be difficult to recognize due to snow. Please stay off lake ice.

The Lassen Volcanic Backcountry Ski Patrol is on patrol! They can be identified by nametags, red jackets and the universal first aid symbol. They are volunteers who work weekends. They can provide information about routes, updated avalanche assessments and the park in general. You may also meet the ski patrollers snow camping at the Southwest or Devastated Areas where they may be available after hours in the case of an emergency.

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**Lassen Volcanic National Park Peak Experiences**

**Manzanita Lake Winter Touring Trails**

**Legend**

- Lakes
- Majors Peaks
- Water Wells
- Park Road
- Park Boundary

**Map Key**

- Manzanita Lake
- Loomis Peak
- Crescent Crater
- Lassen Peak

**Steep slopes and snow cornices on Bumpass Mountain**

(NPS Photo by K. Pietras)
ENTRANCE FEE OPTIONS

- 7-day pass for Lassen Volcanic National Park: $10 per vehicle or $5 per person on foot, bicycle, motorcycle, or bus.
- Annual pass for Lassen Volcanic National Park and Whiskeytown National Recreation Area: $25 admits all passengers in a private vehicle for one year from month of purchase.
- National Parks Pass: $50 pass admits all passengers in a private vehicle to all 390 units administered by the National Park Service for one year from month of purchase. Also available via 1-888-GO-PARKS and www.nationalparks.org.
- Golden Eagle Pass: $65 pass for national parks plus entrance fees at all federal monuments, historic sites, recreation areas, and wildlife refuges. Also honored at national forests and other federal lands charging for use of high-impact recreation areas. Valid for one year from month of purchase.
- Golden Age Passport: One-time $10 fee buys a lifetime pass for park entrance fees for U.S. citizens and permanent residents 62 or older. Valid for lifetime.

Lassen Park Foundation, a private, nonprofit foundation, founded in 1984, for the purpose of providing support for projects in Lassen Volcanic National Park and Lassen National Forest.

Authorized by the National Park Service and working in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service, the Foundation is able to assist with park needs such as enhanced interpretive and educational activities, trail restoration, wildlife research, and cultural resource projects.

I want to invest in the Lassen Association. I've checked my annual membership option below and will send my check to: Lassen Association, P.O. Box 220, Mineral, CA 96063.

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NEARBY BUSINESSES

South of Park, Highway 36: Mineral and Mill Creek

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West of Park, I-5: Red Bluff

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Surviving Winter

Wild animals have three main methods to deal with winter: They can leave it by migrating; they can avoid it by hibernating or they can live with it by confronting and adjusting to its severe conditions.

Many animals migrate. More than 83 species of birds nest in the park. Most of these birds leave Northeastern California before winter sets in and return in spring. Western tanagers fly as far south as Costa Rica. Many songbirds, from songbirds to warblers fly to western Mexico for the winter. How many people do you know head south to places like Florida when the winter weather arrives?

The main park road that connects with Highway 89 is closed throughout most of the winter. The snow cover is about eight inches deep, the temperature at ground level becomes almost constant regardless of how cold it gets above. Voles remain active all winter by living under the snow where their food is still available and they can build warm nests of grass. Unfortunately for voles, weasels will successfully hunt them in their own tunnels, even using the nests as sleeping quarters, and lining the nest with the fur of the previous occupants. Surviving the winter season can be challenging for not only Lassen’s wildlife, but for park visitors as well. Visitors must be prepared to deal with rigors of the snow. The basic survival strategy is the same; stay warm, have plenty of food and water, and recognize your limits in mountain weather conditions.

Check weather reports and avalanche conditions posted at the Southwest parking area and Loomis Ranger Station. Lassen Volcanic uses the standard color-coded system shown at right.

Avalanche Danger Color Coded System

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<td>LOW (green)</td>
<td>Natural avalanches very unlikely. Human triggered avalanches unlikely.</td>
<td>Generally stable snow. Isolated areas of instability.</td>
<td>Travel is generally safe. Normal caution is advised.</td>
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<td>MODERATE (yellow)</td>
<td>Natural avalanches unlikely. Human triggered avalanches possible.</td>
<td>Unstable slabs possible on steep terrain.</td>
<td>Use caution in steeper terrain on certain aspects</td>
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<td>HIGH (red)</td>
<td>Natural and human triggered avalanches likely.</td>
<td>Unstable slabs likely on a variety of aspects and slope angles.</td>
<td>Travel in avalanche terrain is not recommended. Safest travel on windward edges of lower angle slopes without steeper terrain above.</td>
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<td>EXTREME (black)</td>
<td>Widespread natural or human triggered avalanches certain.</td>
<td>Extremely unstable slabs certain on most aspects and slope angles. Large, destructive avalanches possible.</td>
<td>Travel in avalanche terrain should be avoided, and travel confined to low angle terrain well away from avalanche path run-outs.</td>
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Gear Up For Safe Driving In Snow Country!

Please remember that high-elevation roads are often icy or snow-covered during the fall and winter and can be very hazardous, especially when temperatures drop during the evening and early morning hours.

The main park road that connects with Highway 89 is closed throughout most of the winter. The road is plowed to the Southwest parking area from the Southwest Entrance and to the Loomis Museum from the North Entrance. Visit the park road status website at http://www.nps.gov/lavo/planyourvisit/lassen_roadsandtrails.htm for up-to-date information. The 17 Road (3117 from Mineral to Viola), A-21, and other U.S. Forest Service and county roads close for the winter.

Carry tire chains in your vehicle from October through March. Chain requirements can be instituted at any time; even four-wheel drive vehicles with snow tires can be required to chain up. Watch for highway advisories posted on the Internet. Caltrans will post chain requirements on Highways 36 and 44. To check for chain requirements, road closures, or other highway advisories before your trip, call the Caltrans Highway Information Network at 1-800-427-7623 or go to the Caltrans website at www.dot.ca.gov/hq/roadinfo.

Caltrans also offers important tips for winter driving in snow country at www.dot.ca.gov/hq/roadinfo/wentriv.htm.

Have a safe and enjoyable trip! We look forward to seeing you in the park.