



Tule Lake National Monument

Trip Planner



WHERE TO GO



WHAT TO DO



WHEN TO GO



WHAT TO SEE



WHERE TO STAY



WHERE TO EAT

DINING

There are no restaurants within the monument, but there are picnic tables at the visitor center. If you would rather dine at an establishment, the towns of Tulelake, CA., Merrill, OR., Malin, OR., & Klamath Falls, OR. north of the monument have multiple places to select from. If you're headed south, Alturas, CA. will also have locations to accommodate you.

WHEN TO GO

Summer: May-September

The Visitor Center and Ranger guided programs are only open and offered during the summer. Tours are typically offered every day the visitor center is open. Please call the visitor center to get on a tour.

Winter: October-May

The Tule Lake Visitor Center is currently only open in the summer. If you can only visit in the winter call the Lava Beds Visitor Center (530-667-8113) at least 2 weeks in advance to try and schedule a tour.

VISITOR CENTER

The Visitor Center is only open during the summer months, typically from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day. Check the Monument's website for current hours of operation.



Tour sizes are limited, so call in advance to reserve a spot.

Segregation Center vs Camp Tulelake

The Tule Lake Segregation Center is the primary location where persons of Japanese ancestry were held during WWII. The current visitor center sits within the footprint of the center. Few original structures remain and the only one visitors can access is the jail, with a ranger.

Camp Tulelake is 15 miles away and started as a Civil Conservation Corp camp. It did hold two groups of Japanese Americans in 1943 and then became a POW camp for German and Italian Prisoners.

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WHERE TO GO & WHAT TO DO

How Much Time Do You Have to Explore?

1
Hour

Stop at the Visitor Center and take time reading through the interpretive panels. Rangers are available to answer questions about the site and point out remaining structures and historic landmarks.

Go on a Ranger Guided Tour of the historic Segregation Center Jail or Camp Tulelake. Make sure to reserve a space on tour in advance. Arrive up to an hour early to have time to read through the exhibits at the visitor center. Tours of the jail can last 1.5 hours to 2 hours. Camp Tulelake tours are about 1 hour long.

3
Hours

Attend a Ranger-led program from June to September.

If a tour is being provided of the historic jail and Camp Tulelake, you have time to attend both and explore the visitor center. If only jail tours are being offered, use the extra time to visit Camp Tulelake on your own, or visit the museum of local history at the Tulelake - Butte Valley Fairgrounds. In addition to having a mural of the camp, they also have an original guard tower and barrack on site.

1
Day

CAMPING & LODGING

There is no camping at Tule Lake National Monument. There is camping about 30 minutes away at Lava Beds National Monument at **Indian Well Campground**. They have 43 sites available and can accommodate RV's and trailers up to **30 feet**. No hook-ups or electricity are available. There is also camping available at nearby RV parks and at the Tulelake - Butte Valley Fairgrounds.

Hotels can be found north of the park in **Tulelake, CA., Merrill, OR., and Klamath Falls, OR.**

Google doesn't always give the best directions. Follow the directions on our website.



Exploring Tule Lake National Monument



Tule Lake National Monument (highlighted in green below) encompasses just under 40 acres of the original Segregation Center footprint.

Please do not explore outside of our boundary as most of the surrounding land is private property.



Lava Beds National Monument and the Tule Lake Wildlife Refuge are less than 30 minutes away from the Tule Lake Visitor Center. If you have time, both locations are worth exploring.



Getting Here

Tule Lake National Monument Visitor Center is located on Hwy 139, between county roads 113 & 176. Look for our entrance sign and turn into the driveway between the two white buildings.

