

## News Release

Sections of Lassen Volcanic National Park to reopen Aug. 17



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MINERAL, Calif. — Lassen Volcanic National Park will partially reopen on Saturday, Aug. 17, following the lifting of some Park Fire evacuation orders and warnings.

Highway 89 through Lassen Volcanic National Park will be open to vehicles from the Northwest Entrance at Manzanita Lake to the parking lot at Devastated Area. From there, the highway will be open only to bicycles and pedestrians to Summit Lake. The highway will be closed to all traffic from Summit Lake to the southwestern park boundary due to ongoing evacuation orders and warnings.

The outlying areas of the park, such as Butte Lake, Juniper Lake, and Warner Valley, will remain closed until normal park operations resume.

The standard \$30 entrance fee will be in effect. Visitors should be prepared for limited services as park employees work to resume operations. Loomis Museum will be open for information Saturday through Tuesday, 10am - 4pm. The Lassen Association store will also resume normal operations on Saturday, Aug. 17.

The Manzanita Lake Camper Store will be open for retail, “grab and go” food, laundry, and showers beginning Aug. 17. Gasoline will be made available as soon as possible. It’s yet to be determined if or when the Manzanita Lake Cabins will reopen.

Manzanita Lake Campground will reopen to reservations beginning Monday, Aug. 26. Fires, including campfires and charcoal grills, are prohibited. Devices for cooking and lighting with ignition sources that can be turned off and that do not produce ash are permitted. Summit Lake Campground remains closed. The entire park remains closed to backcountry camping as long as any park closures are in place.

Open hiking trails include Manzanita Lake, Nobles Emigrant, Chaos Crags, and Echo Lake/Twin Lakes. Trails that remain closed include Bumpass Hell, Lassen Peak, and Mill Creek Falls.

The 2024 Park Fire has burned more than 425,000 acres in Butte, Plumas, Tehama, and Shasta counties and is the fourth largest fire in California’s history. Park staff was evacuated and are now in the process of returning. While the fire itself has not entered the park boundaries, the threat of fire remains on the park’s south side and in the local communities of Mineral and Mill Creek. The fire danger has dropped to safe levels in the areas of the park that are reopening, but visitors should expect that smoke may linger in the area and affect air quality and views.

More than 6,000 personnel from several different agencies across the country have been assigned to the Park Fire incident. Recent cooler temperatures and higher humidity have assisted fire fighters in their containment efforts.

We will communicate additional changes to operations, openings, and other park-specific information via our park’s website ([www.nps.gov/lavo](http://www.nps.gov/lavo)) and social media platforms.

For the latest information regarding evacuation orders, check the local sheriff’s office’s communication channels or call 211. For information about the fire itself and management of firefighting operations, visit <https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2024/7/24/park-fire>. Information about the Park Fire is also available on InciWeb at <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/calnf-park-fire>.