



Lassen Volcanic National Park

Visitor Survey

On your recent visit to Lassen Volcanic National Park you agreed to participate in a survey from NPS about your trip. **Please have the same individual in your group who completed the onsite survey at the park complete this questionnaire.** In this questionnaire, your personal group is defined as you and anyone with whom you visited Lassen Volcanic National Park on this trip, such as a spouse, family, friends, etc. This does not include the larger group that you might have traveled with, such as a school, church, scout, or tour group.

A visit is defined as the day in which you were contacted to complete the questionnaire. A trip is defined as the total extent of time away from your personal residence that could include multiple visits to Lassen Volcanic National Park.

Trip Description

1. Prior to this trip, how did you obtain information about Lassen Volcanic National Park? (Please mark all that apply.)

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| ☐ Did not obtain information prior to this visit | ☐ Other units of the National Park System (NPS) |
| ☐ Previous visits | ☐ School class/program |
| ☐ Friends/relatives/word of mouth | ☐ Social media (such as Facebook, Twitter, etc.) |
| ☐ Inquiry to park via phone, mail, or email | ☐ Welcome center/visitor bureaus/chamber of commerce |
| ☐ Official Lassen Volcanic National Park website (nps.gov/lavo) | ☐ Travel guides/tour books (such as AAA, etc.) |
| ☐ Other website (please specify): _____ | ☐ Television/radio programs/DVDs |
| ☐ Local businesses (hotels, restaurants, etc.) | ☐ Online travel agent |
| ☐ Maps/brochures | ☐ Cruise ship |
| ☐ Newspaper/magazine articles | ☐ Live here/grew up here |
| | ☐ Other (please specify): _____ |

2. Did you have the information about Lassen Volcanic National Park you needed on this trip? (Mark one.)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No (please specify the information you needed but didn't have on this trip):

3. From the list below, select all forms of transportation you personally used to travel from your home to Lassen Volcanic National Park on this trip. (Please mark all that apply.)

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| ☐ Car, truck, or SUV | ☐ Water-based transportation (mark all that apply) |
| ☐ RV or motorhome | ☐ Cruise ship |
| ☐ Airplane | ☐ Ferry |
| ☐ Commercial tour bus | ☐ Tour boat |
| ☐ Commercial tour van | ☐ Personal boat |
| ☐ Church, school, or similar group bus/van | ☐ Motorboat |
| ☐ Taxi/other rideshare options (e.g., Uber, Lyft, etc.) | ☐ Sailboat |
| ☐ City bus or subway | ☐ Canoe/kayak |
| ☐ Train or long-distance passenger bus | ☐ Other (please specify): _____ |
| ☐ Bicycle | ☐ Walk/hike |
| ☐ Motorcycle | ☐ Other (please specify): _____ |

4. What type of group were you with during your visit to Lassen Volcanic National Park on the day you were contacted for this survey? (Mark one.)

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| ☐ Alone | ☐ Family |
| ☐ Significant other/spouse | ☐ Family and friends |
| ☐ Friends | ☐ Other (please specify): _____ |

Expenditures

The National Park Service is interested in the relationship between parks and their local economies. In this section, we ask about goods and services that you and your personal group purchased in Lassen Volcanic National Park's local area and elsewhere in the US (outside Lassen Volcanic National Park's local area) during this trip away from home.

Throughout this section, please refer to the local area map on the back of the cover letter when asked about the local area around Lassen Volcanic National Park. The local area includes all communities within the highlighted region.

5. **How many days did you spend away from home (or your local/seasonal residence) on this trip that included your visit to Lassen Volcanic National Park?**
_____ number of days
6. **Of these days spent away from home, how many days were spent in the local area (including days spent in Lassen Volcanic National Park) shown on the map?**
_____ number of days
7. **Please estimate how much money the group you shared expenses with (or covered expenses for) spent in the following areas during your trip away from home: (1) Lassen Volcanic National Park and the local communities surrounding Lassen Volcanic National Park, and (2) elsewhere in the U.S. outside Lassen Volcanic National Park's local area.**

Local Area Residents: If you are a permanent or seasonal/second home resident, please only include local area expenditures that were directly related to your trip to Lassen Volcanic National Park when you received this survey.

Package Vacationers: For this question, don't include any expenditures that were included as part of your package vacation cost (that you reported when interviewed at Lassen Volcanic National Park).

(If you did not spend anything in a category, please enter "0".)		
Expenses	Amount spent in Lassen Volcanic National Park and nearby communities (\$US) (shown on map)	Amount spent elsewhere in US during your trip to the Lassen Volcanic National Park area (\$US) (outside local area)
Hotels, motels, resorts		
Specialty lodging (e.g., B&Bs, hostels, cabins, vacation rentals)		
Camping fees (tent, RV)		
Restaurants and bars		
Groceries and convenience foods		
Gas and oil (e.g., auto, RV, boat, etc.)		
Electric vehicle charging expenses		
Rental car		
Taxis, rideshares, shuttles, parking, and public transportation		
Souvenirs, clothing, supplies, other retail		
National Park entrance fee or annual parks pass		
Equipment rental		
Guides and tour fees		
Recreation and entertainment expenses (e.g., movies, bowling, miniature golf, etc.)		
Other expenditures (please describe below): _____		
Airline tickets from home (Which airport did you fly into?): _____		

8. How many people (adults and children), including yourself, were covered by the spending estimates you provided above?

_____ number of people (adults and children)

9. If you did not list any expenditures for local area or elsewhere, please indicate why you did not answer. (Mark one per row.)

	I did not spend any money	I do not know or remember	Prefer not to answer	N/A
A. In the Local Area	☐	☐	☐	☐
B. Elsewhere in the US	☐	☐	☐	☐

10. On how many *different days* did you enter Lassen Volcanic National Park on this trip? (Enter 1 if you only were in the site for one day).

_____ different days entered

Trip Planning and Motivations

11. Did you visit any other National Park Service sites on your trip away from home? (Mark one.)

☐ Yes (please specify which sites, below): **OR** ☐ No

12. On this trip, in which of the following activities did you personally participate while visiting Lassen Volcanic National Park? (Please mark all that apply.)

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| ☐ (1) Viewing scenery, natural features, etc. | ☐ (13) Family gathering (e.g., reunion, wedding) |
| ☐ (2) Viewing wildlife | ☐ (14) Picnicking |
| ☐ (3) Viewing night skies | ☐ (15) Water play (swimming, snorkeling, scuba diving, etc.) |
| ☐ (4) Creative arts (photography, drawing, painting, writing) | (please specify): _____ |
| ☐ (5) Visiting a cultural or historic site | ☐ (16) Technical climbing (rock climbing, bouldering, mountaineering, etc.) |
| ☐ (6) Driving for pleasure | (please specify): _____ |
| ☐ (7) Hiking | ☐ (17) Other (please specify): _____ |
| ☐ (8) Road cycling | _____ |
| ☐ (9) Running/jogging | ☐ (18) Other (please specify): _____ |
| ☐ (10) Horseback/mule riding | _____ |
| ☐ (11) Fishing | ☐ (19) Other (please specify): _____ |
| ☐ (12) Non-motorized water travel (rafting, kayaking, canoeing, etc.) (please specify): _____ | _____ |

13. Of the activities listed in Question 12, which was your *primary activity* during your visit to Lassen Volcanic National Park this trip on the day you were contacted for the survey?

_____ activity number

OR

☐ I did not have a primary activity on this trip to Lassen Volcanic National Park

14. People are motivated to visit a National Park Service site for a variety of reasons. How important to you were each of the following reasons or motivations for visiting Lassen Volcanic National Park on this trip? (Mark one per row.)

	<u>Not at all</u> <u>Important</u> (1)	<u>Slightly</u> <u>Important</u> (2)	<u>Moderately</u> <u>Important</u> (3)	<u>Very</u> <u>Important</u> (4)	<u>Extremely</u> <u>Important</u> (5)
1) To visit a National Park Service site	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2) To experience solitude	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
3) To hear the sounds of nature/quiet	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
4) To learn more about nature	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
5) To learn more about American history and culture	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
6) To spend time with family/friends	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
7) To get physical exercise	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
8) To view wildlife or natural scenery	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
9) To relax	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
10) To view dark night sky/stars	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
11) Other (please specify): _____	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

15. Of the reasons listed in Question 14, which was the most important reason for you to visit Lassen Volcanic National Park on this trip?

_____ number most important reason from Q14

Park Activities, Programs, and Services

16. On this trip, in which of the following programs and services did you personally participate within Lassen Volcanic National Park? (Please mark all that apply.)

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| ☐ Attending a ranger-led activity, such as a tour or talk | ☐ Participating with a child in your group in the Junior Ranger program |
| ☐ Talking informally with a ranger | ☐ Participating in the Junior Ranger program |
| ☐ Viewing outdoor exhibits | ☐ Obtaining a National Park passport stamp |
| ☐ Viewing indoor exhibits | ☐ Listening to an audio tour or podcast |
| ☐ Reading the park brochure or newspaper | ☐ Using the National Park Service App |
| ☐ Going to a visitor center | ☐ Other (please specify): _____ |
| ☐ Watching movies or videos about the park | |

17. On this visit to Lassen Volcanic National Park, did you learn anything from park staff, programs, and/or exhibits about American history, nature, and/or culture? (Mark one.)

- ☐ Yes (please specify subjects you learned about, below): **OR** ☐ No

18. If you were to visit Lassen Volcanic National Park in the future, are there specific subjects you would like to learn about? (Mark one.)

- ☐ Yes (please specify subjects you would like to learn about, below): **OR** ☐ No

19. Did you use a personal electronic device while in Lassen Volcanic National Park to do any of the following actions? (Mark one per row.)

	Yes	No	Don't know
Make/receive a cell phone call	☐	☐	☐
Send/receive a text message	☐	☐	☐
Search the internet/email	☐	☐	☐
GPS/Navigation	☐	☐	☐
Share pics/videos/audio via social media	☐	☐	☐
Listen to/use an NPS podcast	☐	☐	☐
Other (please specify): _____	☐	☐	☐

20. How important to you was it during your visit to Lassen Volcanic National Park to use personal electronic devices to do each of the following, and how would you rate the quality of the service to do each? (For each item, please Mark one for importance and one for quality of service.)

	IMPORTANCE					QUALITY OF SERVICE					
	Not at all Important	Slightly Important	Moderately Important	Very Important	Extremely Important	No Service	Poor	Average	Good	Very Good	Not Applicable
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(X)
Make/receive a cell phone call	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Send/receive a text message	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Search the internet/email	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
GPS/Navigation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Share pics/videos/audio via social media	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Listen to/use an NPS podcast	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other (please specify below): _____	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

21. Did anyone in your personal group have a physical condition that made it difficult to access or participate in park activities or services during your visit to Lassen Volcanic National Park? (Mark one.)

a. ☐ Yes ☐ No [Go to Question 22]

b. What activities, services, or facilities did the person(s) have difficulty participating in or accessing? Please be specific.

c. Because of the physical condition, which specific difficulties did the person(s) have. (Please mark all that apply.)

- ☐ Hearing (difficulty hearing ranger programs, bus drivers, audio-visual exhibits or programs, or information desk staff even with a hearing aid)
- ☐ Visual (difficulty seeing exhibits, directional signs, or visual aids that are part of programs even with prescribed glasses due to blindness)
- ☐ Mobility (difficulty in accessing facilities, services, or programs even with walking aid and/or wheelchairs)

The following two questions identify the strengths and weaknesses in the site's visitor experience. Lassen Volcanic National Park managers rely on this information to make decisions that benefit the general public.

22. What did you like the most about your visit to Lassen Volcanic National Park?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

23. What did you like the least about your visit to Lassen Volcanic National Park?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

24. Did your visit to Lassen Volcanic National Park meet your expectations? (Mark one.)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Not entirely
- ☐ Not at all

Please explain your response: _____

25. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? (Mark one per row.)

[illegible]

26. How would you rate the quality of the park facilities, visitor services, and recreational opportunities in Lassen Volcanic National Park? (Mark one per row.)

	Very Poor	Poor	Average	Good	Very Good	Not Used or Not Available
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(X)
Park Facilities						
Visitor Center	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Exhibits (indoor and outdoor)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Restrooms	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Walkways, trails, and roads	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Campgrounds and/or picnic areas	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Visitor Services						
Assistance from park employees	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Park map or brochure	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Ranger programs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Value for entrance fee paid	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Commercial services in the park (food, lodging, gifts, rental, etc.)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other services (please specify below):	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Recreation Opportunities						
Learning about nature, history, or culture	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Outdoor recreation (sightseeing, camping, bicycling, boating, hiking, etc.)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

27. Overall, how would you rate the quality of the park facilities, visitor services, and recreational opportunities in Lassen Volcanic National Park? (Mark one.)

☐ (1) Very poor ☐ (2) Poor ☐ (3) Average ☐ (4) Good ☐ (5) Very good

28. This park was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is that national significance of this park?

Background/Demographics

29. If you live in the US, what is your ZIP code? If not US, what is your country of residence?

ZIP Code ____ OR Country _____

30. What is your age? _____ years

31. What is your gender? (Mark one.)

- ☐ Man
- ☐ Woman
- ☐ I prefer to self-describe as: _____
- ☐ Prefer not to respond

32. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? (Mark one.)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

33. What is your race? (Please mark all that apply.)

- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander
- ☐ White
- ☐ Some other race (please describe): _____

34. What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed? (Mark one.)

- ☐ Less than high school/some high school
- ☐ High school graduate
- ☐ Vocational/trade school certificate
- ☐ Some college
- ☐ Associate Degree (AA, AS, etc.)
- ☐ Bachelor’s Degree (BA, BS, AB, etc.)
- ☐ Master’s Degree (MS, MA, MEd, etc.)
- ☐ Professional Degree (MD, DD, etc.)
- ☐ Doctorate Degree (PhD, EdD, etc.)

35. Which of these categories best represents your annual household income? (Mark one.)

- ☐ Less than \$25,000
- ☐ \$25,000 to \$49,999
- ☐ \$50,000 to \$74,999
- ☐ \$75,000 to \$99,999
- ☐ \$100,000 to \$149,999
- ☐ \$150,000 to \$199,999
- ☐ \$200,000 or more
- ☐ Do not wish to answer

36. Including yourself, how many people contribute to your annual household income?

_____ people

37. Including yourself, how many people (adults and children) are in your household?

_____ people

38. When visiting an area such as Lassen Volcanic National Park, what language do you prefer to use?
(Mark one for speaking and one for reading.)

	ENGLISH	SPANISH	OTHER
Speaking	☐	☐	☐
Reading	☐	☐	☐

If you marked other for speaking and/or reading, please specify which language:

39. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about Lassen Volcanic National Park’s facilities, services, or recreational opportunities?

Thank you for your time and participation in this survey.

Please place this packet into the postage-paid envelope and return it via any US Mail drop box.