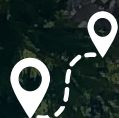




CRATER LAKE NATIONAL PARK

TRIP PLANNER



44 Miles



2-3 Hours

TRIP PLANNER

- Where to Enter
- Must-See Points
- Best Hikes (Quick, Moderate)
- Itineraries (One Day)
- Where to Stay
- Know Before You Go
- Packing List



WHERE TO ENTER

NORTH ENTRANCE (VOLCANIC LEGACY SCENIC BYWAY)

START

SOUTH ENTRANCE (STEEL VISITOR CENTER)

START

(ROAD CLOSURE)

Your self-guided tour supports both the entrances! Each entrance is available as a separate tour version.

Don't worry — Both the versions have the same stories, just tailored to each entrance. One is not better than the other!

Be sure to have the latest tour version downloaded ahead of time because there's no signal once in the park

MUST-SEE POINTS

NORTH ENTRANCE (VOLCANIC LEGACY SCENIC BYWAY)

START



Watchman Peak Trailhead



Cleetwood Cove Trail



Rim Village



Phantom Ship Overlook



Merriam Point

(ROAD CLOSURE)

START

SOUTH ENTRANCE (STEEL VISITOR CENTER)



Vidae Falls



Sun Notch Trailhead

BEST HIKES



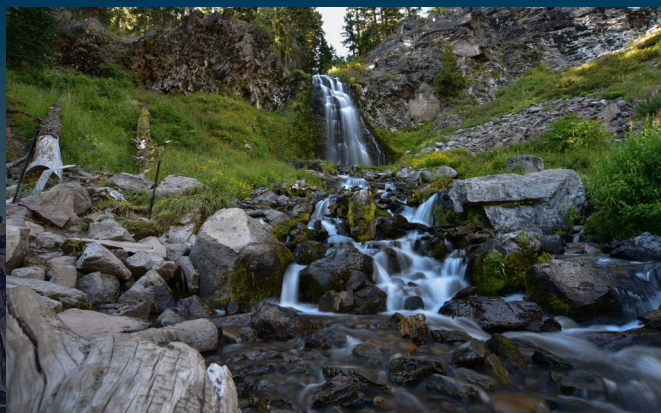
DISCOVERY
POINT
TRAILHEAD



2 Miles



45 Mins



PLAIKNI FALLS
TRAIL



2 Miles



43 Mins



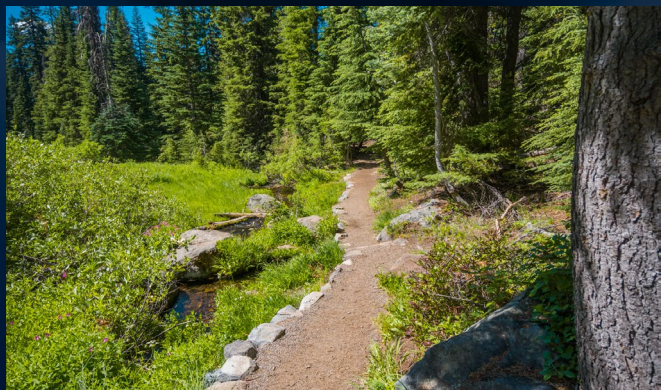
SUN NOTCH
TRAIL



0.8 Miles



30 Mins



CASTLE CREST
WILDFLOWER
TRAIL



1.3 Miles



30 Mins



WATCHMAN
PEAK TRAIL



1.7 Miles



45 Mins



CLEETWOOD
COVE TRAIL
[CLOSED]



2 Miles



1-2 Hours

ITINERARIES

You can enjoy the park at your own pace with the self-guided audio tour from Action Tour Guide.

This flexible tour can be completed in one day. Since it is valid for one year and offers unlimited usage, you don't have to worry about seeing everything in one visit.

ONE-DAY ITINERARY:

- Start your day early by entering Crater Lake National Park through one of the entrances. Be sure to download the app and tour in advance, as cell service can be limited in the area.
- Begin by driving along the scenic routes and stop at the must-see points (marked in the tour as "Must-See"):
 - Rim Village
 - Watchman Peak Trailhead
 - Merriam Point
 - Vidae Falls
 - Sun Notch Trailhead
 - Phantom Ship Overlook
- Plan a few hikes along the scenic route, depending on your time and interest. (See the hikes section.)
- Enjoy a picnic lunch at one of the designated picnic areas, such as Rim Village or Watchman Peak Trailhead, where you can admire the stunning views of the lake while relaxing and refuelling for the rest of your adventure.
- End your day by watching the sunset from a scenic viewpoint. Consider locations like Watchman Peak Trailhead or Phantom Ship Overlook to witness the golden hues reflecting off the deep blue waters of Crater Lake as the day comes to a close. For more unforgettable self-guided tours, visit actiontourguide.com.

WHERE TO STAY



CHILOQUIN

Just north of Crater Lake, Chiloquin offers rustic cabins and hotels amidst forests and rivers, ideal for anglers and outdoor lovers.

CRESCENT

Located about 45 miles north of Crater Lake, Crescent serves as a cozy gateway with a variety of lodging options, including charming cabins and guesthouses.

PROSPECT

Close to the Rogue River near Crater Lake's south-central side, Prospect features historic inns and scenic natural wonders, perfect for exploring the area.

GLIDE

Located west of Crater Lake, Glide is known for its Umpqua River access and lush landscapes, with accommodations ranging from bed and breakfasts to riverfront

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO



ENTRANCE FEES: An entrance fee or valid park pass is required to access Crater Lake National Park. [Review pass options.](#)



PERMITS & RESERVATIONS: Reservations are required for campgrounds and other activities, which is not included in the self-guided tour. [Reserve here before your trip.](#)



OPERATING HOURS: The Park is open year-round, 24 hours a day. However during the winter season, accessibility to many park roads may be limited or closed due to snowfall. [Learn more before you go.](#)



ROAD CLOSURES: Unexpected weather or construction incidents can affect roads. The North Entrance Road and East & West Rim Drives may be restricted due to winter conditions, and the road between Skell Head and Phantom Ship Overlook, including Cloudcap Road, is closed due to the East Rim Drive Rehabilitation Project, expected to be completed by 2028. [Check before you leave.](#)



PARK RULES AND SAFETY: Stay on designated trails, camp in designated areas, and respect wildlife and natural resources by following the [Camping Rules and Regulations](#). Follow all [NPS Laws and Policies](#). Be familiar with the park's [Safety Guidelines](#).

PACKING LIST



Binoculars



Hat & Glasses



Water



Snacks



Portable Charger



Phone Holder



Gas



Extra Layers



Hiking Boots



First Aid Kit



Insect Repellent



Sunscreen



Bear Spray