Lassen Celebrates Seasonal Changes For National Park Week

Avalanche Training for Rangers
History of Peter Lassen

Youth Camping Grants Awarded

SPRING 2019

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Lassen Volcanic National Park stepped into spring for this year’s National Park Week. National Park Week was Saturday, April 20 through Sunday, April 28 with free entrance to Lassen Volcanic and all National Park Service sites. The winter’s deeper-than-average snowpack is quickly disappearing from the Manzanita Lake Area, while the Southwest Area remains blanketed in 13 feet or more of snow.

"Visitors [were able to] hike a mostly snow-free loop around Manzanita or Reflection Lakes in the Manzanita Lake Area or enjoy spring snowshoeing or skiing in the Southwest Area," said Superintendent Richardson. "Spring also offers the unique opportunity to hike, run, or bike plowed sections of the park highway before they are opened to vehicles."

The annual spring road clearing process began in the Manzanita Lake Area on March 28. Clearing snow from the 30-mile highway and additional access roads takes two to three months on average. A ten-mile section of highway between Loomis Plaza and Devastated Area is currently cleared of snow and opened to vehicles on April 18, the same day road crews began clearing from the Southwest Area. A map of road clearing operations and status is available at [go.nps.gov/genesi](go.nps.gov/genesi).

A new park entrance fee of $30 per vehicle (valid for up to seven days) is now in effect. The Lassen Annual Pass is $55. This year’s pass features the 2019 Annual Pass Photo Contest winning photograph "Cinder Cona (right) by Angela Ferrell of Red Bluff, California. Ferrell will receive photo credit and a $50 gift certificate from the Lassen Association for use at one of its park stores. Additional entrance fees and passes can be viewed at [go.nps.gov/genesi](go.nps.gov/genesi).

Seasonal changes occur quickly in the spring season at Lassen Volcanic. Snow sports will continue to be the highlight of a visit to the Southwest Area for the coming months. However, spring conditions will quickly appear in the Northwest Area of the park. Visitors can learn more about opportunities to explore the park and anticipated conditions by month at [go.nps.gov/genesi](go.nps.gov/genesi).

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**YOUTH CAMPING GRANTS AWARDED**

- Anderson New Technology High School
- Boys & Girls Club (B&G Club) of Band
- B&G Club of Silicon Valley
- B&G Club, Chico Teen Center
- B&G Club, Hamilton Elementary School
- B&G Club, Oroville Teen Center
- Bethel Church Young Saints
- Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Pack 107
- BSA Troop 42
- BSA Troop 509
- BSA Troop 565
- Chair Youth Center
- Cypress Elementary School
- Eagles Soar Youth Activities Center (E3VAC)
- Future Citizens Foundation
- Girls Inc. of the Northern Sacramento Valley
- Girls Inc. of West Contra Costa County
- Girls Scouts (GS) Heart of Central California
- Girls Scouts Northern California (GS NorCal) - Troop 70026
- GS NorCal - Troop 70031

- Girls NorCal - Troop 70017
- GS NorCal - Troop 70213
- GS NorCal - Troop 70542
- GS NorCal - Troop 70576
- GS Sierra Nevada Troop 23
- Hill Country (Intermountain Teen Center)
- James McKee Elementary School
- Lava Beds National Monument
- LAVA Charter School
- Long Valley Charter School
- Mira Loma High School
- MLK Jr. Multicultural Community Center
- Nevada Outdoor School
- Nexus Youth & Family Services
- North State Wilderness Team
- RAWC inc.
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- Rawc Inc.
- Red Bluff BSA Pack 17 & Troop 17
- Sierra Club ICS
- Sierra Institute P.CREW
- Stone Bridge School
- Sunnyvale Pathfinder Club
- The Stirring
- Today’s Youth Matter
- TYC Club (Team of Youth Care)
- Woodland Charter School

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On a cold, foggy day in 1830 a Packet Ship set sail from Copenhagen, Denmark, bound for Boston, carrying mail, commercial goods, and over a hundred immigrants crammed into steerage. Peter Lassen, then a 30-year-old blacksmith, short and slight-of-build but industrious, undertook the arduous journey, leaving friends and family to pursue economic opportunity in America.

The pioneer spirit gripped Lassen like a vice. He knew his blacksmithing skills would be valuable in the West, and he found Boston no more than despicable than Copenhagen. Just another big city, crowded and dirty, with people living on top of each other competing for jobs and resources. Within a few years, Lassen made his way to Missouri. By 1837, Lassen’s considerable talents and admirable personal traits had enabled him to carve out a very successful life. Industrious, good-natured, and a natural leader, Lassen’s personality was as well-adapted to the new country as his trade. By the time Lassen arrived in Missouri, he had already learned to read and write, a rare accomplishment for a person of his station and upbringing. Although he was not formally educated, Lassen was a quick learner and rejoiced at the knowledge he could acquire through books.

In 1838 the California Dream caught Lassen’s eye. He was a master blacksmith, woodsman and hunter. But Lassen’s journey of discovery, still nascent, was about to take a very exciting turn. The trip was fraught. The party crossed the Nevada desert and later skirmishing with Crow, crossing the Platte, but avoided “hen’s eggs” just a few days into the journey. The party encountered many hardships, including lost supplies and sickness. But Lassen remained determined and focused on his goal. He was already a formidably self-sufficient pioneer, with extensive knowledge of mill design and operation, adding it to his skill set.

When gold was discovered at Lassen’s friend Sutter’s mill in Coloma, Lassen was ready. He knew his blacksmithing skills would be valuable in the West, and he had already learned to read and write. Lassen decided to open a new route to California using his blacksmithing skills to improve the tree stand health while thinning for a fire protection benefit. The project connects to the thinning and pile burning we have completed in the past and to the work we plan on completing in the future. This project will improve the tree stand health while thinning for a fire protection benefit.

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With all the devastating fires last summer, you might think there would be quick reactions from land management agencies that plan and execute fire fuels programs. I do not see the knee jerk that would be timely, but I do see long term projects that have been planned coming closer to implementation both in and around the park. At Lassen Volcanic National Park we are likely to see these somewhat unique projects complete this summer. With the help of the Sierran Institute to comply with both the spirit and letter of the Wilderness Act. In the fall of 2020 we plan on igniting a prescribed fire on this 1600 acre unit. This project is funded by California Prop 1 funding for watershed restoration and forest health.

Just east of the Manzanita Lake area, we are likely to see continued work in the Northwest Gateway project with an additional 900 acres of mechanical harvest and biomass thinning. That will continue the previously approved project to contract for specific harvest of marketable trees and thinning of small diameter trees to promote forest resilience, and will be followed by prescribed burning in future years. The units within this project that surround the Volcano Adventure Camp are being prioritized for implementation this year. This project is being funded by a CalFire grant through the California Climate Investments program that has been awarded to a multi-agency collaborative headed by the Fall River Resource Conservation District and is subject to being contracted in a timely way.

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Patrick W. Carr has served on Lassen Park Foundation’s Board of Directors since 2010. Pat retired from the California Department of Transportation, having worked in transportation planning and external affairs in the Sacramento, San Francisco Bay, and Redding areas. Mr. Carr has held leadership and trustee/director/member positions on various charitable and education-related boards, including the San Francisco Maritime National Park Association Trustees, Friends of Whiskeytown (National Recreation Area), Shasta Historical Society, and many others. During his college years, Pat worked on trail crews and survey crews in Lassen Park, Yosemite Park, and Shasta-Trinity National Forest. He is a Vietnam Veteran, holds a M.A. in Economics from Washington State University, and is a fourth generation Shasta County resident. He and his wife Kathleen make their home in Cottonwood.

Randall Townsend
Randall Townsend has served on Lassen Park Foundation’s Board of Directors since 2010. Randy, of Monroe, CA, is the Director of Information Technology at Cal Poly Pomona Foundation. He grew up in the Siskiyou-Trinity Alps area where he developed a love of wilderness through his father, a forest service engineer, and grandfather, a gold prospector. Randy’s interest in leadership, education, and advocating the outdoor experience is conveyed in his volunteer work chairing Camp Fire Boys and Girls in Redding, Botanical Gardens in southern California, and others. He has 40+ years of technology career experience in the forest products industry, banking, education, entertainment and visual arts. Randy met and married his wife, Karen Mitchell, at Drakesbad in Lassen Park, and Shasta-Trinity National Forest. He is a Vietnam Veteran, a fourth generation Shasta County resident. He and his wife Kathleen make their home in Cottonwood.

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