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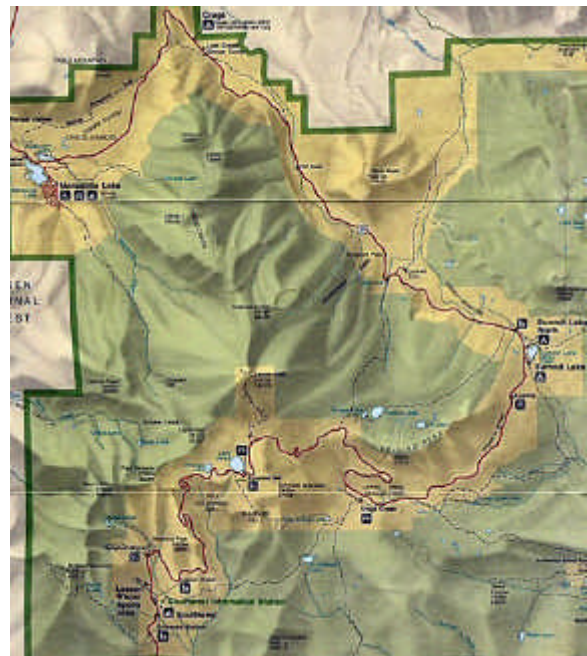
Noontime Slide Show: Hikes and Views in Lassen Volcanic National Park

Noon, Friday, 5 March 2004

LOCATION: 300-217

SPEAKER: Ned Chapin

DESCRIPTION:



Lassen's 150 miles of trails cover a wealth of volcanic geology, life zones, and scenery. Mt. Lassen at the north end of California last erupted in 1914. That eruption and the extensive prior volcanic activity provides creeks, meadows, forests, lakes, cinder cones, ash falls, lava beds, hot springs, geysers, rock avalanches, and the volcano itself. With an elevation range from less than 5,000 feet to over 10,000 feet, the Park offers a great range of flora and fauna (but nicely almost no poison oak and no rattlesnakes!). Trails range from easy to strenuous, with footing ranging from secure to challenging. Most trails are moderate, but only a few very short ones are wheel chair accessible. Most families can easily pick trails that will fit their needs. Park campgrounds are available (reservations recommended), and all are above 5,600 feet in elevation. Weather in the summer goes from pleasantly warm but very rarely hot at mid-afternoon, to cool in the early morning.