

**Backpacking**  
**Cinder Cone National Monument**  
**Lassen National Park**

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Description: The Cinder Cone National Monument extended from Butte Lake in north to Snag Lake in the south and encompassed all of Cinder Cone and the area now known as Fantastic Lava Beds – approximately eight square miles. This volcanic formation is dated around 800 years old and is one of the wonders of the park. The snag lake cinder cone lope is a great mellow multi day backpacking trip. Filled with a verity of scenery. Sub alpine conifer forests, mountain lakes, to dry desert like conditions near the cinder cone. The trail is moderate with a few climbs a couple of hindered feet in elevation. There are bear, deer, hawks and all sorts of other wild life some might be lucky enough to see.

General Information: located in northeastern California at Lassen national park.

Mileage: 15 in/out

Elevation: 6500' at peak

Difficulty: extreme day hike / moderate over night

Average driving Time: 2 hours

Topographic Maps: Lassen national park

Driving directions:

Quincy take highway 70-w to the intersection of 70-W / 89-N.	9.4 mi
Turn right at 89-N	33.4 mi
Turn right at 36-E	2.2 mi

Follow 36-E through Chester

Turn left at Feather River Dr	0.7 mi
Right at juniper lake rd	5.4 mi
Turn right to stay on juniper Lake Rd	5.4 mi

**Route/trail directions:** From parking lot proceed to the west down dirt road; trail will be on the right.

Proceed north along trail. Trail is well mark with signs and worn from travelers.

From Juniper Lake to cinder cone is aproxamently 8 miles one way.

**Gear needed:** Basic hiking or backpacking gear. I do recommend bringing along an extra water container.

**Notes:** Well worth all the effort, scenery is awesome.

**Facilities:** Chester offers lodging, restaurants and gasoline.

