Little Volcano:

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Description: Little Volcano is a summit hill in Plumas County with an elevation of 5,791 ft. It overlooks the canyon of the Middle Fork of the Feather River. This vantage point provides great views of the surrounding mountains. You can access Little Volcano by taking La Porte Road.
**Directions:** It’s easiest to access Little Volcano using a car, but it is possible to hike all the way from the road. It’s about a 35 minute drive from Quincy California. You head out Highway 70 towards Portola and make a right on La Porte road just as you are leaving Quincy. You go about 2 miles until you see a dirt forest service road which should have a sign labeled Little Volcano 6 miles. The Forest Service Road is 24N13. I recommend bringing a Quincy USGS Quadrangle. You follow 24N13 until you reach the end of the road. There you park your car and walk to the top of Little Volcano Summit.

**Name:** Little Volcano Caving Trip ****

**Time Needed:** 1 ½ hours travel time. Allow an addition 2 hours for descending and ascending the rope for each person on the trip.

**Sun Exposure:** There will be very little sun exposure because you will be caving all day long Woohoo!!!!!!

**Elevation:** 5,971 ft

**Rating:** You need to have experience with setting up anchors and repelling and ascending a fixed line. Intermediate ascent and descent.

**Gear Needed:**

- Helmet
- Head Lamp
- First Aid Kit
- 2 ropes 60m static rope
- 4 locking carabineers for Anchor with Cordelette
- Each person needs 2 Jumars to ascend and descend the rope into the Cave
- Food for being gone all day
• Warm Clothes Depending on the weather
• A Big Smile!

**Directions:** From the area where you park the car you hike up to the top of the summit. This hike should be about ¼ of a mile. There you walk another ¼ mile across the ridge and go down the hill about 50yrds until you find an Oak Tree. Under this Oak Tree is hole which is the entrance to Little Volcano Cave.

**Description:** Little Volcano appears the USGS Plumas County Map. You will set up your anchors to the tree and there is one bolt to the rock going into the cave where you can put a directional. You will descend the rope with your ATC about 100ft to the great room. From there if you look around the great room you will find another small hole which you can also descend for another 200ft to the bottom. It is an amazing experience to be around 300ft deep in the ground. Remember once you get into the cave it will probably be warmer then the temperature outside. On average caves are usually around 55 degrees Fahrenheit.

Risks and Pitfalls: You need to be experienced or be with someone who is experienced. You could fall if you dont' set up your ropes right and there are alot of dangers involved. Be careful and check your caribeeners before you ascend and descend.