

## **Accessible Facilities and Trails in Crater Lake National Park**

Most of the park's 183,000 acres are backcountry, and generally inaccessible to those with mobility impairments. However, several front-country trails are moderately accessible, and others have portions that may be negotiable with assistance. The following places are the most popular and accessible. Some picnic areas have wheelchair -accessible parking, bathrooms and tables. Most park restrooms are accessible, and many of the paved overlooks have low cross-slopes and accessible exhibits. Service animals are welcome on all park trails and buildings when on duty.

Facilities in <u>MAZAMA VILLAGE</u> are accessible, including the store, campground and restaurant. The 1/4-mile upper section of the **Annie Creek Canyon Trail** begins at the campground amphitheater and is mostly flat and wide. The trail's descent into the canyon is too steep to be accessible, but the views from the top are excellent.

Godfrey Glen Trail is one of four fully accessible trails in the park. This 1-mile loop has minimal cross-slopes and no grade higher than 9%. Visitors have completed the trail in manual wheelchairs. The trail begins on Munson Valley Rd. (between Mazama Village and Park Headquarters) and winds through old-growth forest with canyon views. However, due to recent weathering, this trail has uneven tread in some places and some obstacles.

<u>EAST RIM DRIVE</u> offers several accessible adventures. **Vidae Falls Picnic Area** has accessible picnic sites with parking and restrooms. The first hundred yards or so of the **Crater Peak Trail**, which leaves from this site, has a low grade, a wide surface and leads to a bridge under old growth forest. The surface may be too soft for unassisted wheelchairs when wet, however.

The 3/4 -mile **Sun Notch Loop Trail** is ADA compliant for visitors in wheelchairs except for one short, but steep section where assistance is recommended. This loop trail offers views of Crater Lake, Phantom Ship and the rim.

**Plaikni Falls Trail**, on the Pinnacles Road, is a 2 mile round trip that is fully accessible, though the grade becomes steeper and narrows near the end of the trail. The trail leads through forest to a spectacular waterfall. A low grade and compact surface, along with frequent resting areas, makes this an ideal trail for those with mobility impairments and those seeking a secluded but accessible adventure. Nearest restrooms are at Lost Creek Campground.

At the end of the Pinnacles Road is the **Pinnacles Trail**. This flat, wide trail ends at the park's east boundary after 1 mile (not a loop trail). Enjoy the great views of volcanic spires, but use caution near cliffs.

Along with the Steel Visitor Center, there are several trails with accessible segments in the **PARK HEADQUARTERS**HISTORIC DISTRICT. Several segments of **The Lady of the Woods Loop** are accessible and can be reached from the main parking lot. Most portions of this 1/3 -mile loop trail are steep and/or narrow, however.

The lower portion of the **Castle Crest Wildflower Garden Trail** is has been negotiated by visitors with mobility impairments, but not in wheelchairs. However, the upper trail is uneven, rocky and occasionally steep.

The Lodge, the Café/Gift Shop and the Kiser Studio Visitor Center at **RIM VILLAGE** are all wheelchair accessible. The paved promenade in front of the gift shop provides views of Crater Lake with a grade of less than 5%. Behind the lodge, the promenade continues to Garfield Peak Trail. This section is paved but has grades of up to 15%. Also at Rim Village is **Picnic Hill**, where several sites have wheelchair accessible tables.

Two-hour **Trolley Tours** are offered daily from the rim. These ranger-guided tours provide wheelchair access with ramps and lifts. Reservations are recommended for large groups at <a href="www.craterlaketrolley.com">www.craterlaketrolley.com</a>. Inquire at the Visitor Centers or Ranger Station for more information, or at the ticket counter at Rim Village.

The only access to the shore of Crater Lake is the steep and difficult **Cleetwood Cove Trail**. This trail is not recommended for wheelchairs, or for those with mobility or health problems, since the average grade is 13%.

**All trails are subject to seasonal closures**. Inquire at the entrance stations, the visitor centers or the ranger station for current conditions. We invite your comments on this brochure and our facilities. Please call 541-594-3100.

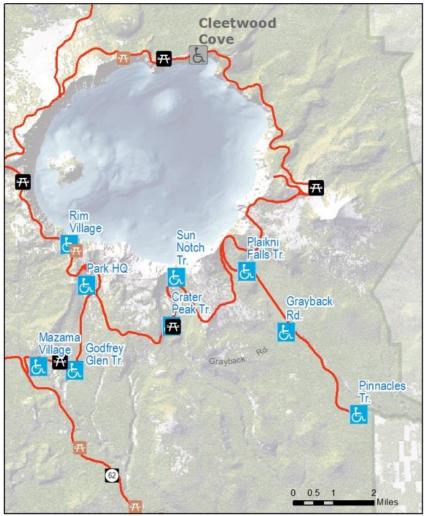
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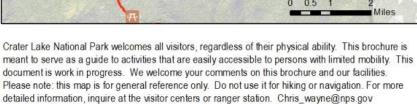
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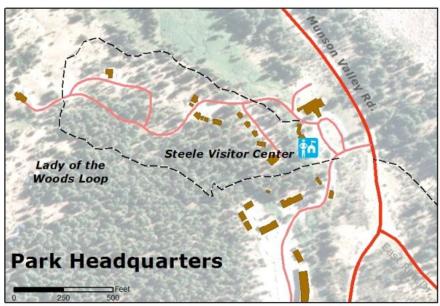
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Picnic Area with Restroom

Picnic Area: No Restroom