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## Lava Beds National Monument News Release

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### Fee Free Weekends Announced at Lava Beds National Monument

**Tulelake, CA** – During these tough economic times, Lava Beds National Monument, near Tulelake, California, will waive entrance fees for visitors arriving on Saturday or Sunday during the weekends of June 20-21, July 18-19, and August 15-16, 2009. The National Park Service wants to reinforce that our national parks are places for everyone to have fun, reconnect with nature and history, and build a sense of ownership and stewardship toward parks and the environment.

These free entry passes will be good for Saturday and Sunday only. Visitors whose plans include additional days in the monument will need to pay the normal entry fee, \$10 for 7 days or purchase the Lava Beds Annual Pass for only \$20. Annual passes which are available for sale at the monuments visitor center or fee station, are also valid for entry to Crater Lake National Park. Park visitors are reminded that the fee-free designation applies to entrance fees only and does not affect fees for camping.

Lava Beds National Monument is a diverse landscape, containing unique geological and historical sites. Volcanic eruptions here on the Medicine Lake shield volcano have created a rugged environment of cinder cones, craters and lava flows. More than 700 lava tube caves, Native American rock art sites, historic battlefields, and a high desert wilderness exist within the monument.

Lava Beds offers a wide variety of activities for all ages and abilities. For those interested in camping, Lava Beds' Indian Well campground offer 43 individual campsites, available on a first-come, first served basis. The monument's Visitor Center is open from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM during the summer months. For visiting the monuments lava tube caves flashlights may be borrowed from the Visitor Center during open hours, and a selection of hardhats and cave maps are available for sale. Afternoon ranger-led cave tours, evening campfire programs in the campground, and other interpretive programs are offered daily through September 7<sup>th</sup>. A weekly schedule of interpretive

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program topics and locations is available at the Lava Beds Visitor Center, the park website ([www.nps.gov/labe](http://www.nps.gov/labe)), or by calling 530-667-8113.

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