



Reach the Peak



Reach the Peak trail crew members proudly display the fruit of their labor on the Lassen Peak trail

The Project

Reach the Peak is a multi-year project to restore and rehabilitate the Lassen Peak trail. The work will maintain the character of the trail while taking steps to improve the visitor experience and accommodate its increasing popularity. Lassen Volcanic National Park, with the help of its partners, is determined to preserve this historic experience for the enjoyment of future generations. Together we can *Reach the Peak*.

2011 Accomplishments

In 2010, the largest helicopter flight operation in the park strategically placed 2.4 million pounds of stone along the trail. With materials in place for the project's second year, Lassen Volcanic National Park trail crew and the California Conservation Corps began laboriously strengthening the backbone of the Lassen Peak trail. Overcoming hazardous work areas and exposure to severe weather, the Reach the Peak trail crew cut and placed nearly 5,000 cubic feet of stone on 75 rock retaining walls and landing sites. These carefully constructed retaining walls will reduce erosion on Lassen Peak's numerous switchbacks and provide a solid foundation for the higher, steeper sections of trail.

2012 Continuing Progress

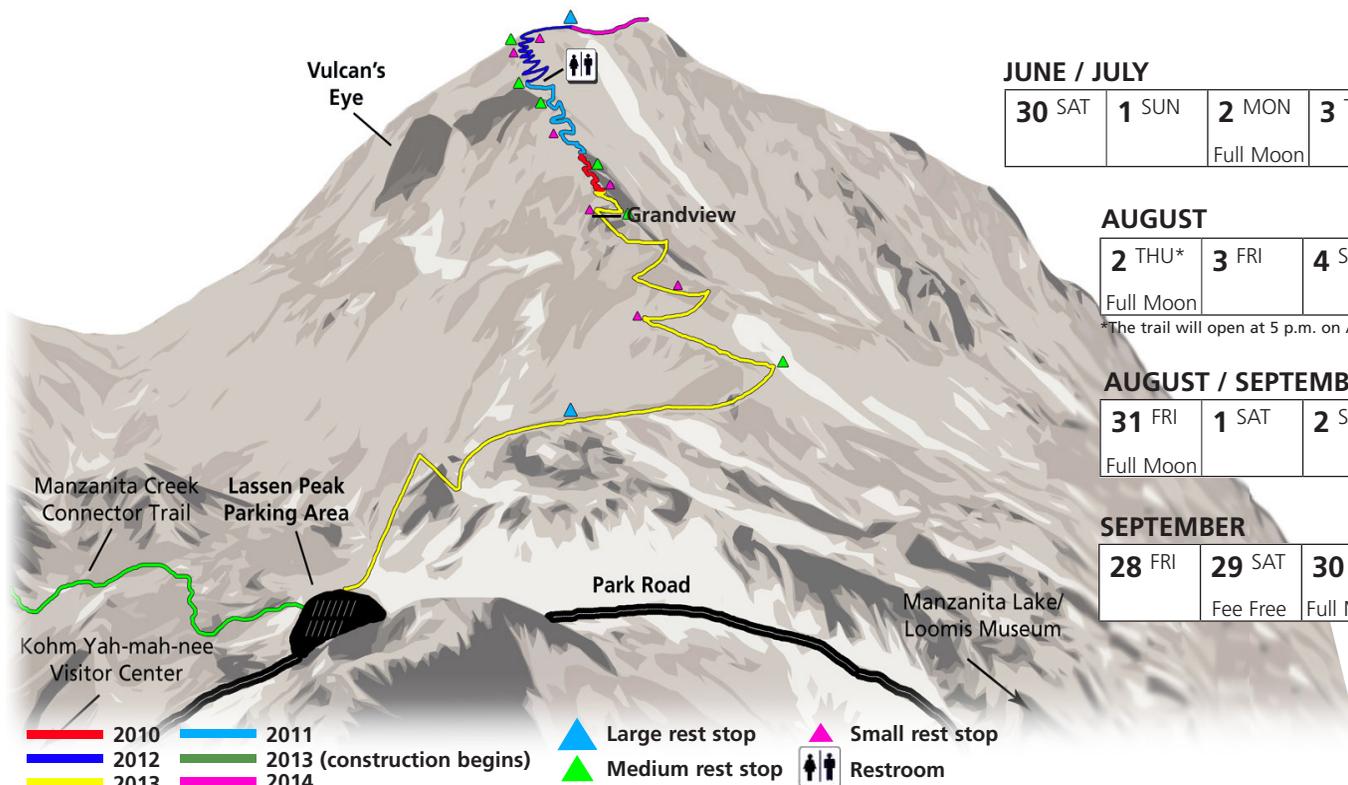
The Reach the Peak trail crew is now poised to continue the restoration work as soon as winter snows release their grip on the volcano. In 2012, efforts will be focused on:

- Removing the radio repeater from the peak's summit
- Constructing a restroom on the upper trail
- Widening and reinforcing the middle and upper segments of the trail
- Constructing three new interpretive waysides

Access to the Trail

The trail will be closed at "Grandview" approximately 1.3 miles from the peak parking area. Closure of the route is possible at any time

throughout the season. To provide limited access to the summit, the trail will be open to the summit on the following dates only:



JUNE / JULY

30 SAT	1 SUN	2 MON Full Moon	3 TUE	4 WED
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AUGUST

2 THU* Full Moon	3 FRI	4 SAT	5 SUN
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*The trail will open at 5 p.m. on Aug. 2

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER

31 FRI Full Moon	1 SAT	2 SUN	3 MON
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SEPTEMBER

28 FRI	29 SAT Fee Free	30 SUN Full Moon
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- 2010
- 2011
- 2012
- 2013 (construction begins)
- 2013
- 2014
- ▲ Large rest stop
- ▲ Medium rest stop
- ▲ Small rest stop
- ☼ Restroom



Hiking Lassen Peak

The Lassen Peak trail begins from the Lassen Peak parking area located 22 miles south of the Loomis Museum and seven miles from the southwest entrance. This steep trail of loose rocks may be snow-covered into early summer. Winter access requires winter backcountry travel knowledge and

equipment. You will likely encounter areas with on-going *Reach the Peak* restoration work.

Length: 5 miles (8 km) round-trip
 Elevation gain: 1,957 feet (596 m)
 Time: 4-5 hours round-trip

Lassen Peak from Afar

Many hikers have discovered another way to enjoy the splendor of Lassen Peak – from afar. Brokeoff Mountain trail is a worthy rival to the Lassen Peak trail, passing through dense forests and lush meadows to spectacular panoramic views. The sweeping vistas include Mt. Shasta, the rim of ancient Brokeoff Volcano (Mt. Tehama) and

breathtaking Lassen Peak. The trailhead is located 1/4 mile south of the southwest entrance.

Length: 7 miles (11 km) round-trip
 Elevation gain: 2,600 feet (792 m)
 Time: 6 hours round-trip

Stay Safe

Lassen Peak trail is steep with loose rock. The trail may be snow-covered into early summer. Keep yourself safe and help protect this special trail by following a few guidelines:

- Be careful of footing when hiking on snow. Wear proper footwear and use trekking poles to help maintain balance.
- Be prepared for sudden changes in weather. Check the weather forecast before you head out. Climb peaks and ridges early in the morning. Head for lower elevation during lightning activity.
- Protect yourself against the elements. Wear sturdy boots, dress in layers and wear sunscreen. The majority of the trail is above the treeline where there is little to no shade.
- Be aware that you are hiking at high elevation. Carry at least one liter of water per person, take breaks often and do not exceed your abilities.
- Respect trail closures. They are for your safety and the safety of others.

Trail Etiquette

Help to ensure that everyone enjoys their time on the Lassen Peak trail by offering a few courtesies to your fellow hikers:

- Do not bring pets on trails. Pets are allowed only in paved areas such as campgrounds, parking areas, and the park road.
- Leave all rocks, plants, animals, and artifacts undisturbed for the enjoyment of future users.
- Help protect the trail for future hikers: stay on the trail and do not cut switchbacks.
- Step to the side of the trail to let others pass when appropriate.

Lassen's Youngest Steward

On his first visit to Lassen last summer, five-year old Zach determined that Lassen Volcanic is his favorite park. On Zach's sixth birthday, he decided to forgo birthday presents and instead collected \$230 for the Lassen Peak trail. In his donation letter to the park, our youngest steward wrote, "please use it to keep Lassen special."



To become a *Reach the Peak* supporter, visit the Lassen Park Foundation website at www.lassenparkfoundation.org. You may also contact the foundation by mail at P.O. Box 33, Anderson, CA 96007 or phone at (530) 378-2600.

