

Inhospitable yet inviting

Stop at the hospitable Harvest Depot for your sack lunches. Lava Butte is located at Lava Lands. The dry moon-scape is fascinating, and best visited during the cool of the day. Walk out Trail of the Molten Lands to the Phil Brogan Viewpoint and you can see Mount Bachelor, the three Sisters, and, on a clear day, Mounts Jefferson and Hood.

Make sure to stop in the excellent Visitor Center, which tells how the lava flow and the entire Newberry National Volcanic Monument were formed. Take the shuttle—\$3/person, exact change only—to the top and walk around the caldera and enjoy the views.

At Benham Falls, enjoy the leisurely 1/2 mile walk from the parking lot, across the bridge to the falls, located at another parking lot! An excellent walk for young children, but watch for bikers.

Check out the other itineraries in this series to Paulina Lake, Lava Cave, Newberry Country, and Paulina Slides.

For more on Newberry National Volcanic Monument, scan here



Getting there

Distance: 23 miles; driving time 25 minutes, paved roads

To Lava Butte

From La Pine Chamber of Commerce: Turn right onto Hwy 97 for 16.5 miles Exit 151 go right on Cottonwood Road, for 2 miles. You'll go under the highway. Right on Crawford Road for 100 ft. Left for 50 ft. to entrance kiosk Be careful NOT to end up back on Hwy 97
Arrive at Lava Lands Visitor Center

To Benham Falls

Turn right out of the Lava Lands parking lot for 3.5 miles Cross Railroad tracks, bear right for 3/4 mile
Arrive at the parking Lot.



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Day Trippin' in Newberry National Monument Lava Butte & Benham Falls

Newberry
Country
Trail



Before You Go

Take food and water with you; there is no food there. You'll also want sunscreen, dark glasses, mosquito repellent, binoculars, and your camera. Amenities at Lava Lands include bathrooms, water, gift shop, ranger walks and interpretive sessions, shuttle to the top of Lava Butte, picnic tables, and some accessible paths.



Lava Butte

Stark vistas over a lava flow that reaches 4 miles to the Deschutes River and Benham Falls.



Benham Falls

Benham Falls is a cooler, shady walk, convenient for family with small children. It's nearly flat until you reach the cascading falls. Various paths lead to lovely views of the falls.



 NEWBERRY NATIONAL VOLCANIC MONUMENT	
Lava Lands Visitor Center Welcome Station	
Day Pass	----- \$5
3 Day Pass	----- \$10
Annual Pass	----- \$30
Interagency Annual Pass	----- \$80
Interagency Military Pass - Annual	----- FREE
Interagency Senior Pass -- Annual \$20 / Lifetime	----- \$80
Interagency Access Pass - Lifetime	----- FREE