

LASSEN

National Forest



Backcountry Byway

GUIDE

Get Ready to Explore!

Drive 187 miles of unparalleled beauty.

Discover a geological playground.

Hike to alpine snowfields.

Relax at quiet lakes while raptors soar overhead.

Trace the footsteps of Gold Rush emigrants.

Discover the heritage of northern California.

Welcome to the Lassen National Forest Backcountry Byway!

Know Before You Go

The Lassen Backcountry Byway was established to invite exploration of the remote areas of the Lassen backcountry. The Byway generally follows gravel and dirt roads. Non-highway-legal vehicles are prohibited. Expect rough road conditions and slow travel through remote country. Be prepared for downed trees or rocks on the road. Much of the route is under snow in the winter and early spring. There are no restaurants, grocery stores, or gas stations along the main route and cell phone coverage is intermittent.



Volcanic views

Stay Current

Motor vehicle travel off-road is prohibited in the Lassen National Forest; please stay on designated routes. Call any forest office for updated road condition and project work information that may affect your travel plans. Periodic updates to the Byway maps in this Guide may occur to reflect changes in vehicle use or other revisions. Map updates and other Lassen Backcountry Byway information may be found at: www.fs.fed.us/r5/lassen/

Your Planning Checklist

- ✓ Lassen National Forest Visitor Map
- ✓ Adequate food, water, and fuel
- ✓ Friends to share the fun, and assist in an emergency
- ✓ Insect repellent and first-aid kit
- ✓ Know how to identify poison oak
- ✓ Toilet paper and shovel to bury human waste
- ✓ GPS unit, binoculars, and camera
- ✓ Campfire permit if you plan to use a fire, barbecue, or camp stove (available for free at most Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, California Department of Forestry/Fire Protection offices or fire stations). Check for fire restrictions.



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Travel only where permitted
Respect the rights of others
Educate yourself
Avoid streams, meadows, and wildlife
Drive and travel responsibly

**It's your key to
continued access
to public lands.**

*Want to camp?
Need gas or supplies?
See pages 58-59 for a listing of
services near the Lassen Backcountry Byway.*

This Guide has five color coded maps to help you navigate from south to north. However, you should also purchase the Lassen National Forest Visitor Map (at any forest office) that shows the main route along with other intersecting roads.

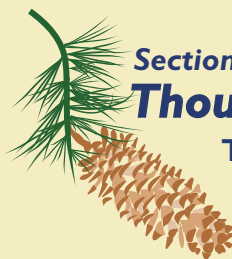


Lassen Backcountry Byway markers are posted along the main route to help with wayfinding. Also, look for Discovery Points (DP) on the maps and corresponding text in the Guide. Discovery Points are places to explore, relax, learn, or to just enjoy the view.

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From Valley to Valley
 Emigration in Earnest



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 The Wild Woods



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 An Evolving Landscape



Lassen Backcountry Byway

-  **Primary Route**
-  **Side trip to Discovery Point**
-  **Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway**
-  **SR State Highway**
- FS** National Forest System Road
- PFR** Primary Forest Route

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Land of Ishi
 Guide of the Yahi Yana Indians



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Sierra Nevada
 A Gathering of Natural Forces





Navigating the Byway

Traveling the entire 186.1 miles will take 4-5 days. There are five sections; each begins at Mile 0.0 and subsequent mileages are noted at key intersections and Discovery Points. Estimated driving times include periodic stops for exploration.

Sections are described starting at the south end of the route and traveling north, and include the paved links of the byway. If your odometer begins to differ from the numbers listed, reset it to stay close to the recorded distances.

Section 1: Sierra Nevada – A Gathering of Natural Forces

Driving Time: 6 hours

Begin: Mile 0.0 - Plumas/Lassen NF boundary, PFR 26N49

End: Mile 37.0 - SR 32/FS 27N06

Section 2: Land of Ishi – Guide of the Yahi Yani Indians

Driving Time: 8 hours

Begin: 0.0 - SR 32/FS 27N0

End: Mile 59.4 - SR 36/Tehama County 232A

Section 3: The Crossroads – Land of Transformation

Driving Time: 4.5 hours

Begin: Mile 0.0 - SR 36/PFR 17

End: Mile 21.9 - SR 44/PFR 17

Section 4: Thousand Lakes – The Wild Woods

Driving Time: 6 hours

Begin: Mile 0.0 - SR 44/FS 32N17

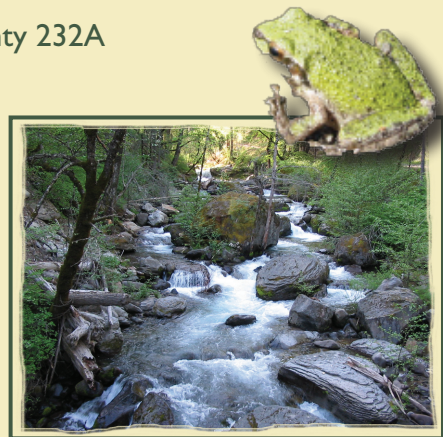
End: Mile 40.7 - SR 89/FS 34N19 (PFR 26)

Section 5: From Valley to Valley – Emigration in Earnest

Driving Time: 3 hours

Begin: Mile 0.0 - SR 89/Shasta County 6R200 (Doty Road)

End: Mile 27.1 - PFR 22/Lassen County 404 (Little Valley)



Antelope Creek

For More Information

Call or visit any of these offices for current road condition information, or to purchase a Lassen National Forest Visitor Map:



Lassen Peak from the Peligreen OHV Trail

Lassen National Forest

2550 Riverside Dr.
Susanville, CA 96130
(530) 257-2151
www.fs.fed.us/r5/lassen/

Almanor Ranger District

PO Box 767
Chester, CA 96020
(530) 258-2141

Eagle Lake Ranger District

477-050 Eagle Lake Road
Susanville, CA 96130
(530) 257-4188

Hat Creek Ranger District

PO Box 220
Fall River Mills, CA 96028
(530) 336-5521

