

Johnston Ridge Observatory & Birth of a Lake Trail

11:00 Arrival Time

- Before you leave** Gather chaperones and define your expectations for them during the field trip. Chaperones are responsible for helping students' complete their assigned activities and for supervising their student groups' behavior at all times. Leave your school and drive on I-5 to the Castle Rock exit #49.
- Drive to the Coldwater Lake Recreation Area on State Route 504. Review the Monument's rules and regulations, and complete "Reading the Landscape" mapping activity en route.
- 11:00 to 11:30 Upon arrival to the Coldwater Lake Recreation Area take a **lunch break**. Make sure students use the restrooms here. There are no bathrooms at the next stop.
- 11:30 to 11:35 Drive to the 'Hummocks Trail'. This is a research area and it is a privilege to be able to hike here. Before exiting the bus, explain the importance of students staying on the trail at all times. In addition, the collection of rocks, plants or animals, and disturbance of research equipment (pipes, stakes and flagging) is prohibited.
- 11:45 to 1:45 The Hummocks Trail is a moderately difficult, 2.3-mile long loop trail that traverses over the May 18, 1980, landslide. Conduct the lesson plan posted on the teachers corner: "Habitat Destruction and Construction".
- 1:45 to 2:00 Drive to the Johnston Ridge Observatory. A ranger will board your bus and review rules and behavioral expectations upon arrival. If a ranger is not present, have your students wait on the bus while a chaperone walks up to inform us of your arrival. Instruct the bus driver to be at the drop off/pickup area by 3:00 to speed departure.
- 2:00 to 2:40 Students use information from exhibits inside the Observatory to complete the worksheet "Volcanoes Shake and Bake".
- 2:40 to 3:00 Watch the 2:40 showing of "Message from the Mountain," a 16-minute theater presentation on the May 18, 1980, eruption and subsequent dome building eruptions. **Theater doors close automatically at 2:40. No admittance after the movie begins, next show is biologically focused and starts at 3:10.**
- 3:00 As students exit the theater direct them back to the bus. Depart for your school. Conduct "Volcanoes A-Z" activity en route to your school.