

*Experience*

# YOUR OWN BACKYARD

## THE LOST RIVER VALLEYS

### SINGLE TANK OF GAS ADVENTURES

#### *Activities*

#### **Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve:**

**Located 18 miles east of Arco**

Craters of the Moon is a spectacular show place of volcanic features and home to a wide diversity of plant and animal life. Described as “a weird and scenic landscape” in the legislation that created the original National Park Service monument in 1924, today the expanded 754,700 acre Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve is co-managed by the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management. The remarkably well preserved geologic features here resulted from geologic events that appear to have happened yesterday and are likely to continue tomorrow....

The Visitor Center is open 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. daily with extended hours in summer (closed on federal holidays during the winter months). There are exhibits, films, and a wide selection of books available from the Craters of the Moon Natural History Association.

From the scenic 7 mile loop road you can see spectacular views and outstanding volcanic features. The loop road is generally closed to motor vehicle travel by snow in the winter months (Dec.-April).

The loop road provides access to a variety of hiking trails of various lengths. Informative signs provide information about features along many of the shorter trails. The lava tubes in the Caves area are especially fun to explore.

Ranger guided walks and talks are offered daily during the summer months. Check the website or contact the park for information about Star Parties, Ranger guided snowshoe walks and other special events.

Camping is available on a first come, first served basis in the 51-site campground. Motor vehicle access to the campground is not available during the winter season which is generally December through April.

**For more information call (208)527-1300 or visit our website at: [www.nps.gov/crmo](http://www.nps.gov/crmo)**

Maps and more information on the many recreational opportunities in the Lost River Valleys can be found at the following websites.

[www.mackayidaho.com](http://www.mackayidaho.com) · [www.cityarco.com](http://www.cityarco.com)

You may also contact the Lost Rivers Tourism Council at  
**208-588-2693 or [tammy.stringham@ired.org](mailto:tammy.stringham@ired.org)**