

National Park

Crater Lake, is the deepest and bluest one in the world. Today the surface of the blue lake is one thousand feet below the rim, and the depths some two thousand feet. Supposedly, it has no inlet or outlet for it fills the crater of a once enormous volcano, collapsed sometime in the dim ages of the past. It is a gem of wonderful color set below encircling pines and firs, and changes its hue with the shifting of the light. There are crater lakes in other countries, but none as spectacularly beautiful as this one in America.

At one time there must have been a succession of fire-tipped or active volcanoes in southern Oregon with great pressure of internal heat and combustion, something like those fire mountains strung along the Aleutian Chain and a part of the mainland, from which the great Katmai exploded and sunk into itself, leaving a jagged and barren hole in the earth. The Oregon volcanoes, however, belong to an entirely different group. It was made a national park in 1902.

The government has closed Crater Lake for the past three years as they could do no work on the roads and grades, and discouraged the use of cars and gasoline for such trips.