

Roguetrotter Presents:

Crater Lake History Tour: Stories Behind the Scenery

A Cultural & Historical Journey into Oregon's Crown Jewel



Roguetrotter is joined by esteemed author and National Park historian **Larry Smith** for an immersive, full-day exploration of Crater Lake National Park with an emphasis on the Cultural History of Crater Lake.

This educational journey departs from Ashland and traces the human story behind Oregon's only national park. Along the way, participants will explore Native American origin traditions, the discovery of Crater Lake, the creation of the National Park, the Civilian Conservation Corps and the early development of park tourism and infrastructure.

Tour Highlights

- Cole M. Rivers Fish Hatchery
- The historic Rogue Elk Hotel ghost town
- Prospect Historic Hotel
- Union Creek CCC Camp history
- Crater Lake National Park Headquarters
- Rim Village with lunch overlooking the lake
- Crater Lake Lodge
- Community Building and Kaiser Studio
- Scenic drive along West Rim Drive*
- Discovery Point
- Watchman Overlook

*West Rim Drive stops dependent on seasonal snow conditions.

Tour Details

Date: June 29, 2026

Departure: 8:00 AM from Campbell Center, Ashland

Return: Approximately 5:30 PM

Walking Distance: Less than 1/2 mile total

Activity Level: Easy

Tour Price: \$155 per guest

Participants are welcome to bring their own lunch or may purchase a lunch option for an additional \$25 per guest.

Capacity: Limited to 22 guests

Booking Link: <https://book.peek.com/s/4a84a121-6cec-498f-b05a-6e96525c3b31/EMvX0>

What to expect:

A multidisciplinary exploration of Crater Lake National Park through the interconnected perspectives of cultural history, Indigenous oral tradition, conservation history, park architecture, volcanology, and the early development of the American National Park movement.

Participants will examine how natural forces, human history, and evolving cultural values shaped both the landscape itself and its enduring national significance. This journey provides a deeper

context for understanding one of America's most celebrated and symbolically important landscapes.