

Crater Lake National Park Maps, 1903-1962

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Geological Survey (U.S.)
Title	Crater Lake National Park Maps
Dates	1903-1962 (inclusive) 1903 1962
Quantity	0.25 cubic foot, including 17 maps, (1 map folder)
Collection Number	MAPS CraterLake
Summary	The Crater Lake National Park Maps consist of topographic, shaded relief, and bathymetric maps of Crater Lake, Oregon, and vicinity. Crater Lake National Park was established in 1902.
Repository	Oregon State University Libraries, Special Collections and Archives Research Center Special Collections and Archives Research Center 121 The Valley Library Oregon State University Corvallis OR 97331-4501 Telephone: 541-737-2075 Fax: 541-737-8674 scarc@oregonstate.edu
Access Restrictions	Collection is open for research.
Languages	English

Historical Note

Crater Lake National Park is a majestic landmark and Oregon's only National Park. Crater Lake formed about 7,700 years ago when a volcanic eruption destroyed Mount Mazama leaving a 2,148 foot deep caldera in its place. This caldera filled through the ages forming the present 1,943 foot deep lake, which remains the deepest lake in the United States. This lake and surrounding area was established as a National Park primarily through the efforts of William Gladstone Steel, who first saw the lake in 1885 and began mapping it extensively in 1886 with Clarence Dutton for the U.S. Geological Survey. In 1893, Crater Lake became part of the Cascade Range Forest Reserve. However, Steel continued to advocate and Crater Lake National Park was established in May 1902.

John V. Byrne joined the faculty of Oregon State University in 1960 as an Associate Professor of Marine Geology. He was appointed chair of the Oceanography Department in 1968 and subsequently served as the first Dean of the School of Oceanography, the Dean of Research, and President of Oregon State University (1984-1995).

Content Description

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Geological Survey. The bulk of the maps are topographic maps at 1:62,500 scale. These include an early series of maps issued in 1903, 1911, 1925, and 1931 as well as a later series issued in 1946 and 1956. Multiple copies of some editions are available. In addition to topographic contours, the maps depict streams, roads, trails, boat landings, Ranger stations, and campgrounds in the vicinity. The earliest topographic maps reference the 1886 survey and depth soundings conducted by Mark B. Kerr for the U.S. Geological Survey. The topographic maps have text and photographs of Crater Lake on the verso.

The collection also includes a color shaded relief map, *Panoramic View of the Crater Lake National Park*. The map is undated, but was produced during the time that Franklin K. Lane was Secretary of the Department of Interior (1913-1920).

A bathymetric map of Crater Lake prepared in the early 1960s by John V. Byrne is also part of the collection. This large scale map (3 in = 0.5 mile) depicts the lake depths with contour intervals of 10 fathoms. This map may have been prepared for the Lunar Geological Field Conference in Bend, Oregon in 1965 and published with the conference guidebook.

Use of the Collection

Preferred Citation

Crater Lake National Park Maps (MAPS CraterLake), Oregon State University Special Collections & Archives Research Center, Corvallis, Oregon.

Administrative Information

Arrangement

This collection consists of one series: I. Crater Lake National Park, 1903-1962.

Acquisition Information

These maps were transferred from the Oregon State University Libraries' maps collection to the Special Collections & Archives Research Center in 2013.

Related Materials

Photographs of Crater Lake are available in the [Gifford Photographic Collection \(P 218\)](#), the [Visual Instruction Department Lantern Slides \(P 218\)](#), and many other photograph collections in the Special Collections & Archives Research Center.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Crater Lake National Park, 1903-1962

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Map-folder		
1	Crater Lake National Park, Oregon 10 sheets	1903-1931
1	Panoramic View of the Crater Lake National Park, Oregon 3 sheets	circa 1915
1	Crater Lake National Park and Vicinity, Oregon 3 sheets	1946-1956
1	Crater Lake, Oregon Bathymetric Map Prepared by John Byrne.	1962

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Calderas--Oregon.

National parks and reserves--Oregon.

Volcanoes--Oregon.

Geographical Names :

Crater Lake (Or.)--Maps.

Crater Lake National Park (Or.)--Maps.

Mazama, Mount (Or.)--Maps.

Form or Genre Terms :

Bathymetric maps.

Maps.

Shaded-relief maps.

Topographic maps.

Other Creators :

Personal Names :

Byrne, John Vincent, 1928-

(creator)

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