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# CRATER LAKE

If you want a breathtaking view of North America's bluest lake, then head on over to southern Oregon where Crater Lake National Park resides. This national park is the fifth oldest one and is the only national park in the state of Oregon. Ever since it was established in 1902, the stunning view has drawn millions of visitors each year and now you can enjoy it with family and friends in Eric's painting or puzzle of Crater Lake.

1. President Theodore Roosevelt established Crater Lake National Park on May 22, 1902.
2. Crater Lake Trolley holds around 25 passengers and is a two-hour tour.
3. Crater Lake Lodge opened in 1915 and still holds a rustic charm today for visitors.
4. The Klamath Indians, descendants of the Makalak people.
5. Steller Jay's have a sac in their throat that acts as food storage for digestion as they fly away.
6. Native Americans witnessed the collapse of Mount Mazama and have kept the story alive through their legends. One story even lines up well with scientific research about Crater Lake's formation.
7. Crater Lake was once a volcano called Mount Mazama, which erupted and collapsed nearly 7,700 years ago and lost around 2,500-3,500 feet in elevation. This volcanic basin is the lake we know today.
8. The Phantom ship is a natural rock formation that resembles a ghost ship, especially in foggy and low-light conditions.
9. Crater Lake is 1,949 ft deep, making it the deepest lake in the USA, the second deepest in North America, and the ninth deepest in the world.
10. The impressive depth of Crater Lake is due to its nearly symmetrical 4,000-foot-deep 'caldera' or cauldron-like form.
11. The lake's water is a striking blue color because it is refilled only from rainfall or snow, with no streams flowing in or out of it.
12. Wizard Island—The volcanic cinder cone that has formed an island at the west end of Crater Lake.
13. On June 12, 1853, John Wesley Hillman, Henry Klippel, and Isaac Skeeters were the first white people to visit the lake, but quickly moved on since they were traveling to find gold.
14. In the winters of 1937, 1951, and 1971, around 37 inches of snow fell in a single day here.