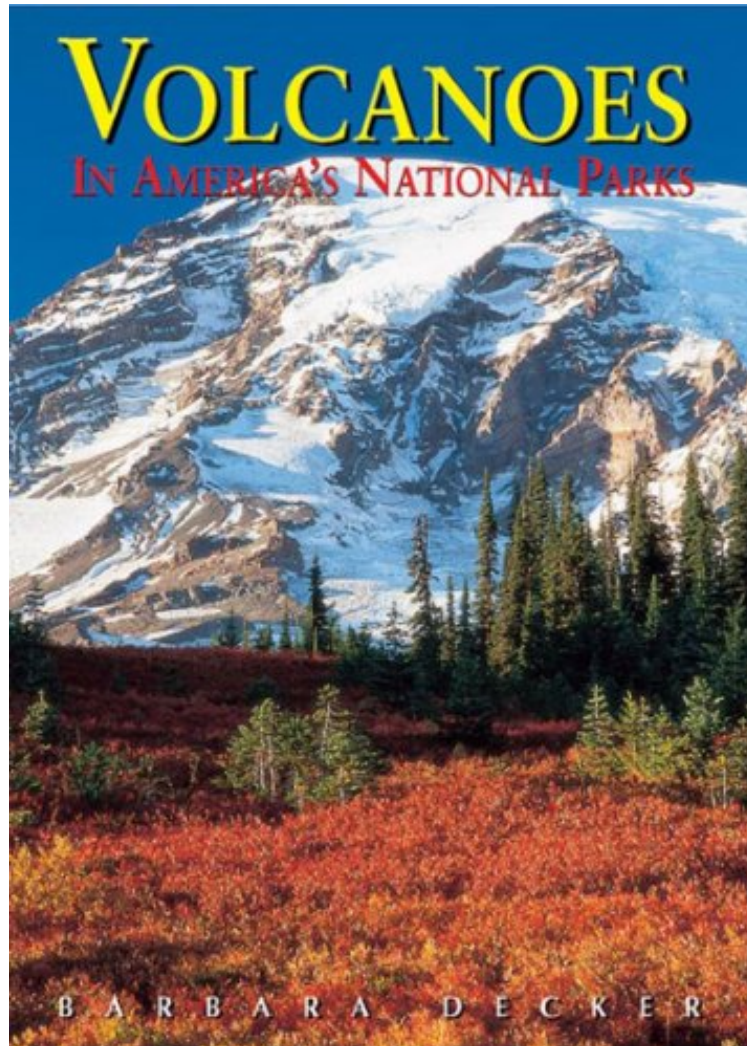


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National Park Adventure With The Deckers By Bruce Crocker When it comes to volcanoes, Robert and Barbara Decker know their stuff. If someone wants one reference on volcanoes, I recommend *Volcanoes by the Deckers*. *Volcanoes In America's National Parks* is an excellent addition to the literature of volcanoes AND the literature of America's parks. The book covers all the National Parks, Monuments, and Preserves in the United States that have current, recent, or extinct volcanoes and volcanic activity. Part One of the book is a section that covers the basics of volcanoes. Then the book takes each Park, Monument, and Preserve one by one. Part Two takes on the parks with volcanoes that have current or recent volcanic activity, such as Hawaii Volcanoes National Park [Kilauea is most likely erupting as I type this review] and Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument [the memorable eruption in 1980]. Part Three covers the parks with more ancient volcanic activity, such as Yellowstone National Park [a place teetering on the edge of erupting some day and moving into Part Two] and the Mojave National Preserve [a park I fought hard to get and one of my favorite places to explore - especially the cinder cones near Cima and the eroded volcanic tuffs of Hole-In-The-Wall]. Each park gets a generous description and an excellent map. I've been to about half of the parks described and I'm familiar with many of the rest, and the Deckers do an entertaining and accurate job with those parks. Part Four covers parks with less direct connections to volcanoes, such as Yosemite National Park [ancient magma chamber] and Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument [ancient critters killed, buried, and preserved by volcanic ash]. Part Four is one of the nicer features of the book, since the parks mentioned often have too tenuous a connection to volcanoes for many authors to include them in this kind of write up. As an earth science educator, I appreciate the inclusion of Part Four, because it makes *Volcanoes In America's National Parks* a most complete volcanic education. The book is a 5 star plus and the only way I could see the Deckers improving it would be to bring out a second edition that gives the parks mentioned in Part Four the same one by one treatment as the other parks mentioned. I recommend this book to anybody with an interest in volcanoes and especially for folks with a desire to get out in the field and learn their volcanology first hand.

Erupting volcanoes like Kilauea in Hawaii, and sleeping volcanoes like Mount Rainier in Washington State are the core features of 31 of the National Parks and Monuments in the United States. In addition, ancient fires that once fed a chain of volcanoes along the crest of the Sierra Nevada in California, now completely eroded away, melted the great granite masses that eventually hardened and eroded into the land that is now Yosemite and Sequoia National Parks. This book tells where and how volcanoes are created, and describes the beautiful and awesome examples found in the USA's National Parks and Monuments. It also provides updated travel information on reaching and enjoying these magnificent places, and is beautifully illustrated in *Odyssey's* distinctive style. This guide provides an original formula for understanding the world beneath our feet. 120 color photos, 26 maps plans.

.com Located on what geologists call the "creaking and leaking edges" of crustal plates, the earth's volcanoes have created awe-inspiring if sometimes frightening landscapes. Many such landscapes within the United States have come under federal protection, and nearly 40 national parks and monuments have volcanoes as their central theme or significant attraction. In this informative and delightful guide to those parks, volcanologist Robert Decker and science journalist Barbara Decker offer notes on the geological history of such well-known venues as Mount Rainier, Yellowstone, Crater Lake, and Yosemite, whose volcanic features include deep lakes, geysers, and ancient magma chambers. They move farther afield in introducing their readers to places like Alaska's Katmai National Park, which houses three sometimes active volcanoes and 12 dormant ones; Hawaii's Haleakala National Park, which encompasses the youngest volcano on Maui and one of the largest of those on what's called the Hawaiian Hot Spot; California's Devils Postpile National Monument, whose tall columns of basalt are among the rarest geological features on the continent; and Arizona's Chiricahua National Monument, where cooled pyroclastic flows have weathered into a sea of rock pillars called "hoodoos." The Deckers provide visitor information as well as geological notes, making this a fine addition to a rockhound's collection and a useful book to consult when you're planning a vacation. --Gregory McNamee Decker's wealth of experience helps capture the grandeur of our volcanic National Parks in this informative, beautifully-illustrated, well-written book. -- Dallas Peck, Former Director of the U.S. Geological Survey

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About the Author Barbara Decker is a science writer specializing in natural history who has witnessed some of the most spectacular volcanic activity to occur in recent years. She has written numerous articles and books about volcanoes and about nature in the National Parks of the USA. Much of the supporting material within this guide is drawn from the professional work of her late husband, Robert Decker, who was a world authority on volcanoes and who for 25 years taught geophysics at Dartmouth College. Subsequently he was Scientist-in-Charge of the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory for five years. He studied volcanoes in Indonesia, Iceland, Central and South America, as well as the United States.