Crater Lake, Oregon

Around 500,000 people each year visit Crater Lake National Park in the Cascade Range of southern Oregon, to see its striking east-west alignment of clear blue waters and white coastal cliffs. Crater Lake occupies the caldera formed by the eruption of Mount Mazama, which occurred about 7,700 years ago. The caldera is about 4 km wide and 200 meters deep. The lake water is 1000 meters deep, making Crater Lake the deepest lake in the United States.

The park's main attractions include: Crater Lake National Park's Visitor Center, Wizard Island, Phantom Ship, and a series of waterfalls. The visitors can also explore the trails around the lake, which offer stunning views of the surrounding mountains.

Recent studies indicate that the lake level is likely to rise as much as 15 meters over the next century due to climate change. The rise in water levels could lead to increased flooding and increased erosion along the lake's shoreline.

The park has a rich history, with early settlers and Native American tribes leaving their mark on the landscape. Today, the park is a popular destination for hikers, cyclists, and anglers, who can enjoy the natural beauty and serene atmosphere of Crater Lake National Park.