

## **Johnston Ridge Observatory & Mount St. Helens Visitor Center**

### **Before you leave**

Gather chaperones and define your expectations for them during the field trip. Chaperones are responsible for helping students' complete their assigned activities and for supervising their student groups' behavior at all times.

Leave your school and drive on I-5 to the Castle Rock exit #49. Drive to the Johnston Ridge Observatory on State Route 504. Review the Monument's rules and regulations, and complete "Reading the Landscape" mapping activity en route.

10:00 to 10:10

A ranger will board your bus and review rules and expectations upon your arrival to the Johnston Ridge Observatory parking lot. If the ranger is not present, have your students wait on the bus while a chaperone walks up to inform us of your arrival.

10:10 to 10:35

Students use information from exhibits inside the Observatory to complete the worksheet "Constructive Destruction".

10:35 to 11:00

Watch the 10:40 showing of "Message from the Mountain," a 16-minute theater presentation on the May 18, 1980, eruption and subsequent dome building eruptions. **Theater doors close automatically at 10:40. No admittance after the movie begins, next show is biologically focused and starts at 11:10.**

11:00 to 11:40

Students use information from exhibits inside the Observatory to complete the worksheet "Constructive Destruction".

11:40 to 12:00

Ask the ranger and the information desk to make an announcement directing students to return to the bus. Drive to the Coldwater Lake Recreation Area.

12:00 to 12:30

Eat lunch in the picnic area at the Coldwater Lake Recreation Area.

12:30 to 1:30

Drive to the Mount St. Helens Visitor Center.

1:30 to 2:15

Students use information from exhibits inside the visitor center to complete the Washington State Parks student worksheet.

2:15

Depart for your school. Conduct "Volcanoes A-Z" activity en route to your school.