**Volcanic Landscapes**

Various upland areas around Mýrdalsjökull glacier, such as Landmannalage, Pórsmörk and Tólmakvísl, north and south, are popular tourist destinations. Many visitors hike in the areas or drive along on the mountain tracks, and horseback treks enjoy growing popularity.

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**Eruptions and Glacial Bursts**

Mt. Katla is a volcano under the Mýrdalsjökull glacier. It generally erupts only once or twice every hundred years, and always gives some warning before it erupts. Eruptions tend to come from the glacier’s front, which is a major hazard to residents and travelers in the region.

But volcanic eruptions can be dangerous. When the volcano is under a glacier, it is a special risk. As the height of the eruption melts the ice, leading to sudden floods, residents and travelers in the region must be aware of the risks arising from such eruptions, and know what to do in case of glacial flooding.

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**Flood Areas during Subglacial Volcanic Eruptions and Emergency Information**

- **Emergency Aid Centers**
- **Road Closures during Eruptions**
- **Escape Routes in Case of Eruptions**
- **Principal Routes of Floods**
- **Maximum Flood Area**

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**Risk of Lightning**

The plume of volcanic material thrown up by Mt. Katla is highly conductive, and there is a risk of lightning strikes within a radius of 2 kilometers from the volcano.

Keep to the slopes of hillocks or mountains, avoid the highest areas. If you take refuge in a vehicle, keep the doors and windows shut. Do not use radio telephones or other telecommunication equipment. Avoid metallic objects which may conduct electricity. Keep at least five meters away from the next person. If you think lightning may strike nearby.

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**Emergency Aid Centers**

Those who are near or in a town or village when the eruption warning signals are given should report to the nearest emergency aid center. There are many such centers in the area.

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**Evacuation Sign**

When a home is evacuated due to an eruption, a temporary plastic sign (labeled "Katla glacial flood") is displayed.

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**Emergency Kit**

Always take a first aid kit, and torch, flashlight, radio, spare batteries, blankets, dried and thawed food, and food for drinking water.

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**Road Conditions**

Information from the Public Roads Administration, tel. 1717.

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**Red Cross Information Line during Eruption**

Emergency phone 112

In case of accident or to request assistance ring 112.