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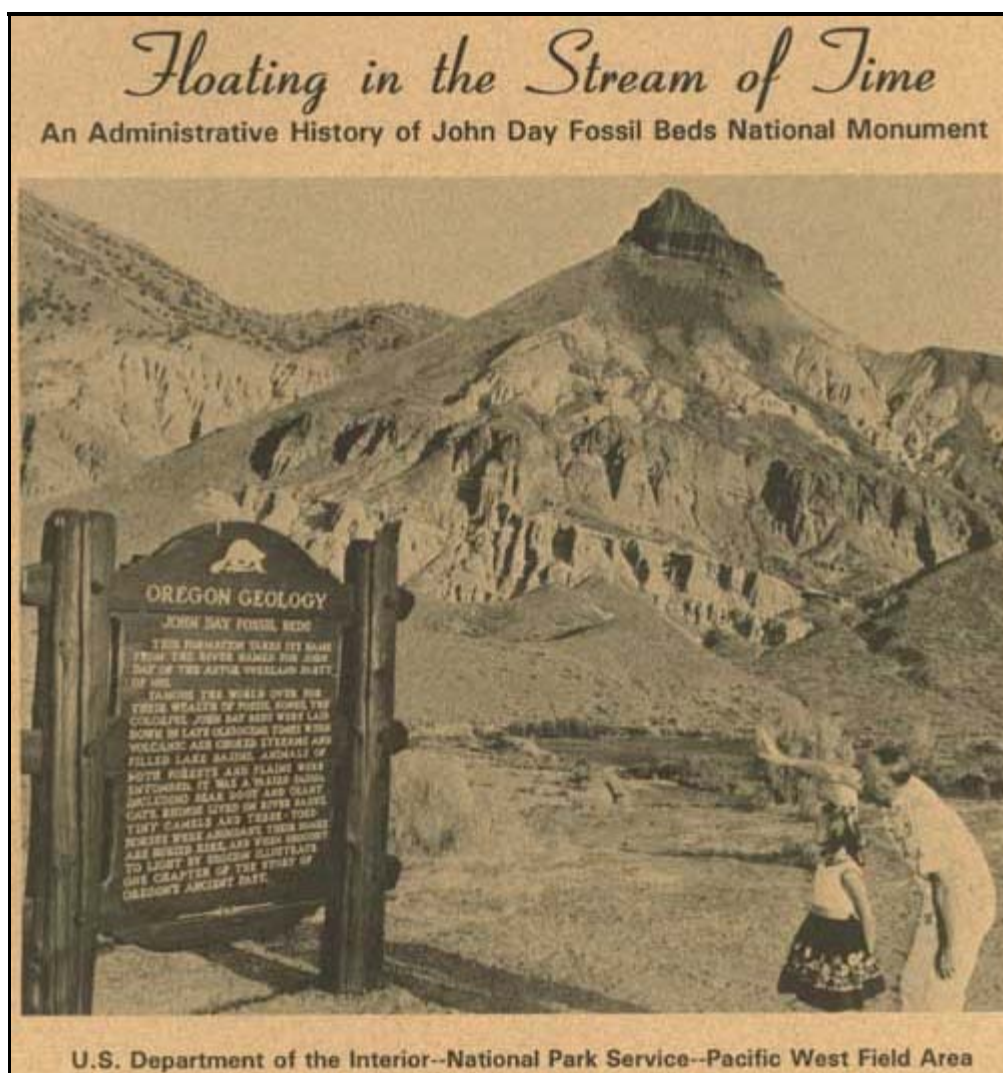


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An Administrative History of John Day Fossil Beds National Monument

Stephn R. Mark
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Visitors at the Sheep Rock Overlook, about 1963
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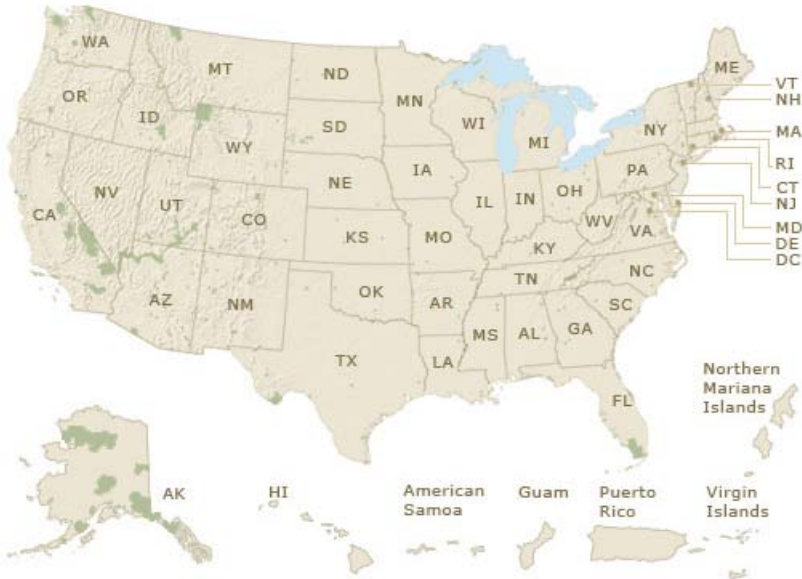
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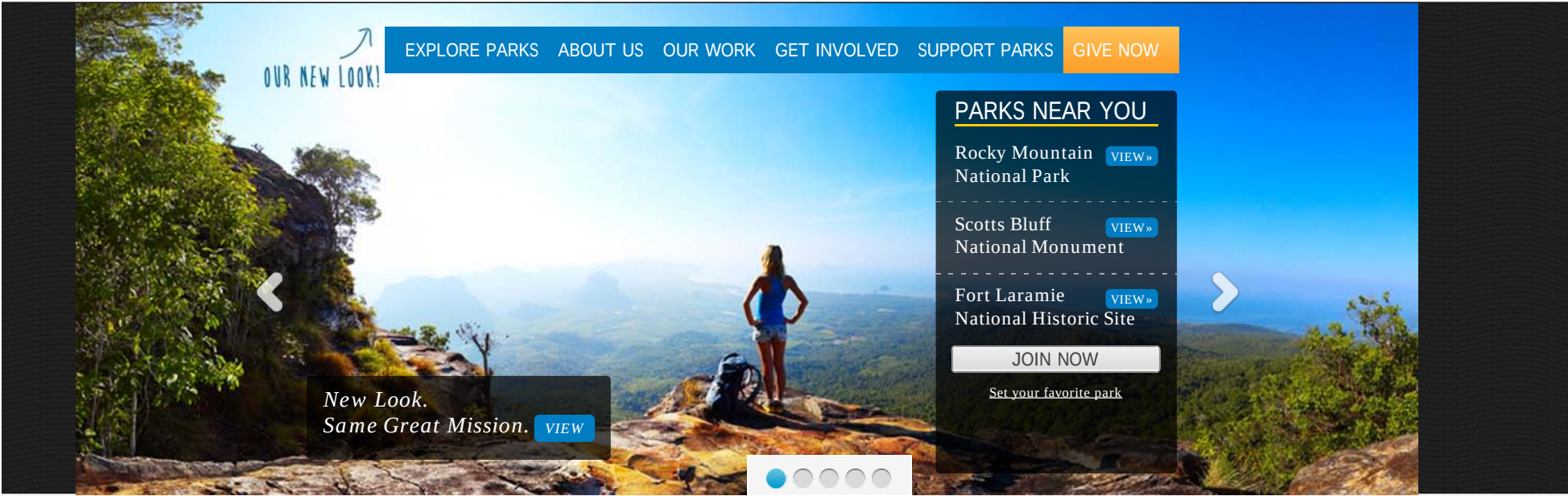
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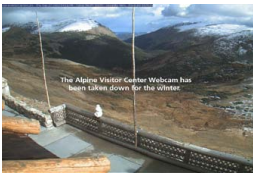
- **Old Fall River Road will be closed in 2014 due to flood damage**

Damages on Old Fall River Road are extensive and the road will remain closed to vehicles through 2014. It is unknown at this time whether hikers and bicyclists will be allowed on the road. [More »](#)

- **Impacts from September 2013 Flood**

Due to recent flooding, there are still some closures in the park that could affect your visit. [More »](#)

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Alpine Visitor Center

The Alpine Visitor Center is the highest elevation visitor center in the National Park Service, situated at 11,796' at Fall River Pass. The Alpine Visitor Center Webcam reveals views of the Fall River canyon, Old Fall River Road, Mount Chapin, and part of Trail Ridge.

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Kawuneeche Valley

Located on the west side of Rocky Mountain National Park one-half mile from the Grand Lake Entrance Station, Harbison Meadow in the Kawuneeche Valley teems with wildlife and wildflowers. The Never Summer Mountains look down on the headwaters of the Colorado River in this view of the Kawuneeche Valley.

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Continental Divide

Located at Glacier Basin Campground, the Continental Divide Webcam offers a spectacular view of the peaks which rise up from the Bear Lake area. On clear days you will see Thatchtop, Taylor Peak, Otis Peak, Hallett Peak, and Flattop Mountain.

This webcam has been moved due to ongoing staging of equipment for the Bear lake Road reconstruction. The park will continue to evaluate the best location and best view.

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Longs Peak

The Longs Peak Webcam has moved to the beautiful Tahosa Valley along Hwy 7. The webcam takes you to the tallest mountain in Rocky Mountain National

Park. Longs Peak sits at an elevation of 14,259' and is a challenging mountain to climb under the best conditions. For more information about climbing Longs Peak, visit the Plan Your Visit - Things to Do - Hiking & Climbing section of the website.

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Traveling the Trail

The question we hear most is "Where's the trail?" It's a good question. This national historic trail weaves through communities as well as wildlands. There are many stops along the way from south of El Paso, Texas to Ohkay Owingeh (San Juan Pueblo), north of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Return to this page often to find more videos that will help you travel the trail, and experience an incredible heritage that dates back to 1598. Over time colonizers brought silver, chiles, silks, and other products from Mexico City; items that we still use across America today.

Take a Journey Along El Camino Real

Take a journey along this historic route to discover the people, places, and events that have shaped Mexico, New Mexico, and America. In this film, we take you to El Camino Real International Heritage Center and along Jornada del Muerto, south of Socorro, New Mexico.

Duration:
6 minutes, 32 seconds

Credit / Author:
Brooke G. Safford

Date created:
2012-05-25

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Take a Journey along El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail

Spanish Translation [WORD](#) (36 KB) [PDE](#) (90 KB)

The Children of Spanish Colonial Times

Children in the 1700s worked alongside their family members, but they also had fun! In this video we travel to El Rancho de las Golondrinas (14 miles south of Santa Fe) to experience the children's lives.

Duration:
4 minutes, 36 seconds

Credit / Author:
Lynne Mager

Date created:

2012-03-08

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Título: Los Niños de la Época Colonial Española
Children of Spanish Colonial Times

Spanish Translation: [WORD](#) (30 KB) [PDE](#) (85 KB)

A Child's Story of Socorro

Cottonwood Valley Charter School 6th graders perform what happened when Spanish colonizer Juan de Oñate arrived at the Pueblo of Teypana from Mexico City in 1598 (the pueblo was near present-day Socorro, 138 miles south of Santa Fe).

Duration:
7 minutes, 56 seconds

Credit / Author:
Sheri Armijo
Date created:
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Did You Know?



Leading settlers and vast herds of livestock into New Mexico in 1598, Don Juan de Onate crossed the Rio Grande at what became El Paso. Onate then followed indigenous routes along the river, thus establishing the general route of El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, which was used for almost 300 years.



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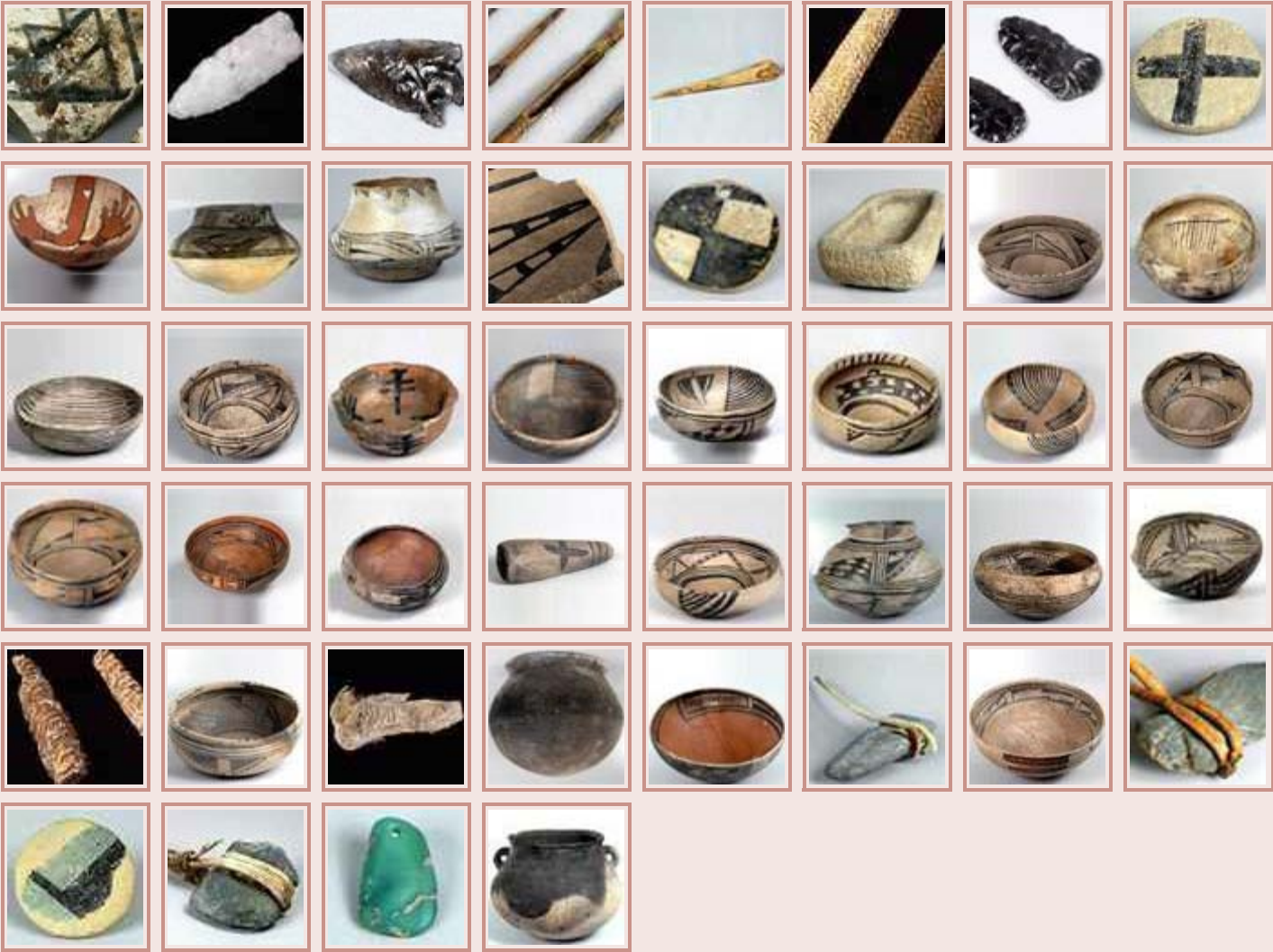


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Habitat Restoration Schedule

Operation Restoration

Saturday, April 7, 10 a.m. - noon

For years, our native plants and trees have lost space, nutrients, water, and sunlight to invasive plants. Join park staff to learn how CVNP is removing problem plants and restoring wild areas. Help prepare seedlings for the Cuyahoga Valley's first native plant nursery! To register call 330-657-2753. Additional information will be e-mailed to participants.

Remove exotic plants:

Second Thursdays of the month, 1 - 4 p.m. (May - November)

Fourth Saturdays of the month, 9 a.m. - noon (May - November)

Collect seeds from native plants:

Every Tuesday, 1 - 4 p.m. (August - October)

Plant a butterfly garden:

June 16, 9 a.m. - noon

How do you manage an invasive plant infestation?

Find out by attending a work session in one (or more) of these special areas of Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Enthusiastic volunteers are

always needed. Help conserve biodiversity in the park by removing invasive plants.

No pre-registration is required (unless otherwise noted). Work sessions are open to people of all ages but children under 16 must have a parent or guardian with them and all volunteers under 18 must have a signed parental approval form in order to participate. All volunteer forms are provided at the beginning of the work session.

Participants should bring drinking water and leather (or other sturdy) gardening gloves to protect their hands. Long sleeves, long pants, and sturdy boots are recommended due to off-trail terrain and potential poison ivy exposure.

Visit Cuyahoga Valley National Park's webpage about [Invasive Plants](#).

Did You Know?



Cuyahoga Valley National Park's namesake river flows north and south. The Cuyahoga River begins its 100 mile journey in Geauga County, flows south to Cuyahoga Falls where it turns sharply north and flows through CVNP. American Indians referred to the U-shaped river as Cuyahoga or "crooked river."

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Public Scoping Workshop Dates Announced For Backcountry Access Plan

Date: March 20, 2014
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Acting Superintendent J. D. Lee announced today that Big Cypress National Preserve has set the dates and times for two public scoping workshops for the backcountry access plan and environmental impact statement (EIS) being prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).

The purpose of the plan will be to provide off-road vehicle (ORV) secondary trails, non-motorized trails, and a camping management approach that protects the Preserve's natural and cultural resources while providing for public enjoyment. The plan will also establish a permanent route for the Florida National Scenic Trail and other hiking opportunities. A scoping newsletter providing further details on the plan is available at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectID=49334>.

The public is invited to attend a public scoping workshop at which you will have the opportunity to discuss the plan with National Park Service staff and provide input regarding backcountry access into the Preserve and the scope, issues, and alternatives to be addressed in the plan.

The dates and locations of these meetings are:

- 5:30-7:30 P.M., April 7th, Hyatt Regency Bonaventure Conference Center, 250 Racquet Club Road, Weston, Florida 33326
- 5:30-7:30 P.M., April 8th Big Cypress Welcome Center, 33000 Tamiami Trail East Ochopee, Florida 34141

Following the completion of the scoping process, the National Park Service will begin developing draft alternatives for the backcountry access plan and EIS; this stage will likely begin early this summer. There will be opportunities to comment during the development of alternatives as well as during subsequent stages of the planning effort. Notifications will be sent out accordingly.

Did You Know?



Big Cypress National Preserve was one of the first national preserves within the National Park System. As a preserve, Big Cypress manages for a broader range of recreational activities, including hunting and off-road vehicle access.

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Proposed Rule Change for Private Horse Use

Date: March 21, 2014
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Bryce Canyon National Park Seeks Public Input on Proposed Change in Rules for Private Horseback Riding

Bryce Canyon National Park is proposing changes for users of privately-owned stock on designated horse trails within the park. The proposed changes are intended to ensure the safety of all visitors and to protect park resources. The public will be able to comment on the proposed changes for 30 days beginning March 26, 2014.

The changes include a requirement that all horseback riding must be coordinated with the park’s authorized trail-ride concessioner, prior to entering the park. Also the park’s concessioner would be required to provide a guide to accompany all privately-owned stock riding groups for the duration of their trip over any portion of the eight miles of available park stock trails.

Private stock riders would be required to make arrangements for the guide service a minimum of 48 hours in advance of coming to the park. A fee would be charged by the concessioner for this service and would be based on the number of riders, up to eight riders per guide. The proposed fee schedule is as follows:

1 Rider	2 Riders	3 Riders	4 Riders	5 Riders	6 Riders	7 Riders	8 Riders
\$100	\$165	\$200	\$235	\$265	\$295	\$320	\$345

The changes in private horseback riding at the park are being proposed in order to avoid trail conflicts and ensure the safety of all users on the park's steep, narrow trails. Those trails offer limited space for stock groups to pass. When unfamiliar groups of stock pass each other they can spook. This poses a safety risks to guests on concessioner-guided trail-rides who might be unfamiliar with equestrian techniques and unable to manage their mounts under these situations. Additionally, the park's natural resources have also been damaged by users traveling off-trail and trail treads have been damaged by cutting across switchbacks.

As a reminder, the following existing rules remain in effect to assist private stock riders in enjoying their park experience safely:

1. Parking, loading, and unloading must take place in the horse corral/mixing circle area.
2. Stock must never be left unattended.
3. Backcountry trails and campsites are not developed to accommodate stock, therefore, backcountry overnight camping or pack trips on horseback are not available.
4. Horseback riding is limited to designated horse trails only.
5. Horses must stay on designated trails at all times; shortcutting of trails is not permitted; and riding parallel to the trail is not permitted.
6. The park requires the use of certified weed-free feed. Stock must be fed certified weed-free feed a minimum of 48 hours prior to stock coming into the park.
7. All stock must have current Coggins Certification. Rangers will check this certification prior to stock being allowed in the park.

Liveries are not available in the immediate area, however visitors may be able to make livery service arrangements by visiting the Garfield County Travel website at www.brycecanyoncountry.com and the Kane County Travel website at www.visitsouthernutah.com Camping with your stock is available on nearby National Forest land. Contact the Dixie National Forest at 435-676-9300 for further information.

A 30-day period to submit your comments to the park will run from March 26 to April 24, 2014.

Please e-mail your comments to: brca_information@nps.gov, or mail them to: Program Analyst, Bryce Canyon National Park, P.O. Box 640201, Bryce, Utah 84764

"We appreciate receiving input from the public on these proposed changes and welcome their suggestions. Our motivation is to provide a safe experience and assist all of our visitors as they plan and enjoy their horseback trip in Bryce Canyon", says Superintendent Jeff Bradybaugh.

For questions or further information on park activities, please call the park at 435-834-5322 or visit our website at www.nps.gov/brca.

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Did You Know?



March 13, 1919: A Utah Joint Memorial passed legislation which read in part: We urge that the Congress of the United States set aside for the use and enjoyment of the people a suitable area embracing "Bryce's Canyon" as a national monument under the name: "Temple of the Gods National Monument." [More...](#)



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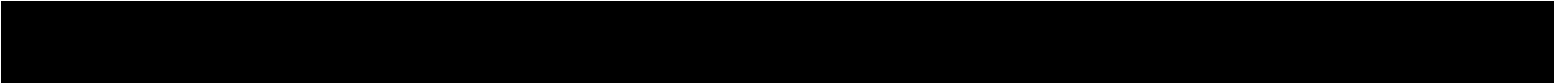


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Patriot's Day



Captain David Brown's Company of Concord Minute Men

Each year in mid-April, thousands of people flock to historic Lexington and Concord and Minute Man National Historical Park to celebrate **Patriot's Day**. Patriot's Day is a special Massachusetts State holiday commemorating the opening battle of the American Revolutionary War, April 19, 1775.

The holiday (**Officially observed on Monday, April 21, 2014**), and the entire weekend, is celebrated with parades, reenactments and commemorative ceremonies.

For more information, please call (978) 318 - 7825 or [e-mail us](#)
Additional information is available at <http://www.battleroad.org/>

2014 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, April 12th

Liberty Pole Capping

Wilson Park, Bedford
10:30 a.m.

Liberty Pole Capping ceremony consisting of colonial troops from throughout New England parading from Bedford Common to Wilson Park. A Bedford Minuteman will climb the pole and, in defiance of King George, place a red cap over the top.

Meriam's Corner Exercise
Meriam's Corner, Concord
1:00 p.m.

The Town of Concord, joined by area minute companies, fife and drum units, and the Concord Independent Battery, pay remembrance to the fight at Meriam's Corner that marked the beginning of the six-hour running battle back to Boston. Tour the Meriam House from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Paul Revere Capture Ceremony
Paul Revere Capture Site, Lincoln
3:00 p.m.

The Lincoln Minute Men and the Town of Lincoln, joined by other reenactment units, observe the historic capture of Paul Revere with fife and drum music and a musket fire salute.

Saturday, April 19th

(NOTE: The "Battle Road" event, including the Bloody Angle Battle Demonstration that usually takes place at Hartwell Tavern in Lincoln will NOT be held this year.)

Dawn Salute
North Bridge, Concord
6:00 a.m.

The Concord Minute Men and the Concord Independent Battery observe the opening battle of the American Revolution in a 21 gun musket and cannon salute.

From Dawn to Dead of Night – Captain David Brown's Company of Minute Men North Bridge, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Concord Museum, 12:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Concord Museum will host an overnight encampment of Captain David Brown's Company of minute men on the Museum's lawn in conjunction with the museum's special exhibition "The Shot Heard Round the World: April 19, 1775". The company will be also participate in events at North Bridge on April 19. See how companies of minute men were armed and trained. Visit Concord Museum to see the actual artifacts in the museum's new exhibit.

Arrival of the Sudbury Militia
North Bridge, Concord
11:30 a.m. (approximately)

The Sudbury Companies of Militia and Minute will make their annual march to North Bridge from the Town of Sudbury, in honor of their fellow townsmen who made a similar march on April 19, 1775. They will fire three musket volleys from North Bridge as a soldierly salute.

Life on the Battle Road
Hartwell Tavern and Captain William Smith House
9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Hartwell Tavern and the Captain William Smith House will be open. Park staff will be joined by living history volunteers from the Lincoln Minute Men (until 1:30 p.m.) and other local organizations. (Hartwell Tavern will also be open April 20 and 21)

Sunday, April 20th

Warlike Preparations at the Barrett Farm
Col. James Barrett House, Barrett's Mill Road, Concord
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

In 1775, Colonel James Barrett of Concord was responsible for safeguarding all the military supplies in town. Searching his house was part of the mission of the British soldiers when they marched to Concord. Visit the Barrett House and learn about the intense military preparations that helped launch America into the Revolutionary War.

Monday, April 21st (Patriot's Day observed)

Lexington Battle Reenactment
Lexington Green
5:30 a.m.

The Town of Lexington celebrates the first shots of the American Revolution with a reenactment of the early-morning engagement between the town's militia and the British regulars.



3rd U.S. Infantry, The Old Guard

**Commemoration of the North Bridge Fight, and Concord Parade
North Bridge, Concord**

8:45 a.m.

British and colonial reenactors will conduct a special commemoration of the North Bridge fight featuring musket firing. The Concord Parade will arrive at North Bridge around 9:30 a.m. with

ceremonies featuring minute man companies, British reenactors, and music groups. NOTE: All of the roads in the center of town are closed to vehicles beginning at 8:30 a.m.

**3rd U.S. Infantry, "The Old Guard"
North Bridge, Concord**

1:00 and 2:00 p.m.

The 3d U.S. Infantry, traditionally known as "The Old Guard," is the oldest active-duty infantry unit in the U.S. Army, serving our nation since 1784. The Old Guard is the Army's official ceremonial unit and escort to the president, and it also provides security for Washington, D.C. in time of national emergency or civil disturbance. They will demonstrate authentic 18th century battle tactics and musket firing as well as fife and drum music.

Saturday, April 26th

**Junior Ranger Day
Minute Man and North Bridge Visitor Centers, and Whittemore House**

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Take part in "Hat's Off!" in our Reader's Theater and a militia drill with wooden muskets. At the end of your day show your work to a Ranger. Become a Junior Ranger and earn your new badge. For program times and details visit www.nps.gov/mima/forkids

**Battle Road Heroes
At Hartwell Tavern Parking Area**

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Tours leave every 15 minutes.

Listen to the personal stories of residents who lived along the Battle Road on April 19, 1775. Join the Guild of Historic Interpreters for a special evening of theater and history. Appropriate for ages 8 and up. Admission: \$5.00 per person, \$10.00 per family. Children wearing their Junior Ranger Bages may attend the program for free.

Did You Know?



The Hartwell family, prosperous farmers, owned and operated the Hartwell Tavern. The Hartwells' house doubled as a tavern, serving travelers to and from Boston. Living history demonstrations provide a glimpse of life at the time of the Revolution. [More...](#)

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American Camp BioBlitz Scheduled May 3-4



San Juan Island NHP
May 3-4, 2014

Raena Parsons

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San Juan Islanders and visitors throughout the region will have the opportunity to work along side scientists in tallying the flora and fauna of American during the park's first BioBlitz scheduled from noon to noon, Saturday and Sunday, May 3-4.

A BioBlitz is a unique combination of taxonomic inventory, public outreach, and science education. At its core, the BioBlitz is species inventory in which teams of volunteers, each led by an expert scientist, find, identify, and photograph as many species as possible within a 24-hour period. This snapshot view helps us look at many different habitats over the same time period, and better understand what lives in the park.

The park is looking for field biologists, naturalists, and taxonomic experts to participate in the BioBlitz. But even if you don't have scientific expertise, come along anyway and learn while doing. We also need volunteer photographers, computer wizards, people wranglers and coffee makers.

"The success of a BioBlitz depends greatly on the knowledge and enthusiasm of the participants," said Raena Parsons, park education specialist. "Come join us and share your knowledge."

Counting activities will be supplemented by guided botony, bird and art walks throughout the day. Stay posted for times and dates. Please indicate your interest by filling out a Registration Packet, available [here](#), and send to Parsons as soon as possible. For information call her at 360-378-2240, ext. 2222 or [e-mail us](#).

How to Prepare for the BioBlitz

Go to the links below and at right on this page to find materials that may assist you in helping scientists who will be on site May3-4. We've included plant identifications and a couple of National Geographic PowerPoint programs addressing observation and identification.

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BioBlitz Sign Up

Sign up here and learn more about the 24-hour BioBlitz from noon Saturday to noon Sunday, May 3-4, 2014 at American Camp. The event is open to all. [Read More](#)



Arts in the Park Contest

Click here for the Community Arts in the Park competition entry form. Submit it with your work before April 11. [Read More](#)



Native Plant ID Cards

Familiarize yourself and use these cards during the BioBlitz to identify native plants in the park. This is a large file so be patient. Get up and stretch. Have a beverage. [Read More](#)



Pollinator ID Cards

Familiarize yourself and use these cards during the BioBlitz to identify pollinators in the park. This is a large file so be patient. Get up and stretch. Have a beverage. [Read More](#)

Did You Know?



Lt. Gen. Winfield Scott's Mexican War campaign was a set-piece example for cadets in both Europe and North America, but he was most celebrated as a peacemaker. He had resolved two other Anglo_american border disputes before coming to San Juan Island. [More...](#)

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150th Anniversary of the Atlanta Campaign and the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain

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Kennesaw, GA– The National Park Service today announced the details of the upcoming commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park will offer three days of commemorative programs, battlefield tours, and living history demonstrations at sites throughout the park from June 26–29, 2014.

June 27, 2014, marks 150 years since Union Major General William T. Sherman launched his frontal assault at Kennesaw Mountain against the Confederate Army of Tennessee, led by General Joseph E. Johnston. The battle was a tactical defeat for the Union army, and was General Sherman's last frontal assault of the Atlanta Campaign.

"As we approach the sesquicentennial of the Atlanta Campaign and the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, this is the opportune time to reaffirm our national commitment to the protection of these hallowed grounds and create a lasting legacy of this commemoration, one that will be enjoyed for generations to come," said Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Superintendent Nancy Walther.

On Thursday June 26 at 7:30 p.m., the commemoration will officially begin with an opening ceremony featuring guest speakers followed by a performance of period music. From June 27-29, at sites around Kennesaw Mountain, re-enactors will present programs including musket and artillery demonstrations. Visitors can also join national park rangers and volunteers for interpretive programs about the battle, walk around a Civil War camp, explore tents and camps interpreting civilian life, Civil War medicine, and activities geared especially for children. Evening programs will be available every night during the commemoration. On Friday June 27 at 7:30 p.m. popular musical historian and composer, Bobby Horton, will open for Claire Lynch, Female Vocalist of the Year from the International Bluegrass Music Association. On Saturday June 28 at 8:30 p.m. the park will rededicate the Illinois Monument at Cheatham Hill; this program will include speakers from Georgia and Illinois, a wreath laying, and 3,400 luminaries representing the lives lost during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. Finally, a closing ceremony will be held on Sunday, June 29 at 5:00 p.m. featuring keynote speaker Rebecca Burns, author and lecturer on Southern and Atlanta history and Dr. Oral Moses and the Georgia Symphony Choir.

The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club has partnered with the National Park Service to raise funds and recruit volunteers for the 150th Anniversary Commemoration. The group has also created a special website for the event, where visitors can learn about events leading up to the commemoration, commemoration events, frequently asked questions, and how to support the 150th events. More information on the group's efforts can be found on www.battleofkennesawmountain150.com.

For more information on the interpretive programs being offered, you can follow us on Facebook or visit the Kennesaw Mountain Sesquicentennial webpage.

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National Park Week



Photo by Sarah Evans

Looking for something fun and fantastic to do with family and friends? Head out to America's national parks where millions of stars light up the dark night sky, deer and antelope (and a few other critters!) play on the wide open range, and history is an unbelievable experience, not a boring class lecture.

The National Park Service is proud to once again join with the [National Park Foundation](#), the official charity of America's national parks, to present [National Park Week](#), a presidentially proclaimed celebration of our national heritage.

You can [plan your visit](#) by what you want to do, or where you want to go ... or you can browse our [event calendar](#) and check out the special programs offered that week. On opening weekend, Saturday and Sunday, April 19 to 20, every national park will give you [free admission](#)!

On April 26, National Junior Ranger Day, parks will invite young visitors to "explore,learn, protect" and be sworn in as junior rangers. April 22 is Earth Day, so if you want to roll up your sleeves and pitch in with a project, look for a park where [you can help out](#).

Also, don't forget to check out www.nationalparkweek.org. There you can share your national park photos, videos, and tips. While you're there, learn all about the ways you can help support your national parks all year round.

Get to know one of your national parks during National Park Week, and go wild... for history... for nature... for wildlife... for fun!

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This Week at Interior March 28, 2014

FRI, MARCH 28, 2014, 04:38 PM EST

The National Park Service says the Washington Monument will reopen to the public soon -- and it has a date picked out; an 81-million year old dinosaur is the star of an exhibit at the Bureau of Land Management; more.

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Statement by Secretary Jewell on the President's Strategy to Reduce Methane Emissions

FRI, MARCH 28, 2014, 01:04 PM EST

As part of President Obama's Climate Action Plan, Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell issued the following statement today on the release of the Interagency Strategy to Reduce Methane Emissions [Read More >](#)



United States and Mexico Celebrate Partnership for Historic Release of Colorado River Water to Delta, Benefitting Both Nations

THU, MARCH 27, 2014, 01:24 PM EST

Deputy Secretary Connor and Assistant Secretary for Water and Science Anne Castle today joined other senior officials of the United States and Mexico to celebrate a historic first-time intentional release of water from Morelos Dam [Read More >](#)



Migratory Bird Conservation Commission Approves \$61 Million to Conserve 205,000 Acres of North American Wetlands

WED, MARCH 26, 2014, 01:08 PM EST

The Migratory Bird Conservation Commission today approved \$61.3 million in funding to protect, restore and enhance more than 205,000 acres of wetlands and associated uplands in the United States, Canada and Mexico. [Read More >](#)



Secretary Jewell Announces \$1.1 Billion to State Wildlife Agencies from Excise Taxes on Anglers, Hunters, and Boaters

TUE, MARCH 25, 2014, 11:33 AM EST

Secretary Jewell announced today that the Fish and Wildlife Service will distribute nearly \$1.1 billion in excise tax revenues paid by sportsmen and sportswomen to state and territorial fish and wildlife agencies [Read More >](#)

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National parks waive entrance fees February 15-17



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[Fire News](#) This site provides the latest fire information and links to additional resources.

[Director's Speeches](#) Remarks of National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis

[NPS Oil Spill Response](#) The National Park Service was an integral part of the national federal response to the explosion of the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig which occurred in the Gulf of Mexico on April 20, 2010. Find more information about our role and how we will continue to protect your national parks.

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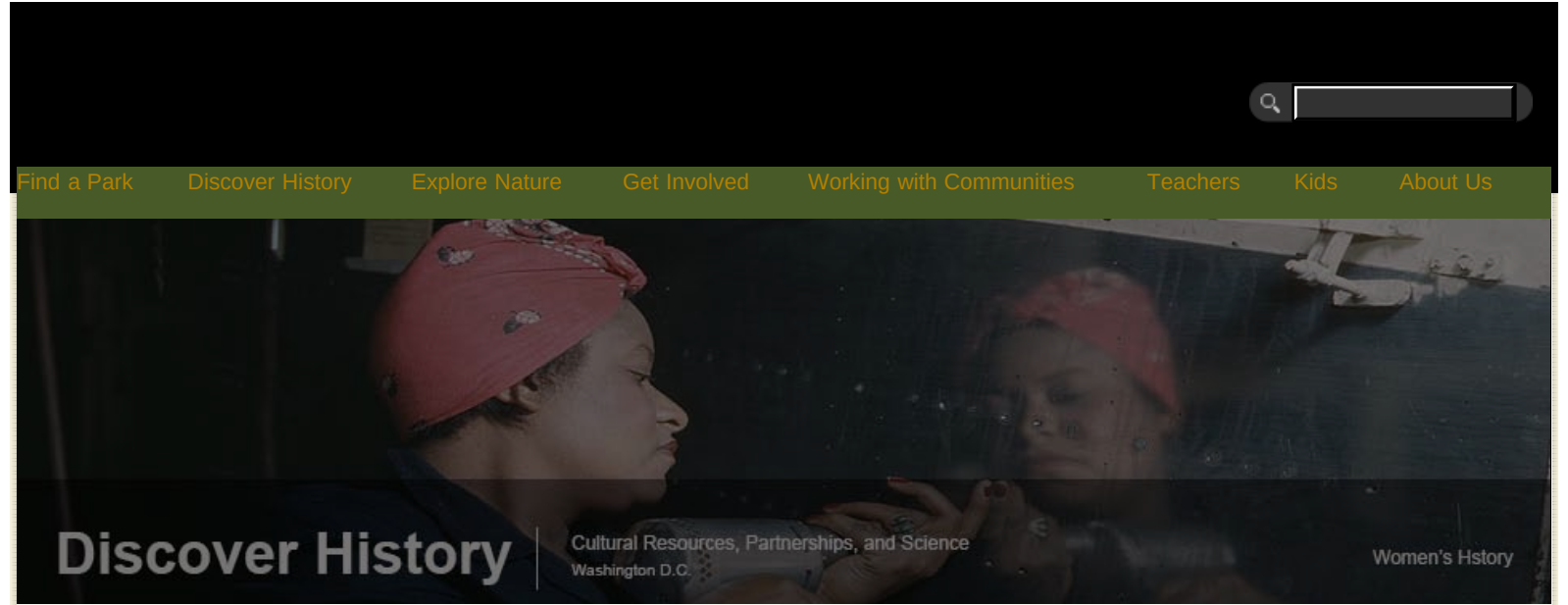
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Discover History and Historic Preservation in the National Park Service

Stories of America's diverse places and people are everywhere. Our stories are found across the landscapes of our nation, in more than 400 national parks, in National Heritage Areas, along historic trails and waterways, and in every neighborhood.

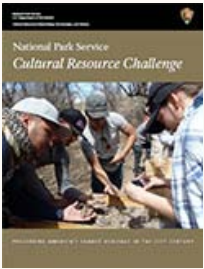
The National Park Service invites you to discover American history in all its diversity, from ancient archeological places to the homes of poets and Presidents to the sobering stories of Civil War soldiers and civilians to the legacy of a courageous woman who refused to give up her seat on a bus. Our history is part of who we were, who we are, and who we will be.

Our national Heritage Initiatives are helping us to tell the stories of all Americans and recognizing the special places associated with our diverse past. Learn more about American history by exploring American Latino heritage and Asian American Pacific Islander heritage, Women's history, and LGBTQ history.

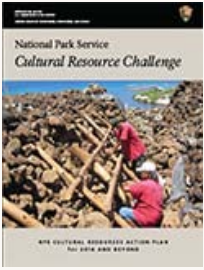
We invite you to explore historic preservation and the tools we use to help preserve and protect the places where history happened. Explore our cultural resource programs to find preservation assistance resources, grant information, internship and volunteer opportunities, and much more.

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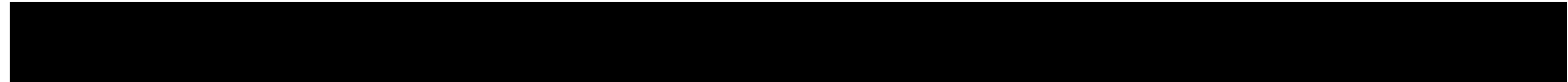
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Feature: Managing Cultural Resources



Marching Band at Gettysburg National Military Park

Join us on a journey to Gettysburg National Military Park, a place where the National Park Service works hard to preserve our national cultural heritage. See the historic battlefields and listen to why it is so important to protect them for future generations.

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Science in Your National Parks

National parks contain many of our nation's most treasured landscapes, from the majestic mountain ranges of Alaska to the vast sawgrass prairies of the Everglades. To safeguard these treasures, the National Park Service combines the best available science with innovative education and stewardship programs, such as [Biodiversity Discovery](#), the [Climate Change Youth Initiative](#), and [Geoscientists-in-Parks](#).

We encourage you to "Explore Nature." Learn about the natural resources in parks, from the rocks under our feet to the sky overhead and everything in between. Discover the issues that affect our parks and how we join with neighbors and partners to address them. Meet the people who protect our parks and learn how you can help preserve these treasures for generations to come.

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Visits to national parks inspire people to plan another trip, to tell their friends, and often, to ask how they can help.

We love that!

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When you get involved, you help ensure that national parks and programs are relevant. Your ideas add strength to the work we do everyday to preserve special places and stories. [Civic engagement](#) is key to the National Park Service mission.

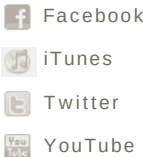
We especially love when kids ask how they can get involved. Younger kids can sign up in the park to be a [Junior Ranger](#) or go online and explore our [Web Rangers](#) program. Older kids can participate in programs we have with the [Boy Scouts](#) and [Girl Scouts](#). High school and college students can give working for the National Park Service a try through our [jobs for students](#).





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The National Park Service cares for America's nearly 400 national parks...and works in almost every one of her 3,141 counties.

National Park Service professionals take our mission on the road offering advice, technical assistance, recognition, and even cold, hard cash to help communities across the country preserve their own history and create close-to-home recreation opportunities.

We are honored to be invited into America's towns and cities to work with those who share our commitment to conservation, preservation, and recreation. Find out what's happening in [your community](#).

We value [dynamic conversations](#) that enhance public engagement. We are proud to join forces with Indian tribes, state and local governments, nonprofit organizations, private citizens, and other partners, to build trails and playgrounds, return historic buildings to productive use, revitalize neighborhoods, expand affordable housing, protect watersheds, recognize and promote local history, and introduce the next generation to stewardship opportunities and responsibilities.

And the results are tangible.

Working with our partners the National Park Service has:

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- listed more than 85,000 properties in the [National Register of Historic Places](#)
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We can also help you ...

- Honor our nation's history at [national historic landmarks](#), [national historic trails](#), and [national heritage areas](#)
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- [Document](#) historic buildings, structures, and landscapes
- Turn [surplus federal land](#) into local parks and acquire [surplus federal buildings](#) for community uses
- Highlight local history with a [Teaching with Historic Places](#) lesson plan or [Discover Our Shared Heritage](#) travel itinerary

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The parks are America's greatest classroom, telling our stories, and conserving the best natural spaces the nation has to offer.



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Register your classroom for the Presidential Primary Source Project. Five interactive videoconference sessions teaching historical thinking skills.



A graphic titled "Energy Literacy" with a subtitle "Based on EPA's Action on the National Academies for Energy Literacy". The graphic features a grid of 16 small images on the left, each representing a different energy source or concept (e.g., sun, wind, water, solar panels, oil rig, nuclear reactor, etc.). The right side of the graphic has a yellow background with the title "Energy Literacy" in large, bold, black letters.

Whether you're a teacher, a student, or just looking to learn about energy, check out these educational resources from the Department of Energy.

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"If you could write a four-word note to your younger self, what would you say?"

Newest Responses

No replies yet

We haven't posted any replies yet, but we will, so check back soon!

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Since 1916, the American people have entrusted the National Park Service with the care of their national parks. With the help of volunteers and park partners, we are proud to safeguard these more than 400 places and to share their stories with more than 275 million visitors every year. But our work doesn't stop there.

We are proud that tribes, local governments, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and individual citizens ask for our help in [revitalizing their communities](#), preserving local history, celebrating local heritage, and creating close to home opportunities for kids and families to get outside, be active, and have fun.

Taking care of the national parks and helping Americans take care of their communities is a job we love, and we need-and welcome-your help and support.

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National Park Service by the Numbers*

\$48,000,000,000 incentivized in private historic preservation investment
11,700,000,000 visitors
\$5,409,252,508 in [preservation](#) and [outdoor recreation grants](#) awarded
\$2,750,000,000 annual budget
121,603,193 objects in museum collections
97,417,260 volunteer hours
84,000,000 acres of land
4,502,644 acres of oceans, lakes, reservoirs
2,482,104 [volunteers](#)
218,000 jobs supported in gateway communities
85,049 miles of perennial rivers and streams
68,561 archeological sites
43,162 miles of shoreline
28,000 employees
27,000 historic structures
2,461 national historic landmarks
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400 endangered species
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49 national heritage areas
1 mission: The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Who is the director of the National Park Service?

Jonathan B. Jarvis

Learn more about [past directors](#) of the National Park Service.

What government agency oversees the National Park Service?

The National Park Service is a bureau of the [Department of the Interior](#). Directly overseeing its operation is the Department's Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.

How old is the national park system?

The National Park Service was created by an Act signed by President Woodrow Wilson on August 25, 1916. Yellowstone National Park was established by an Act signed by President Ulysses S. Grant on March 1, 1872, as the nation's first national park. View the national park system [Timeline](#).

How many areas are there in the national park system?

The national park system comprises 401 areas covering more than 84 million acres in every state, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. These areas include national parks, monuments, battlefields, military parks, historical parks, historic sites, lakeshores, seashores, recreation areas, scenic rivers and trails, and the White House. Learn more about [national park designations](#). See the [complete list](#) of National Park Service sites and affiliated areas by type and number.

What is the largest/smallest national park site?

Largest - [Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve](#), AK - 13.2 million acres
Smallest - [Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial](#), PA - 0.02 acres

Current information on acreage is also [available](#).

How many employees are in the National Park Service?

Permanent, Temporary, and Seasonal - Approximately 22,000 diverse professionals
Volunteers in Parks - 221,000

How many people visit the national parks?

Total recreation visitors to the national parks in 2011: 278,939,216
Visit the [Public Use Statistics](#) for more detailed information.

What is the National Park Service budget?

FY 2012 Enacted - \$2.98 billion
FY 2013 Request - \$2.99 billion

How do I obtain a park pass?

Visitors can obtain park passes by visiting their nearest park site. Most sites have passes available, however it is recommended to call a park prior to your visit. Learn more about the [America the Beautiful - National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass](#).

How do I make reservations for camping/lodging in national parks?

For campground reservations [go here](#). Not all parks participate in this service, many campgrounds are first come, first served. For more information on specific camping and lodging services offered at the park(s) of your interest, please check their homepage by using our [search](#) feature.

What do I need to know about driving off road in national parks?

Before you head out, check with the national parks that you intend to visit. In many national parks, off-road driving is illegal. Where [off-road driving](#) is allowed, the National Park Service regulates it.

What are concessions?

There are more than 630 NPS concessionaires (in 128 different park units) which vary in size from small, family-owned businesses to national/international corporations. Concessionaires provide park visitors with lodging, transportation, food services, shops, and other services. Learn more about [commercial services](#) in the National Park Service.

What is the origin of the National Park Service arrowhead?

The arrowhead was authorized as the official National Park Service emblem by the Secretary of the Interior on July 20, 1951. The Sequoia tree and bison represent vegetation and wildlife, the mountains and water represent scenic and recreational values, and the arrowhead represents historical and archeological values. It was registered Feb. 9, 1965, by the U.S. Patent Office as the official emblem of the NPS. Further information on the Arrowhead, including definitions, uses, powers to revoke uses, and penalties for wrongful use can be found in Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations 11.1-4.

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- [America the Beautiful: National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass Series](#)
- [Campground Reservations](#)
- [Authorized Concessioners](#) (Specific links about lodging are found on park websites. Use the search box above.)

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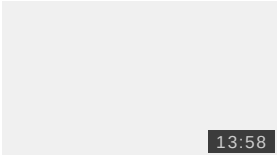
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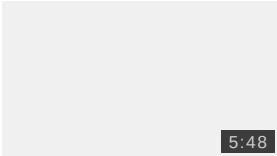
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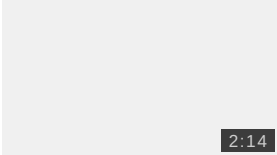
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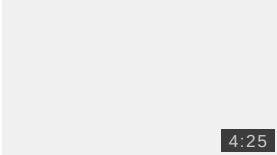
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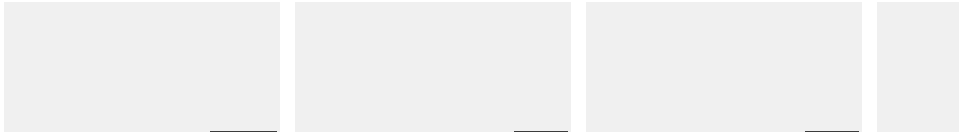
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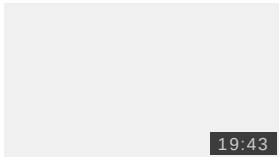
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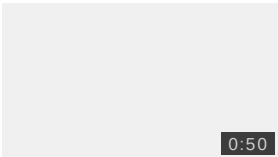
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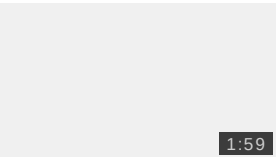
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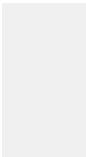
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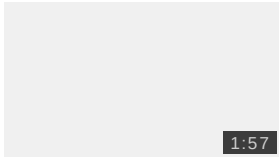


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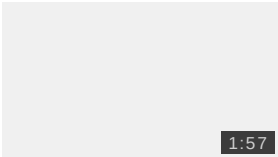


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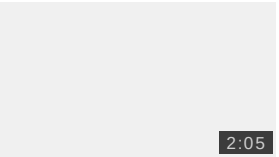
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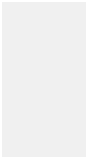
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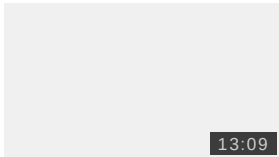


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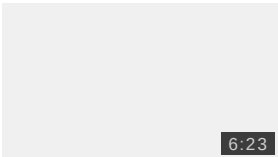
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The National Park Service works with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities.



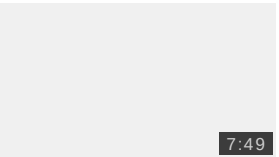
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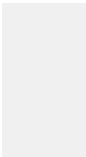
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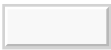
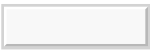
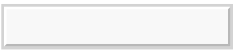
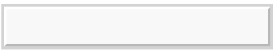
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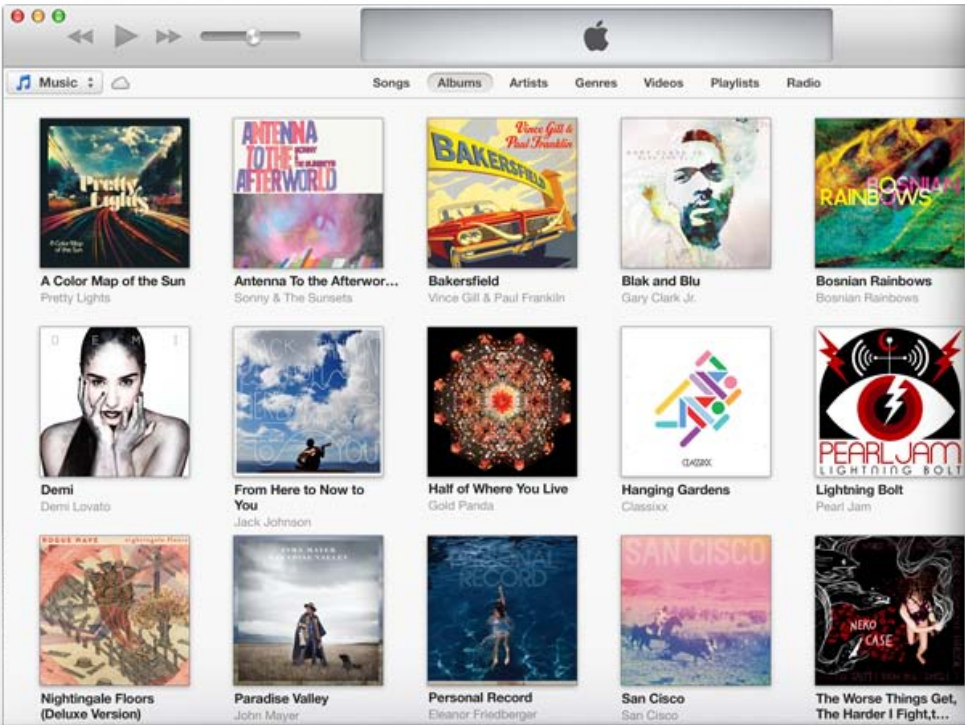
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