

Fifth Triennial Conference on Research in the National Parks and Equivalent Reserves and Third Triennial Meeting of the George Wright Society

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The Fifth Triennial Conference on Research in the National Parks and Equivalent Reserves and Third Triennial Meeting of the George Wright Society, will be held Nov. 14-18, 1988, at the Holiday Inn-Broadway, 181 W. Broadway, Tucson, AZ 85701, in cooperation with the National Park Service. Friday afternoon, Nov. 18, has been reserved for groups wishing to hold post conference meetings. Saturday, Nov. 19, has been set aside for an optional field trip to Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument (an International Biosphere Reserve). Co-sponsors of this year's conference and meeting include: National Parks and Conservation Association (NPCA), Friends of Pronatura, American Water Resources Association, and the North American Riparian Council.

The George Wright Society is a non-profit, inter-institutional, educational, and scientific organization dedicated to the protection, preservation, and management of cultural and natural parks and reserves through research and education. To aid in these goals the Society publishes the *Forum*, a quarterly journal in which members and others may contribute and exchange articles, philosophies, and ideas related to these areas.

This year's conference will stress the role of natural sciences, anthropology, social sciences, and history in the protection and enjoyment of natural and cultural resources in parks and reserves. The theme is "Parks and Neighbors: Maintaining Diversity Across Political Boundaries." Sessions include plenary, mini-symposia, workshop, and poster and will be conducted by representatives selected from natural and cultural resource management, sciences and interpretation, and operations and administration. Topics will cover inventory and monitoring, resource management, interpretation of cultural and natural resources, global change, parks and adjacent lands, biodiversity, cultural diversity, recreation and sociology. The published proceedings will consist only of plenary session papers. Abstracts will be required with the submission of mini-symposia proposals and for contributed papers for the poster sessions.

A presentation by NPCA Vice President (for Conservation), Destry Jarvis and the NPCA Commission on Research and Resource Management Policy in the NP System is one of the featured events. Following an open plenary session with NPCA and the Commission, workshops will provide dialogues on various aspects of the Commission's findings and their 1988 report. The second afternoon of the conference will include a field trip to Saguaro National Monument to examine local land use issues and problems facing park personnel, researchers, and adjacent urban developers. The 1988 NPS Resource Management Trainee Class will be attending this year's conference as part of their curriculum. An evening, special emphasis, resource management workshop session has been programmed with speakers Ro Wauer, Virgin Islands, founder of the Resource Management Trainee Program and Tom Gavin, Western Region, who has proposed forming a resource management section of the George Wright Society.

Authors of recent books on the National Park Service, former NPS Director, George B. Hartzog and Dr. Alston Chase will present plenary addresses to conference participants as well as open public sessions about their books. Regional Chief Scientists and all

NPS-CPSU Unit Leaders will hold meetings also, in conjunction with the fall conference.

Participation by agencies and persons outside the NPS is encouraged. Early registration for attending the conference is due by Oct. 15. For further conference information and registration procedures please contact either Roy Johnson or Kathy Hiett c/o National

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