

Climate Trends, Vicksburg National Military Park, Mississippi

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Historical and projected climate trends for the park (data Daly et al. 2008, IPCC 2013; analysis Wang et al. in preparation, University of Wisconsin and U.S. National Park Service).

	mean	SD	mean	SD
Historical (1950-2010)				
temperature annual average	18.4	0.5 °C	65	1 °F.
temperature linear trend	+0.1	N.S. °C/century	+0.2	N.S. °F./cent.
precipitation annual average	1400	260 mm/y	56	10 in./year
precipitation linear trend	+29	Sig. %/century	+29	Sig. %/century
Projected (2000-2100)				
Lowest emissions scenario (IPCC RCP 2.6)				
temperature annual average trend	+1.5	0.7 °C/century	+3	1 °F./cent.
precipitation annual average trend	+4	7 %/century	+4	7 %/century
Medium emissions scenario (IPCC RCP 4.5)				
temperature annual average trend	+2.5	0.7 °C/century	4	1 °F./cent.
precipitation annual average trend	+3	7 %/century	+3	7 %/century
High emissions scenario (IPCC RCP 6.0)				
temperature annual average trend	+2.9	0.7 °C/century	5	1 °F./cent.
precipitation annual average trend	+1	9 %/century	+1	9 %/century
Highest emissions scenario (IPCC RCP 8.5)				
temperature annual average trend	+4.5	1.0 °C/century	8	2 °F./cent.
precipitation annual average trend	+2	11 %/century	+2	11 %/century

SD = standard deviation; Sig. = statistically significant; N.S. = not statistically significant

Figure 1.

Average annual temperature (1895-2010) for the area within the park boundaries (data Daly et al. 2008; analysis Wang et al. in preparation, University of Wisconsin and U.S. National Park Service).

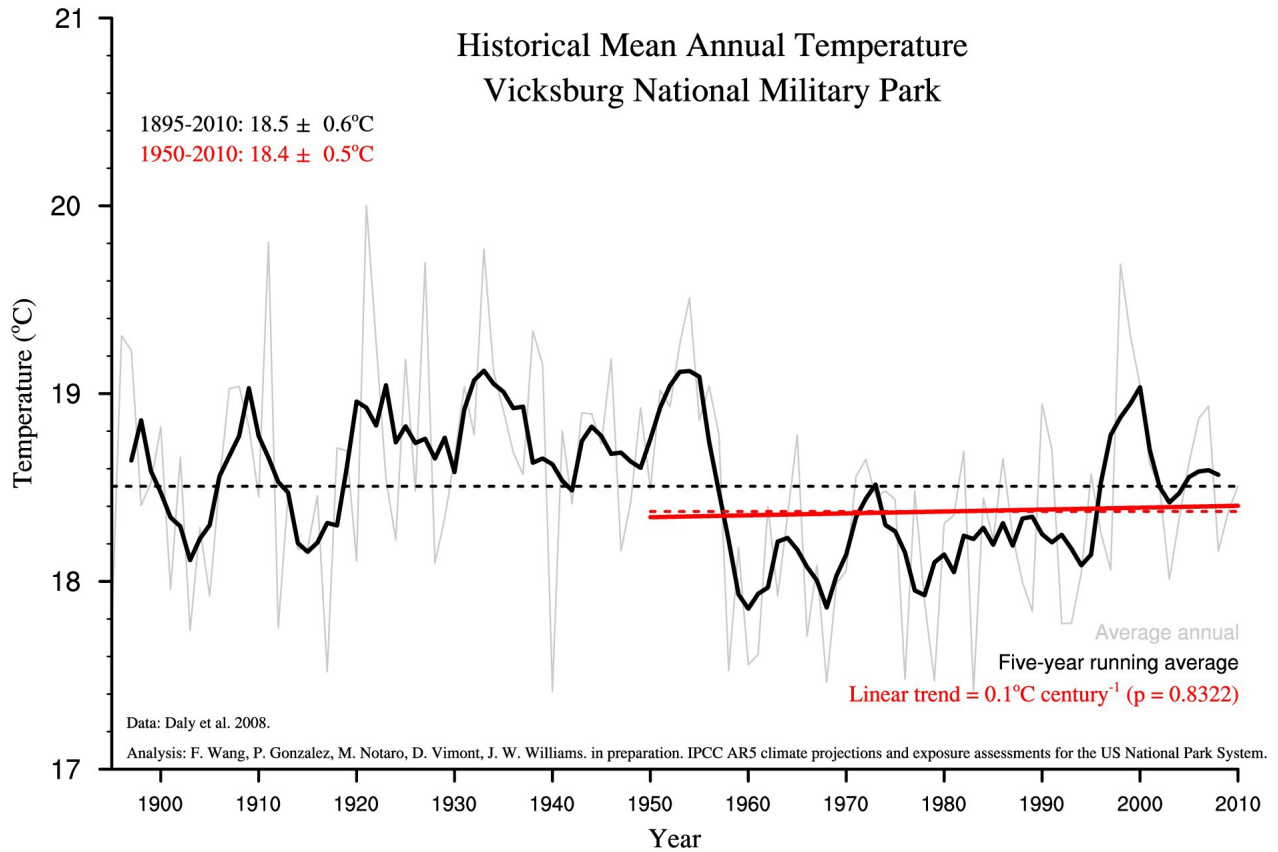
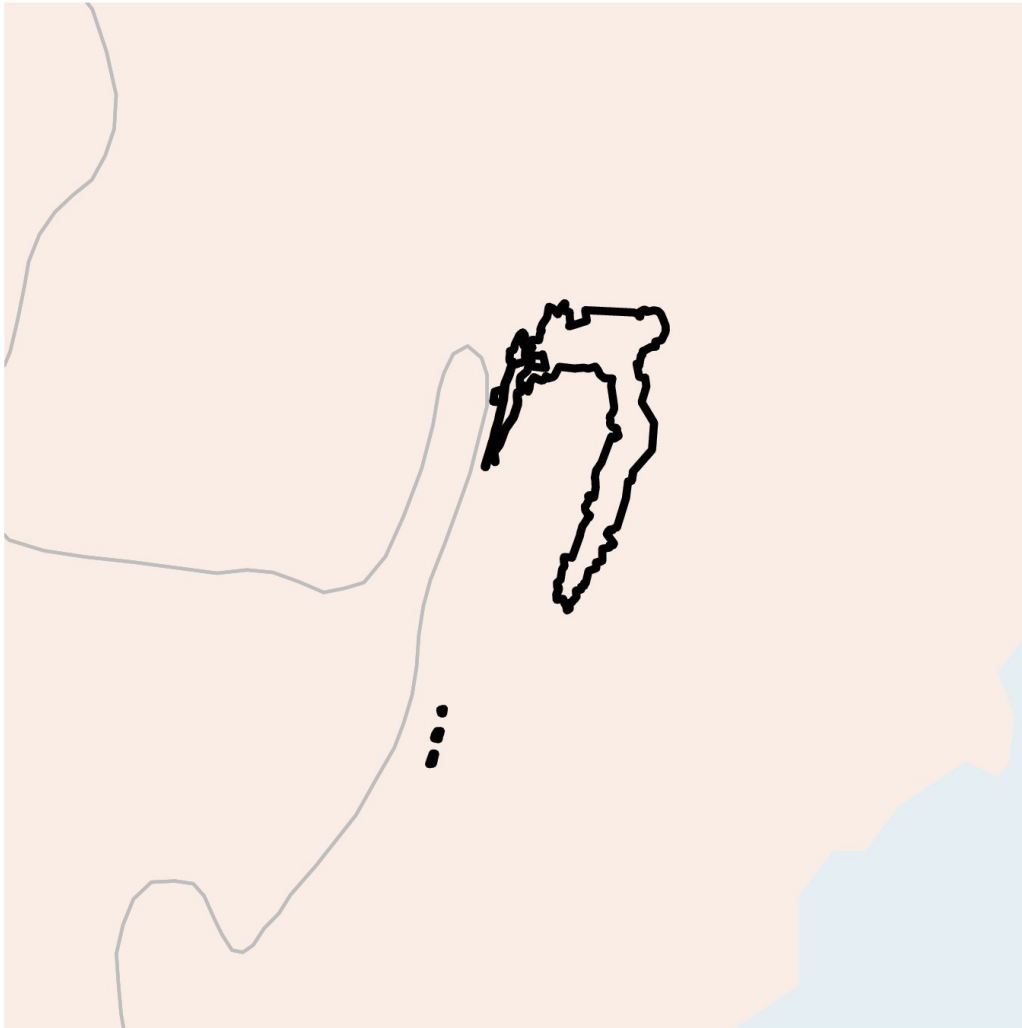


Figure 2.

Average annual temperature (1950-2010) across the landscape (data Daly et al. 2008; analysis Wang et al. in preparation, University of Wisconsin and U.S. National Park Service).

Linear Trend in Historical Mean Annual Temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C century}^{-1}$)
1950 - 2010
Vicksburg National Military Park



Data: IPCC 2013. Daly et al. 2008. Analysis: F. Wang, P. Gonzalez, M. Notaro, D. Vimont, J. W. Williams. In preparation.
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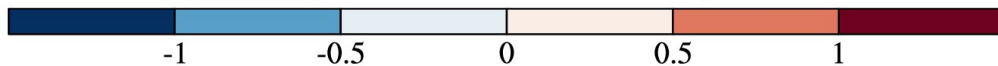


Figure 3.

Average annual precipitation (1895-2010) for the area within the park boundaries (data Daly et al. 2008; analysis Wang et al. in preparation, University of Wisconsin and U.S. National Park Service).

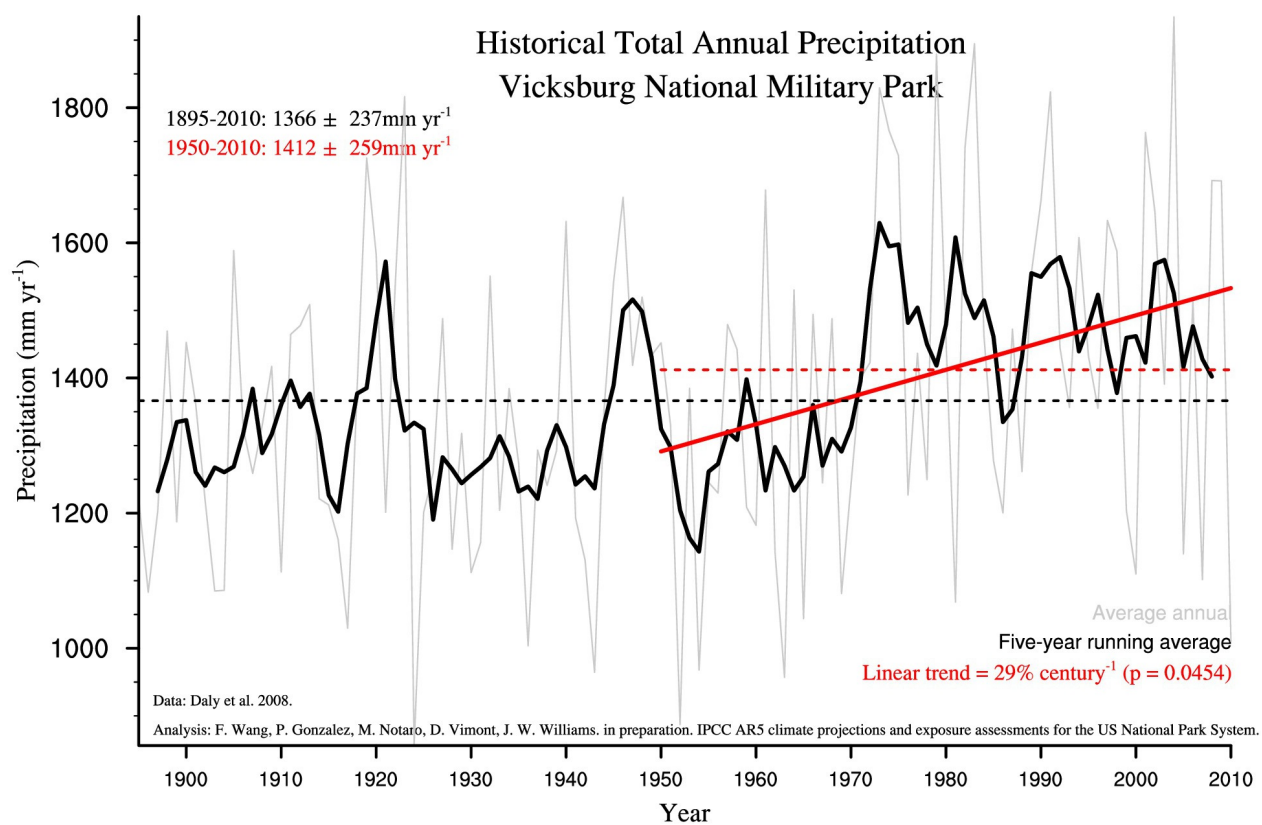


Figure 4.

Average annual precipitation (1950-2010) across the landscape (data Daly et al. 2008; analysis Wang et al. in preparation, University of Wisconsin and U.S. National Park Service).

Linear Trend in Historical Total Annual Precipitation (%)
1950 - 2010
Vicksburg National Military Park



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Figure 5.

Projected change in average annual temperature (difference between 2071-2100 average and 1971-2000 average), for the high emissions scenario (IPCC RCP 6.0) (data Daly et al. 2008, IPCC 2013; analysis Wang et al. in preparation, University of Wisconsin and U.S. National Park Service).

Projected Mean Annual Temperature Change RCP6.0 (°C)
Vicksburg National Military Park
(Difference between 2071-2100 average and 1971-2000 average)



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Figure 6.

Projected change in average annual precipitation (difference between 2071-2100 average and 1971-2000 average), for the high emissions scenario (IPCC RCP 6.0) (data Daly et al. 2008, IPCC 2013; analysis Wang et al. in preparation, University of Wisconsin and U.S. National Park Service).

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Vicksburg National Military Park
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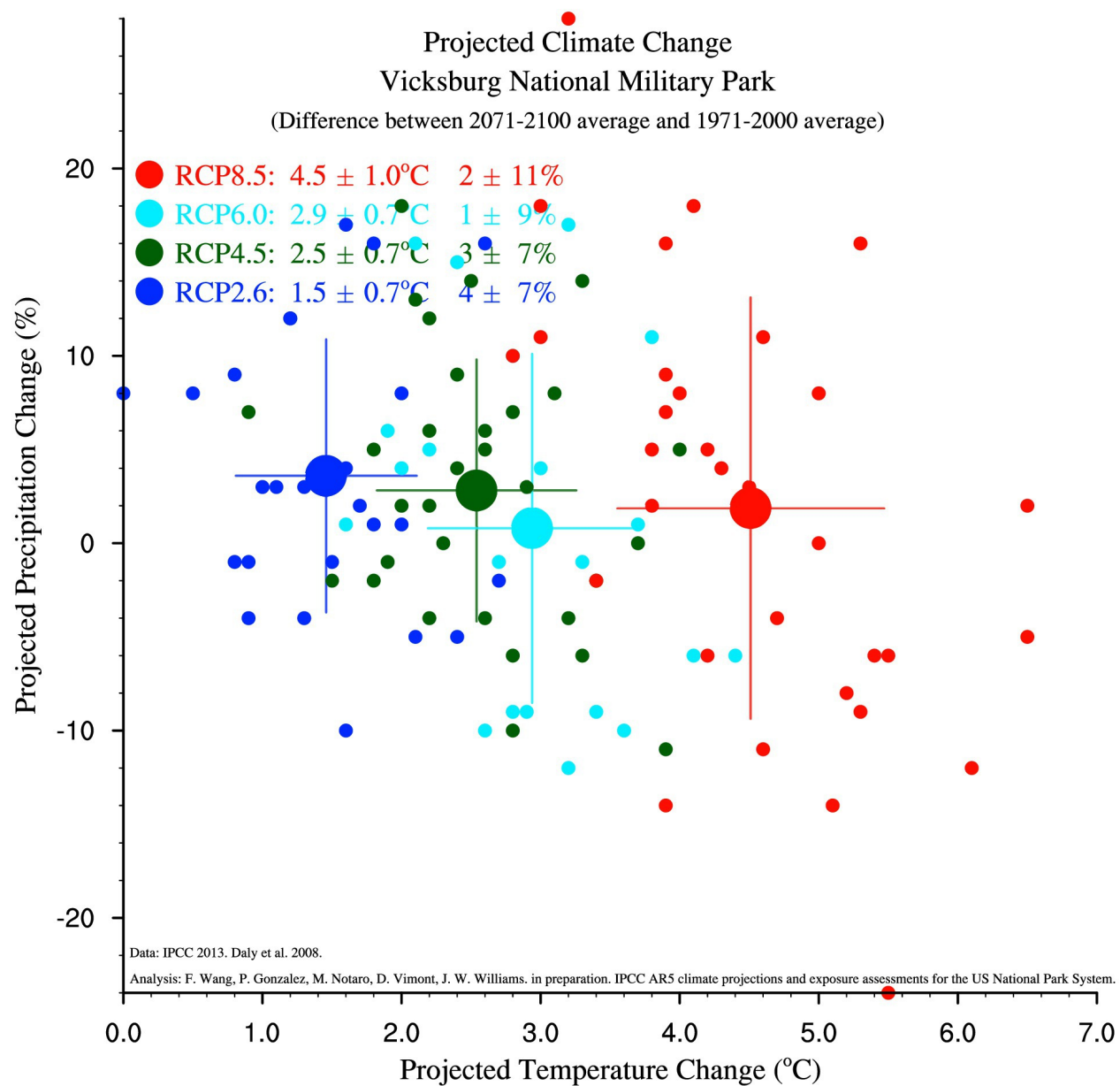


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Figure 7.

Projected changes in average annual temperature and precipitation for all emissions scenarios (small circle = individual general circulation models, large circle = average of all general circulation models, bars = standard deviation) for the area within the park boundaries (data Daly et al. 2008, IPCC 2013; analysis Wang et al. in preparation, University of Wisconsin and U.S. National Park Service).



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