



National parks in the USA

Map of the National Parks



Yellowstone National Park

It's a wonderland. Old Faithful and the majority of the world's geysers are preserved here. They are the main reason the park was established in 1872 as America's first national park - an idea that spread worldwide. A mountain wildland, home to grizzly bears, wolves, and herds of bison and elk, the park is the core of one of the last, nearly intact, natural ecosystems in the Earth's temperate zone.



Grand Prismatic Spring and Midway Geyser Basin



Beehive Geyser Erupting

Yellowstone National Park



Lower Yellowstone Falls



Upper Terraces of Mammoth Hot Springs



Bison near a hot spring

Yosemite National Park

Not just a great valley, but a shrine to human foresight, the strength of granite, the power of glaciers, the persistence of life, and the tranquility of the High Sierra.

First protected in 1864, Yosemite National Park is best known for its waterfalls, but within its nearly 1,200 square miles, you can find deep valleys, grand meadows, ancient giant sequoias, a vast wilderness area, and much more.



Yosemite valley



Vernal Fall

Yosemite National Park

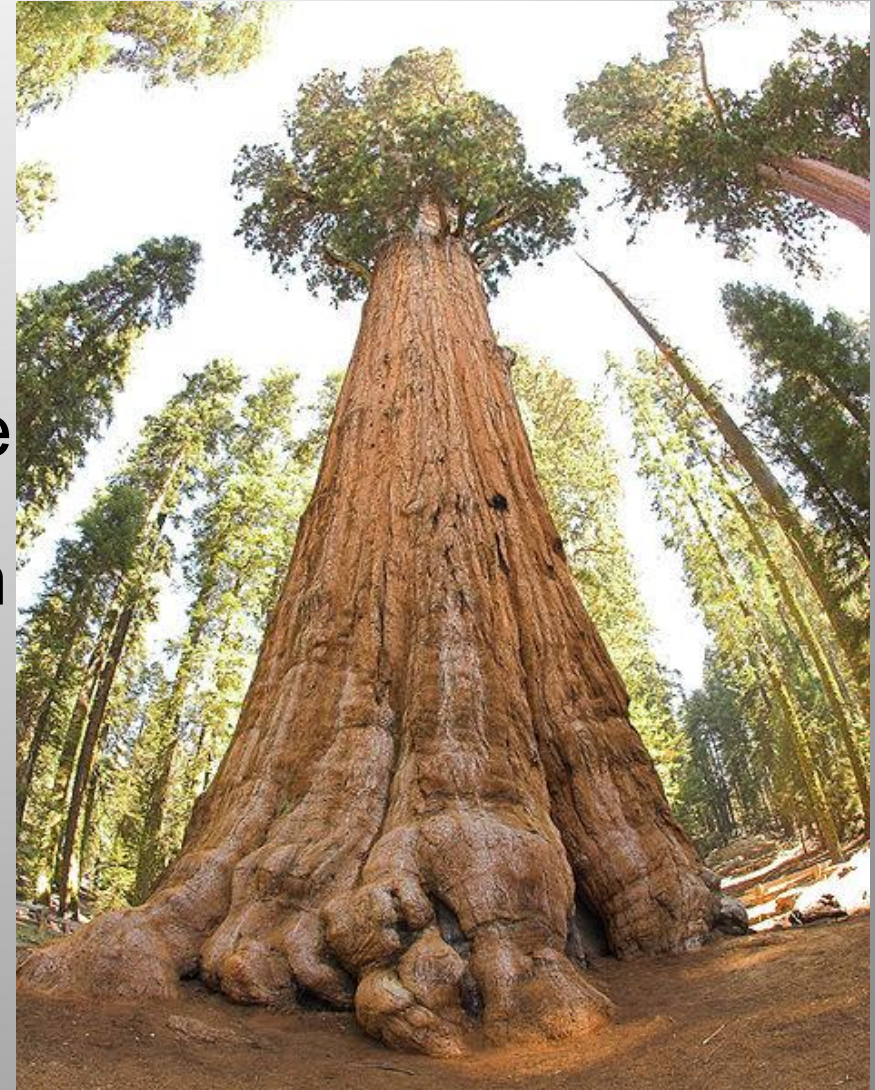


View from Glacier point

Sequoia National Park

This landscape testifies to nature's size, beauty, and diversity - huge mountains, rugged foothills, deep canyons, vast caverns, and the world's largest trees.

Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks lie side-by-side in the southern Sierra Nevada, east of the San Joaquin Valley. Visitor activities vary by season and elevation



General Sherman Tree

Sequoia National Park



Hamilton Lake and the Valhalla cliffs



Tunnel Log



Crystal Cave

Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Ridge upon ridge of forest straddles the border between North Carolina and Tennessee in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. World renowned for its diversity of plant and animal life, the beauty of its ancient mountains, and the quality of its remnants of Southern Appalachian mountain culture, this is America's most visited national park.

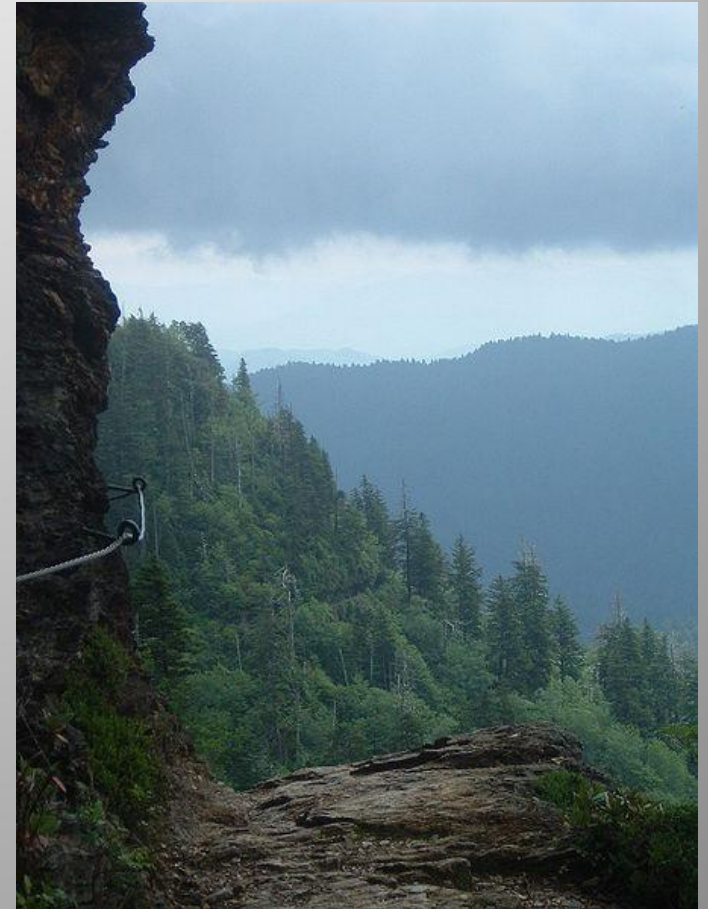


Cades Cove Panorama

Great Smoky Mountains National Park



Clingman's Dome Observation Tower



Alum Cave Bluffs Trail

Rocky Mountain National Park



Bierstadt Lake and mountains

Rocky Mountain National Park's 415 square miles encompass and protect spectacular mountain environments. Enjoy Trail Ridge Road – which crests over 12,000 feet including many overlooks to experience the subalpine and alpine worlds – along with over 300 miles of hiking trails, wildflowers, wildlife, starry nights, and fun times. In a world of superlatives, Rocky is on top!

Rocky Mountain National Park



Peaks above Dream Lake



Glacier Gorge viewed from Bear Lake

Wrangell–St. Elias National Park and Preserve

At 13.2 million acres which is bigger than the country of Switzerland, Wrangell-St. Elias stretches from one of the tallest peaks in North America, Mount St. Elias (18,008) to the ocean. Yet within this wild landscape, people have been living off the land for centuries and still do today. The park is a rugged yet inviting place to experience your own adventure.



Mount Saint Elias, 5489 m, second highest mountain in Canada and the USA



Mount Jarvis, 4091 m

Death Valley National Park

In this below-sea-level basin, steady drought and record summer heat make Death Valley a land of extremes. Yet, each extreme has a striking contrast. Towering peaks are frosted with winter snow. Rare rainstorms bring vast fields of wildflowers. Lush oases harbor tiny fish and refuge for wildlife and humans. Despite its morbid name, a great diversity of life survives in Death Valley.



Mesquite Sand Dunes



Devil's Golf Course

Death Valley National Park



Racetrack Playa with a rock pushed by the wind



Death Valley Desert

Grand Canyon National Park

A powerful and inspiring landscape, Grand Canyon overwhelms our senses through its immense size.

Unique combinations of geologic color and erosional forms decorate a canyon that is 277 river miles (446km) long, up to 18 miles (29km) wide, and a mile (1.6km) deep.



Grand Canyon: Vishnu Temple and Wotans Throne

Grand Canyon National Park



View from Mather Point

Grand Canyon National Park



North part of the Grand Canyon



Nankoweap Creek, North Rim



View from Navajo Point