

If you ask anyone what **Yellowstone National Park** is best known for, they might say the park's extraordinary geysers. This is for good reason. Yellowstone is home to an astonishing amount of hydrothermal features, including over 500 geysers. Each erupts in a unique pattern. For example, Steamboat Geyser, the largest in the world, has rare eruptions reaching 300-400 feet.

National Parks Go To The Movies

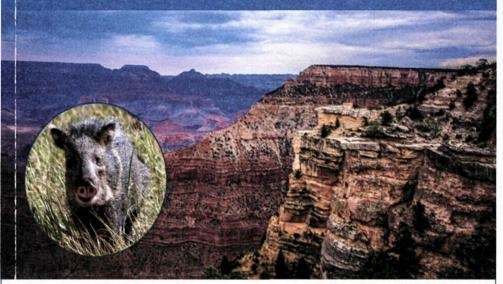


Some of Hollywood's biggest hits use national park landscapes to create the perfect setting. Here are a couple that might surprise you ...

Death Valley National Park pops up in dozens of films, providing the perfect backdrop for everything from Spartacus to Star Wars: Episode I - A New Hope.

Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid's stunning visuals came courtesy of **Zion National Park**'s wild landscape of sandstone cliffs, narrow canyons, arid grasslands, and pinyon forests. Our National Parks preserve our history, culture, and magnificent natural landscapes. The National Park Foundation helps ensure these treasures continue to enrich our lives. That's why we support projects that help **protect** America's special places and **connect** people to the parks, inspiring the next generation of national park stewards. **This map is a keepsake and a reminder that your support for the National Park Foundation protects this vast national heritage for all people and for all time**.

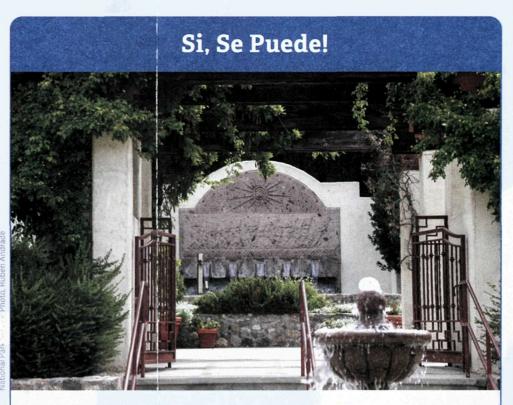
You Say Javelina, and I Say Peccary



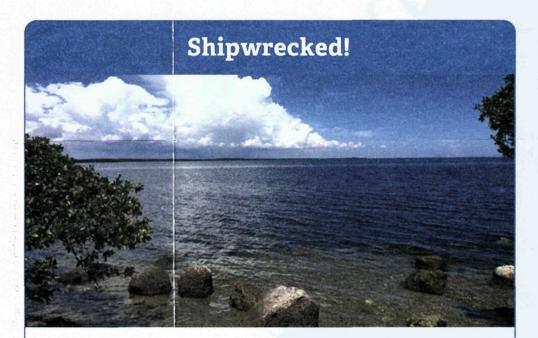
One species that calls **Grand Canyon National Park** home is the javelina, or collared peccary. No matter what you call them, javelinas are not pigs. They are hoofed mammals that look quite like pigs. Javelinas are highly social. They live in large groups, known as squadrons, and communicate with each other through grunts and woofs. They love to eat prickly pear cacti, spines and all, with their two-inch-long canine teeth.



Soon after hatching from nests on **Padre Island National Seashore**'s beaches, tiny sea turtles use their little flippers to head toward the Gulf of Mexico. Five different species of these threatened or endangered sea turtles come to the park's beaches to nest each year. In fact, Kemp's Ridley sea turtles nest here more than anywhere else in the United States. Visitors can help by alerting authorities immediately if they see unflagged sea turtle nests, turtle tracks or hatchlings, and by leaving nests undisturbed.



César E. Chávez National Monument preserves the United Farm Workers headquarters and home of the Chávez family, as well as César Chávez's carefully preserved personal office. Thousands of farm workers and supporters came here to set strategy, plan boycotts, learn how to run their unions, celebrate milestones, mourn losses, and look ahead.



Shipwrecks captivate the imagination and offer an interesting "dive" into the country's past. Florida's **Biscayne National Park** hosts the Maritime Heritage Trail, the National Park Service's only underwater archaeological trail. It is also home to shipwrecks that SCUBA divers and snorkelers can explore,* such as:

Arratoon Apcar, an iron-hulled steamer, met its demise in 1878 when the captain miscalculated his position while steaming to Havana.

Eri King, a three-masted auxiliary steamship, was en route to New Orleans from England when it ran aground and sank in 1891.

Alicia was laden with silks, silverware, and other fine household items at the time it sank in 1905.

Lugano was the largest vessel ever to wreck in the Florida Keys at the time of its grounding in 1913.

The steel-hulled schooner *Mandalay* was known as the "red carpet ship of the windjammer fleet" when it ran aground on New Year's Day of 1966.

*Some sites are best suited to exploration by SCUBA divers. Please plan appropriately.

DID YOU KNOW?

The National Park System has over **400** sites

Over **300 MILLION** people visit national parks each year

More than **1,000 PLANTS AND ANIMALS** in national parks are considered rare or endangered

And, more than 27,000 HISTORIC STRUCTURES and 76,000 ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

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As the official nonprofit partner of the National Park Service, the National Park Foundation generates private support and builds strategic partnerships to protect and enhance America's national parks for present and future generations.

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