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NATIONAL
HISTORICAL PARK

NEW MEXICO

For three hundred years, Chaco Canyon was a major center of ancestral Pueblo Indian culture. From the mid-800s until the mid-1100s monumental masonry buildings were erected in the canyon, and connected with near and distant communities by roads, communications, trade, ceremonies, and a shared culture. Proclaimed Chaco Canyon National Monument March 11, 1907, the park was renamed Chaco Culture National Historical Park December 19, 1980. The 33,974 acre park was designated a World Heritage Site December 8, 1987.

SPECIAL INFORMATION

An eight mile paved loop drive and short self-guided walks provide access to the impressive buildings. Camping and backcountry hiking are available. The park's entrance roads are dirt and can become impassable during wet weather. The ancient structures are fragile. Please do not climb the walls. Stay on designated trails. Leave pottery and artifacts where you find them. Chaco Culture National Historical Park, Box 220, Nageezi, NM 87033, (505) 786-7014.