



## **NATIONAL PARK or NATIONAL MONUMENT: What is the difference? Death Valley National Park**

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### **A NATIONAL PARK....**

- can only be created by an **act of Congress**.
- generally contains a **variety of natural resources** and is of large enough size to adequately protect those resources.
- has boundaries that can only be altered by Congress.
- with very few exceptions does not allow **consumptive uses** such as grazing, hunting, mining, timber cutting, oil drilling, or dam building.

### **A NATIONAL MONUMENT....**

- can be created by either **\*\* Presidential Proclamation** or an act of Congress.
- preserves at least one significant **resource** and is usually smaller than a National Park.
- has boundaries that can be altered either by Congress or by Presidential proclamation.
- is protected much the same as a National Park but may be affected by one or more **consumptive uses**.

### **DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK....**

- was originally **proclaimed** a National Monument by President Hoover on February 11, 1933.
- was enlarged and redesignated a **National Park** on October 31, 1994 when President Clinton signed the **Desert Protection Act**.
- had not become a **National Park** until recently primarily because of **mining** activity. In 1976 Death Valley National Monument was closed to the filing of new mining claims and the number of old claims has steadily decreased from 50,000 to less than 150 with only one active mine in 1994.

**\*\* The 1906 Antiquities Act** (passed to help stop the looting of ancient archeological ruins) authorizes the President to proclaim parcels of federal land (not private or state land) as National Monuments to protect their archeological, historic, and or scientific values.

See back for **NATIONAL PARK** and **NATIONAL MONUMENT** trivia.

# ANSWERS

1. There are **FIFTY-FOUR** National Parks located in twenty five states and two territories.
2. **YELLOWSTONE** created by an act of Congress in **1872** was the first National Park.
3. **DEATH VALLEY** and **JOSHUA TREE** National Parks in California are the newest. They were enlarged and redesignated National Parks when congress passed the Desert Protection Act in October of **1994**.
4. **WRANGELL-ST. ELIAS** in Alaska is the largest National Park with an area of **8,330,000** acres. **Hot Springs** National Park in Arkansas is the smallest at **5,840** acres.
5. **ALASKA** and **CALIFORNIA** have the most National Parks with **eight**.
6. There are more than **twenty** different types of areas. Besides National Parks and National Monuments there are National Lakeshores and National Seashores, National Battlefields and Military Parks, National Historic Sites and Historic Parks, as well as National Rivers, National Trails, and National Recreation Areas.
7. There are **SEVENTY-THREE** National Monuments administered by the National Park Service and **two** National Monuments in Alaska administered by the Tongass National Forest.
8. **DEVIL'S TOWER** in Wyoming was the first National Monument created by President Theodore Roosevelt in **1906**.
9. **PETROGLPH** National Monument near Albuquerque, New Mexico is the newest created by Congress in **1990**.
10. **DEATH VALLEY** is the largest National Park outside of Alaska with an area of **3,336,000** acres. There are four National Parks in Alaska larger than Death Valley.

BONUS: **TWENTY-FIVE** National Parks were originally designated as National Monuments. Four are in California (Lassen Volcanic, Channel Islands, Joshua Tree and Death Valley National Parks).

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**Bonus:** How many National Parks were originally designated as National Monuments?

1. How many National Parks are there?
  2. What was the first National Park?
  3. What is the newest National Park?
  4. What is the largest National Park? Smallest?
  5. Which state contains the most National Parks?
  6. How many different types of areas does the National Park Service manage?
  7. How many National Monuments are there?
  8. What was the first National Monument?
  9. What is the newest National Monument?
  10. What is the largest National Park outside of Alaska?
- National Park and National Monument trivia: (Turn upside down for answers)