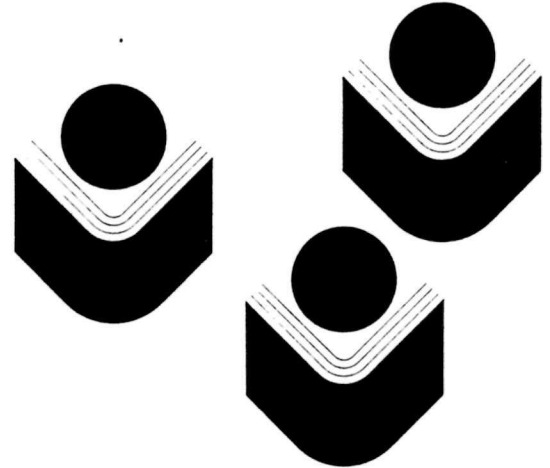
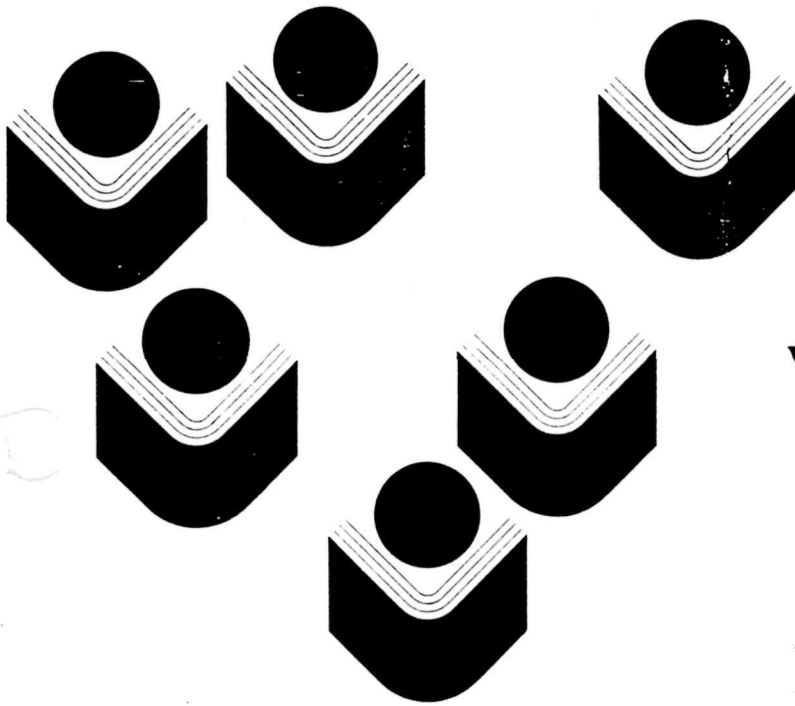


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*The Americans of all ages, all conditions and all dispositions constantly form associations. They have not only commercial and manufacturing companies in which all take part but associations of a thousand other kinds, religious, moral, serious, futile, restricted, enormous, or diminutive. The Americans make associations to give entertainments, to found establishments, for education, to send missionaries to the antipodes. Wherever at the head of some new undertaking you see the government of France or a man of rank in England, in the United States you will be sure to find an association.*

*Alexis de Tocqueville, 1840*

# Cooperating Associations



## What Cooperating Associations Are

### A Helping Hand

In 1792, the American Philosophical Society sent the French botanist Andre Michaux on an exploration trip across the North American continent. President Washington contributed \$25; Messrs. Jefferson and Hamilton \$12.50 each. Since that date non-profit organizations throughout the country have underwritten efforts to explore and bring to public attention the natural resources of the United States. Not unlike that famed expedition, the National Park Service's endeavors in interpreting the nation's

scenic beauties and historic places are assisted, in part, by non-profit organizations, the NPS cooperating associations.

Cooperating associations developed early in National Park Service history in response to visitor needs for inexpensive guide leaflets, pictures, maps and other interpretive literature not otherwise available through the use of Federal funds. Interested persons in nearby communities and educational institutions joined with park naturalists and historians to form library, museum, and historical societies to produce and provide such information to the public. In some instances, long-established organizations became NPS cooperating associations to further their interests in park preservation.

### **Yosemite In The '20's**

The first such organization was the Yosemite Museum Association, founded in 1920 by Ansel F. Hall to develop a museum and visitor contact station in Yosemite Valley.

Nine thousand dollars contributed by interested citizens, and a later philanthropic gift of \$75,000, established the first Yosemite Museum and set into motion the work of cooperating associations as we know it today. As the museum grew, the need for suitable free and sales interpretive literature increased. The logical vehicle to facilitate this function was the existing association, which, in 1925, was reorganized and expanded into the Yosemite Natural History Association.

### **300 Bookstores**

In 1931, cooperating associations were established in Zion and Rocky Mountain National Parks, and in 1933 in Yellowstone. By 1943, when Southwest Parks & Monuments Association was organized, there were more than a dozen such groups publishing and selling interpretive literature in visitor centers. In 1948 Eastern National Park & Monument Association was established, providing a supportive umbrella for a number of small parks and historic sites along the eastern

coast. Today, there are 62 associations providing services at 300 areas of the National Park System.

### **Congressionally Endorsed**

Each cooperating association is a legal entity incorporated within the state in which it operates and enjoys a non-profit and tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Service codes. This means that it is governed by state, corporate laws and regulations and by certain IRS rulings. Cooperating associations are non-Federal organizations. They conduct their business in the parks, however, under authorization by the Federal government (U.S. Public Law 633, 1946). Each organization is managed by a board of directors composed of community leaders who give generously of their time, and by a membership of interested persons, in some cases scattered to the four corners of the nation.

In recognizing the need for advancing "educational and scientific" activities in the parks, the Congress authorized the Secretary of the Interior to permit "cooperation with... non-profit scientific and historical societies engaged in educational work in the various parks and monuments..." In so doing the National Park Service has established guidelines to insure a standard of quality for associated management and activities.

### **Support**

In short, the primary function of cooperating associations is to support the interpretive and related visitor-service activities of the National Park Service. It is done with the sanction of the Federal government and the support of the National Park Service.

Cooperating associations operate small bookshops and sales counters in park visitor facilities for the purpose of making available literature and other items that assist the visiting public to better understand the parks and their related values. Monies from these sales are used to sponsor numerous activities that support park interpretive programs.

# What Cooperating Associations Do

## **Selling Appropriate Literature**

The National Park Service publishes informational folders and books or booklets that form the official NPS statement for each park. Time, funds, and personnel, however, do not permit the publication of all the materials needed for the entire National Park System. This is where cooperating associations are called on to supplement the interpretive program. For example, associations print trail guides by the thousands. Two associations have jointly published a guide to trees to the Sierra; several print weekly newspapers on park activities; others have published motorists guides. Through the years a half million dollars has been contributed to the public in the form of free folders, maps, activity schedules, and other related publications. In each case, the association is filling a need not possible with Federally appropriated funds.

## **Museum Acquisitions**

Associations frequently provide museum exhibit material when appropriated funds are unavailable—the purchase of an antique or rare historical item, photographic equipment to assist in preparing an exhibit, or audio-visual equipment to aid interpretive displays.

## **Supporting Interpretive Demonstrations**

Many craft, military, camp life, or colonial home demonstrations are supported by financial and other types of assistance from associations.

Frequently association seed-money provides testing periods for such projects before they become a part of the regular National Park Service program.

## **Supporting Environmental Programs**

It is not uncommon for an association to donate special equipment or literature for an environmental awareness field trip, or to charter a bus for urban children for a day-camp program. Dozens of other educational needs are supported with association funds: furnishing environmental reading rooms, special exhibits, sponsoring essay and photo contests, and providing guest lecturers for training, to name a few.

## **Supporting Special Collections**

Providing park research materials was one of the original functions of the early associations. This is continued today by the contribution of new books and reference works, the maintenance of libraries through the donation of librarian salaries, and, on occasion, the purchase or repair of equipment and materials used by park technicians for maintaining reference collections.

In general the associations offer a support service that is not otherwise available. They provide funds for photographic equipment and supplies, reproductions of antique items for exhibits and demonstrations, and, in some cases, the purchase of land which is held for later NPS acquisition. Associations host environmental seminars and special interpretive and commemorative events, provide informational services and personnel, and assist other non-profit educational organizations in park interpretive programs. Cooperating associations now contribute more than two million dollars to the National Park Service each year in financial and services assistance. Since 1960 their total contributions have been more than twelve million dollars.

These are but a few of the many activities in which National Park Service cooperating associations participate. While De Tocqueville's definition of American associations was broad in scope, his evaluation of their versatility was correct. Although unsung in most of their work, National Park Service cooperating associations are directly responsible in many ways for enhancing the public enjoyment of our national parks.

The following National Park Service Cooperating Associations operate in the sites reflected in their titles or addresses and in the additional sites listed:

**Alaska Natural History Association**

540 West Fifth Ave., Rm. 202, Anchorage AL 99501  
Cape Krusenstern National Monument  
Denali National Park  
Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve  
Katmai National Monument  
Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park  
Kobuk Valley National Park  
Noatak National Preserve  
Sitka National Historical Park

**Arizona Memorial Museum Association**

P.O. Box 6016, Honolulu, HI 96818

**Badlands Natural History Association**

P.O. Box 6, Badlands National Park  
Interior, SD 57750

**Bent's Old Fort Historical Association**

P.O. Box 581, La Junta, CO 81050

**Big Bend Natural History Association**

P.O. Box 86

Big Bend National Park, TX 79834

**Bighorn Canyon Natural History Association**

P.O. Box 458, Fort Smith, MT 59035

**Bryce Canyon Natural History Association**

P.O. Box 458, Bryce Canyon, UT 84717

**Cabrillo Historical Association**

P.O. Box 6175, San Diego, CA 92106

**Canyonlands Natural History Association**

446 S. Main St., Moab, UT 84532

Arches National Park  
Canyonlands National Park  
Glen Canyon National Park  
Natural Bridges National Monument

**Capitol Reef Natural History Association**

Torrey, UT 84775

**Carlsbad Caverns Natural History Association**

3225 National Parks Highway, Carlsbad, NM 88220

Guadalupe Mountains National Park

**Coastal Parks Association**

Point Reyes National Seashore

Point Reyes, CA 94956

Alcatraz Island  
Fort Point National Historic Site  
John Muir National Historic Site  
Marin Headlands  
Muir Woods National Monument  
Point Reyes National Seashore  
Redwood National Park

**Colorado National Monument Association, Inc.**

Colorado National Monument, Fruita, CO 81521

**Crater Lake Natural History Association**

P.O. Box 56, Crater Lake, OR 97604

Oregon Caves National Monument

**Craters of the Moon**

Natural History Association

P.O. Box 29, Arco, ID 83213

**Custer Battlefield Historical & Museum Association, Inc.**

Custer Battlefield National Monument

P.O. Box 39, Crow Agency, MT 59022

**Death Valley Natural History Association**

P.O. Box 188, Death Valley, CA 92328

**Devils Tower Natural History Association**

Devils Tower National Monument

Devils Tower, WY 82714

**Dinosaur Nature Association**

P.O. Box 127, Jensen, UT 84035

Fossil Butte National Monument

**Eastern National Park & Monument Association**

339 Walnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19106

Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site

Acadia National Park

Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site

Johnstown Flood National Memorial

Andersonville National Historic Site

Andrew Johnson National Historic Site

Apostle Island National Lakeshore

Appomattox Courthouse National Historical Park

Arkansas Post National Memorial

Assateague Island National Seashore

Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area

Blue Ridge Parkway

Booker T. Washington National Monument

Boston National Historical Park

Buffalo National River

Canaveral National Seashore

Cape Cod National Seashore

Cape Hatteras National Seashore

Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site

Chalmette National Historic Park

Jean Lafitte National Historic Site

Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park

Christiansted National Historic Site

Colonial National Historical Park

Jamestown Glasshouse

Yorktown Battlefield

Cowpens National Battlefield

Cumberland Gap National Historical Park

Cumberland Island National Seashore

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

DeSoto National Memorial

Edison National Historic Site

Effigy Mounds National Monument

Federal Hall National Monument

Fire Island National Seashore

Fort Caroline National Memorial

Fort Donelson National Military Park

Fort Matanzas National Monument

Castillo de San Marcos National Monument

Fort Necessity National Battlefield

Fort Pulaski National Monument

Fort Smith National Historic Site

Fort Stanwix National Memorial

Fort Sumter National Monument

Frederick Law Olmstead National Historic Site

Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park

Gateway National Recreation Area

Breezy Point

Great Kills Park

Jamaica Bay

Sandy Hook  
Staten Island Unit  
General Grant National Memorial  
George Rogers Clark National Historical Park  
Gettysburg National Military Park  
Eisenhower National Historic Site  
Grand Portage National Monument  
Guilford Courthouse National Military Park  
Gulf Islands National Seashore  
Florida Unit  
Mississippi Unit  
Herbert Hoover National Historic Site  
Homestead National Monument  
Hopewell Village National Historic Site  
Horseshoe Bend National Military Park  
Hot Springs National Park  
Independence National Historical Park  
Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore  
Kings Mountain National Military Park  
Lincoln Boyhood National Monument  
Longfellow National Historic Site  
Mammoth Cave National Park  
Manassas National Battlefield Park  
Martin Van Buren National Historic Site  
Minute Man National Historical Park  
Moore's Creek National Military Park  
Morristown National Historical Park  
Mound City Group National Monument  
Natchez Trace Parkway  
Obed Wild & Scenic River  
Pea Ridge National Military Park  
Perry's Victory & International Peace Memorial  
Petersburg National Battlefield  
Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore  
Richmond National Battlefield Park  
Russell Cave National Monument  
Saint Croix National Scenic Riverway  
Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site  
Salem Maritime National Historic Site  
San Juan National Historic Site  
Saratoga National Historical Park  
Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site  
Shiloh National Military Park  
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore  
Stones River National Battlefield  
Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace National Historic Site  
Tuskegee Institute National Historic Site  
Upper Delaware National Recreation Area  
Vicksburg National Military Park  
Virgin Islands National Park  
William Howard Taft National Historic Site  
Wilson's Creek National Battlefield  
Wright Brothers National Memorial  
**Everglades Natural History Association, Inc.**  
P.O. Box 279, Homestead, FL 33030  
Biscayne National Park  
Fort Jefferson National Monument  
**Fort Clatsop Historical Association**  
Rt. 3, Box 004-FC, Astoria, OR 97103  
**Fort Frederica Association**  
Rt. 4, Box 286-C, St. Simons Island, GA 31522

**Fort Laramie Historical Association**  
Fort Laramie National Historic Site  
Fort Laramie, WY 82212  
**George Washington Carver Birthplace District Association, Inc.**, P.O. Box 38, Diamond, MO 64840  
**Glacier Natural History Association**  
West Glacier, MT 59936  
**Grand Canyon Natural History Association**  
P.O. Box 399, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023  
**Grand Teton Natural History Association**  
Grand Teton National Park, Moose, WY 83012  
**Great Smoky Mountains Natural History Association**  
Great Smoky Mountains National Park  
Gatlinburg, TN 37738  
**Harpers Ferry Historical Association**  
P.O. Box 147, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425  
**Hawaii Natural History Association**  
Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, HI 96718  
Haleakala National Park  
Puukohola Heiau National Historic Site  
Puukonua o Honaunau National Historical Park  
**Hyde Park Historical Association**  
P.O. Box 235, Hyde Park, NY 12538  
Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site  
Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site  
**Isle Royale Natural History Association**  
87 N. Ripley St., Houghton, MI 49931  
**Jefferson National Expansion Historical Association**  
11 North 4th St., St. Louis, MO 63102  
**Joshua Tree Natural History Association**  
74485 National Monument Dr.  
Twentynine Palms, CA 92277  
**Kennesaw Mountain Historical Association, Inc.**  
P.O. Box 1107, Marietta, GA 30001  
**Lake States Interpretive Association**  
Voyageurs National Park  
P.O. Box 072, International Falls, MN 56649  
**Lava Beds Natural History Association**  
P.O. Box 807, Tulelake, CA 96134  
**Lehman Caves Natural History Association**  
Lehman Caves National Monument  
Baker, NV 89311  
**Loomis Museum Association**  
Lassen Volcanic National Park  
Mineral, CA 96063  
**Lowell Museum Corporation**  
560 Suffolk St., Lowell, MA 01854  
Lowell National Historical Park  
**Mesa Verde Museum Association, Inc.**  
P.O. Box 38, Mesa Verde National Park, CO 81330  
Hovenweep National Monument  
**Ocmulgee National Monument Association, Inc.**  
1207 Emery Highway, Macon, GA 31201  
**Oregon Trail Museum Association**  
P.O. Box 427, Gering, NE 69341  
Scotts Bluff National Monument  
**Ozark National Riverways Historical Association**  
P.O. Box 490, Van Buren, MO 63965  
**Pacific Northwest National Parks Association**  
Fourth and Pike Bldg., Rm 001 Seattle, WA 98101  
Coulee Dam National Recreation Area

Fort Vancouver National Historic Site  
John Day Fossil Beds National Monument  
Mount Rainier National Park  
Nez Perce National Historical Park  
North Cascades National Park  
Olympic National Park  
San Juan Island National Historical Park  
Whitman Mission National Historic Site

**Parks and History Association**

National Visitor Center

50 Massachusetts Ave., NE

Washington, D.C. 20002

Antietam National Battlefield

Arlington House

Catoctin Mountain Park

Clara Barton House

Chesapeake and Ohio Canal

Frederick Douglas House

Ford's Theatre

Fort Washington

Glen Echo Gallery

Great Falls Virginia

Lincoln Memorial

National Bookstore

National Aquarium

Prince William Forest Park

Pierce Mill

Rock Creek Nature Center

Washington Monument

**Petrified Forest Museum Association**

P.O. Box 277

Petrified Forest National Park, AZ 86028

**Pipestone Indian Shrine Association**

Pipestone National Monument

P.O. Box 727, Pipestone, MN 56164

**Rocky Mountain Nature Association, Inc.**

Rocky Mountain National Park

Estes Park, CO 80517

Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument

**Sequoia Natural History Association**

P.O. Box 10, Ash Mountain,

Three Rivers, CA 93271

Devils Postpile National Monument

Kings Canyon National Park

**Shenandoah Natural History Association**

Shenandoah National Park

Luray, VA 22835

**Southwest Parks & Monuments Association**

P.O. Box 1562, Globe, AZ 85501

Aztec Ruins National Monument

Bandelier National Monument

Big Thicket National Preserve

Canyon de Chelly National Monument

Capulin Mountain National Monument

Casa Grande Ruins National Monument

Chaco Culture National Historical Park

Chamizal National Memorial

Channel Islands National Park

Chickasaw National Recreation Area

Chiricahua National Monument

Coronado National Memorial

Curecanti National Recreation Area

El Morro National Monument

Fort Bowie National Historic Site

Fort Davis National Historic Site

Fort Larned National Historic Site

Fort Scott National Historic Site

Fort Union National Monument

Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument

Golden Spike National Historic Site

Great Sand Dunes National Monument

Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site

Lake Mead National Recreation Area

Lake Meredith Recreation Area

Lyndon B. Johnson National Historic Site

Montezuma Castle National Monument

Navajo National Monument

Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

Padre Island National Seashore

Pecos National Monument

Pinnacles National Monument

Saguaro National Monument

Salinas National Monument

Gran Quivira Unit

San Antonio Missions National Historical Park

Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area

Sunset Crater National Monument

Timpanogos Cave National Monument

Tonto National Monument

Tumacacori National Monument

Tuzigoot National Monument

Walnut Canyon National Monument

White Sands National Monument

Wupatki National Monument

**Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association**

Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Medora, ND 58645

Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site

Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site

**Valley Forge Park Interpretive Association**

Valley Forge National Historical Park

Valley Forge, PA 19481

**Wakefield National Memorial Association**

Washington Birthplace, VA 22575

**Whiskeytown Natural History Association**

P.O. Box 188, Whiskeytown, CA 96095

**White House Historical Association**

740 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, D.C. 20506

**Wind Cave Natural History Association**

Wind Cave National Park

Hot Springs, SD 57747

Jewel Cave National Monument

**Yellowstone Library & Museum Association**

P.O. Box 117, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190

Big Hole National Battlefield

Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site

**Yosemite Natural History Association**

P.O. Box 545, Yosemite National Park, CA 95389

**Zion Natural History Association**

Zion National Park, Springdale, UT 84767

Cedar Breaks National Monument

Pipe Spring National Monument