

National Monuments Designated by Presidents 1906-2009

As an introduction, 127 National Monuments have been designated by Presidents since the Antiquities Act of 1906. Fifteen Presidents have designated National Monuments. Presidents Nixon, Reagan, and George H.W. Bush are the only Presidents who have not created National Monuments. Of the National Monuments established, 11 have been abolished. Thirty-seven monuments have been expanded by later Presidents, using their Antiquities Act authority. President Bill Clinton designated 19 National Monuments, followed by Theodore Roosevelt with 17, then Jimmy Carter with 15. Jimmy Carter designated by far the most acreage with over 55,800,000 acres, mostly in Alaska.

The following are the NPS units designed by Presidents, with the date and location: (Monuments that have been abolished or transferred to other entities are not included; units administered by other agencies are not included as well)

Theodore Roosevelt

9/24/06 Devils Tower, WY
12/8/06 El Morro, NM
12/8/06 Montezuma Castle, AZ
12/8/06 Petrified Forest, AZ
3/11/07 Chaco Canyon, NM
5/6/07 Cinder Cone, CA (now Lassen Volcanic National Park)
5/6/07 Lassen Peak, CA (now Lassen Volcanic National Park)
11/16/07 Gila Cliff Dwellings, NM
12/19/07 Tonto, AZ
1/9/08 Muir Woods, CA
1/11/08 Grand Canyon, AZ
1/16/08 Pinnacles, CA
2/7/08 Jewel Cave, SD
4/16/08 Natural Bridges, UT
3/2/09 Mount Olympus, WA (now Olympic National Park)

William Howard Taft

3/20/09 Navajo, AZ
7/12/09 Oregon Caves, OR
7/31/09 Mukuntuweap, UT (now Zion National Park)
11/1/09 Gran Quivira (now Salinas Pueblo Missions), NM
3/23/10 Sitka, AK
5/30/10 Rainbow Bridge, UT
6/23/10 Big Hole Battlefield, MT (now Nez Perce National Historical Park)
5/24/11 Colorado, CO
7/6/11 Devils Postpile, CA

Woodrow Wilson

10/14/13 Cabrillo, CA
10/4/15 Dinosaur, UT-CO

11/30/15 Walnut Canyon, AZ
2/11/16 Bandelier, NM
7/8/16 Sieur de Monts, ME (became Acadia National Park 1929)
8/9/16 Capulin Mountain (now Capulin Volcano), NM
8/3/18 Casa Grande (now Casa Grande Ruins), AZ
9/24/18 Katmai, AK
12/12/19 Scotts Bluff, NE
12/12/19 Yucca House, CO

Warren G. Harding

1/24/22 Lehman Caves, NV (now Great Basin National Park)
10/14/22 Timpanogos Cave, UT
1/24/23 Aztec Ruin (now Aztec Ruins), NM
3/2/23 Hovenweep, UT-CO
3/2/23 Mound City Group, OH (now Hopewell Culture National Historic Park)
5/31/23 Pipe Spring, AZ
6/8/23 Bryce Canyon, UT

Calvin Coolidge

10/25/23 Carlsbad Cave, NM
4/18/24 Chiricahua, AZ
5/2/24 Craters of the Moon, ID
10/15/24 Fort Marion (now Castillo de San Marcos), FL
10/15/24 Fort Matanzas, FL
10/15/24 Fort Pulaski, GA
10/15/24 Statue of Liberty, NY
12/9/24 Wupatki, AZ
2/26/25 Glacier Bay, AK
2/26/25 Meriwether Lewis, TN (now part of Natchez Trace Parkway)
11/21/25 Lava Beds, CA

Herbert Hoover

4/12/29 Arches, UT
5/26/30 Sunset Crater (now Sunset Crater Volcano), AZ
3/17/32 Great Sand Dunes, CO
12/22/32 Grand Canyon II, AZ (combined with Grand Canyon, later Marble Canyon,
1969, Glen Canyon and Lake Mead NRAs 1975)
1/18/33 White Sands, NM
2/11/33 Death Valley, CA
3/1/33 Saguaro, AZ
3/3/33 Black Canyon of the Gunnison, CO

Franklin D. Roosevelt

8/22/33 Cedar Breaks, UT
1/4/35 Fort Jefferson, FL

8/10/36 Joshua Tree, CA
4/13/37 Organ Pipe Cactus, AZ
8/2/37 Capitol Reef, UT
4/26/38 Channel Islands, CA
7/16/38 Fort Laramie, WY
7/24/39 Tuzigoot, AZ
3/15/43 Jackson Hole, WY

Harry S. Truman

10/25/49 Effigy Mounds, IA

Dwight D. Eisenhower

7/14/56 Edison Laboratory, NJ
1/18/61 Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, MD-DC

John F. Kennedy

5/11/61 Russell Cave, AL
12/28/61 Buck Island Reef, VI

Lyndon B. Johnson

1/20/69 Marble Canyon, AZ (Added to Grand Canyon, included here as the only National Monument established by LBJ)

Jimmy Carter

12/1/78 Aniakchak, AK
12/1/78 Bering Land Bridge, AK
12/1/78 Cape Krusenstern, AK
12/1/78 Denali, AK
12/1/78 Gates of the Arctic, AK
12/1/78 Kenai Fjords, AK
12/1/78 Kobuk Valley, AK
12/1/78 Lake Clark, AK
12/1/78 Noatak, AK
12/1/78 Wrangell-St. Elias, AK
12/1/78 Yukon-Charley, AK

William J. Clinton

1/11/00 Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument, AZ (Jointly managed by the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management)
1/20/01 Governors Island-Castle Williams and Fort Jay, NY
1/17/01 Minidoka Internment, ID

George W. Bush

2/27/06 African Burial Ground, NY
12/5/08 World War II Valor in the Pacific, HI, AK, CA (The USS Arizona and Tule Lake Units are administered by NPS)