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Georgia A. Ellard
National Capital Parks
Superintendent, 1955-1988

- Born in October 1929 in Creighton, Pennsylvania.
- Married Arnett Chester Ellard on June 8, 1949 and had 3 daughters together.
- Moved to segregated Washington, D.C. in 1952.
- Began her NPS career in November 1955 at Fort Dupont Park. Over the next 17 years, worked in secretarial and clerical positions in the National Capital Region, Washington Service Center, and the Washington Office, often being the first Black woman in many of her career positions.
- In 1971, worked as a personnel management specialist at the Washington Service Office.
- Hired as a GS-9 administrative officer for National Capital Parks Professional Support in August 1972, becoming their first woman administrative officer.
- Became the administrative officer for the National Visitor Center in Washington D.C. in February 1974 and promoted to its general manager in 1978.
- Named assistant superintendent of Rock Creek Park in May 1981.
- Became acting superintendent there in 1983, before becoming superintendent that same year, becoming the first female superintendent of Rock Creek Park and the third Black woman superintendent of the NPS.
- Received special achievement awards in 1963, 1974, and 1987.
- Received the Department of the Interior's Meritorious Service Award in 1988.
- Retired from the NPS in 1988.
- Came out of retirement to work at B'nai B'rith Homecrest House as a receptionist and later, as the manager.

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