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Margaret Fuller Boos, Rocky Mountain National Park,
c. 1929. (NPS History Collection Photo).

Margaret Fuller Boos

Rocky Mountain National Park

Ranger-Naturalist, 1928-1929

- Born June 17, 1892 in Beatrice, NE.
- Earned a B.S. in Geology from Northwestern University in 1913, followed by a M.A. (1919) and PhD (*magna cum laude*, 1924) in Geology from the University of Chicago.
- Married fellow geologist C. Maynard Boos in 1927.
- Hired as Rocky Mountain National Park's first temporary ranger-naturalist in 1928.
- Superintendent Roger Toll told her frankly that he "should prefer a man of the work" but he hired her because of her teaching experience and extensive lantern slide collection.
- Published 20 articles for Rocky Mountain NP's *Nature Notes* newsletter and wrote a guide to the park's geology.
- Was offered a permanent position at the end of her second season in 1929 but turned it down .
- Worked with her husband as petroleum geologists from 1932-1935.
- Established the geology department at the University of Denver in 1935 and was its chair until 1943.
- During WWII, worked on the strategic minerals program in Washington, D.C.
- From 1950-1970, consulted for mining, coal, oil, and gas companies.
- Published over 50 professional papers and received numerous professional awards.
- Taught at many universities throughout her career.
- Died April 20, 1978 in Denver, CO.

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