



NPS Women Cartes de Visite Collection



Mary A. Rolfe, 1923. (Courtesy of Oregon
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Mary A. Rolfe
Yellowstone National Park
Park Ranger, 1921

- Born on April 3, 1881 at Kankakee, Illinois.
- Graduated from the University of Illinois-Urbana in 1902.
- Worked as a zoology teacher at the University of Illinois-Urbana and then as a high school teacher.
- Earned a master's degree from Northwestern University and received training in "biblical work" from Garrett Theological Seminary.
- Worked with the American Expeditionary Forces, the Y.W.C.A., and the Red Cross in France in 1918 during World War I.
- Returned from France in 1919 and worked as a "woman advisor" at the University of Illinois Y.M.C.A.
- From June 13 to August 31, 1921, she was a temporary park ranger at Yellowstone National Park, earning \$100/month.
She gave three 30-minute lectures to visitors each day.
- In September 1921 she became dean of women at Ontario Agricultural College.
- Died in 1974.

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