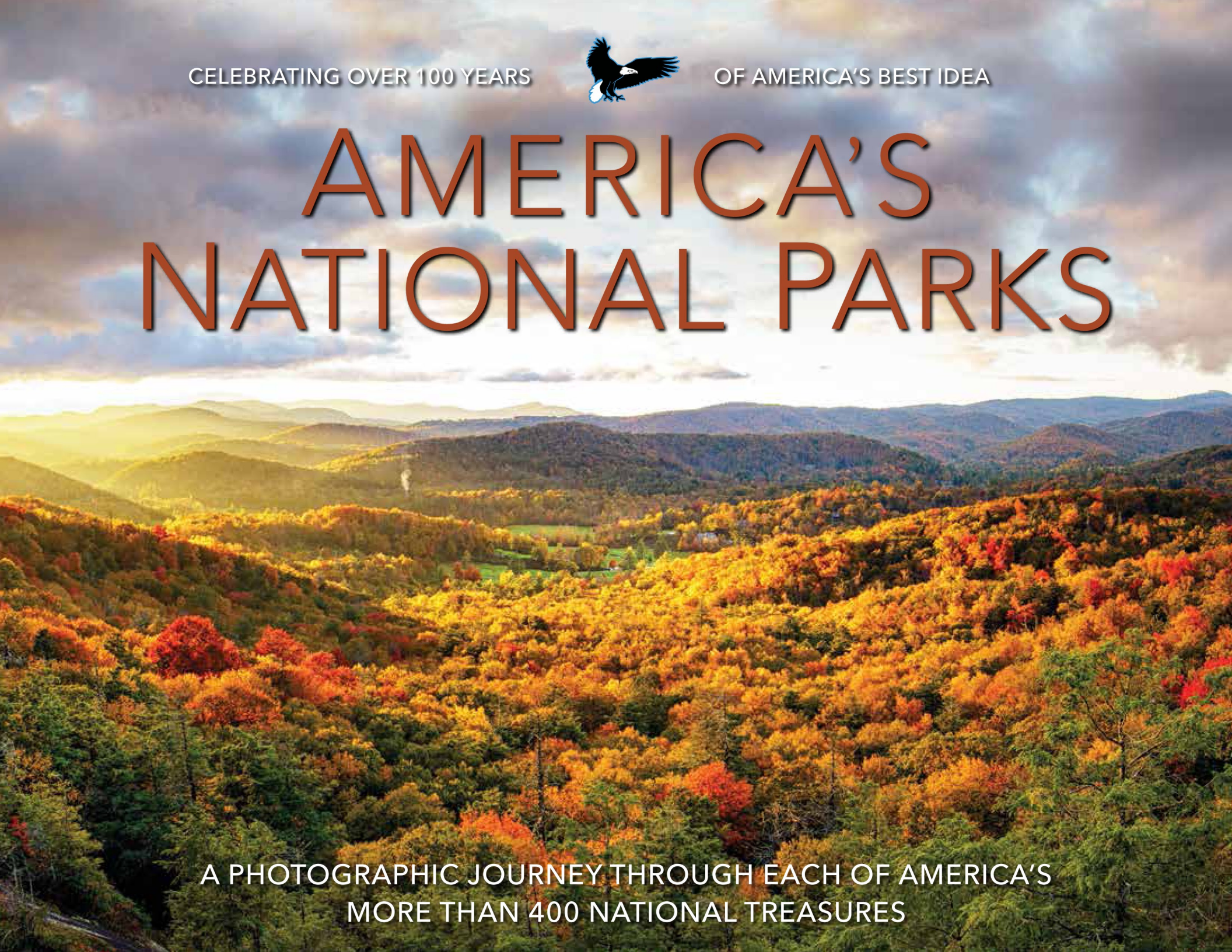

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The images in this book were taken by National Park Service personnel, volunteers in the parks, cooperating association employees, and park visitors. The photographs were submitted in response to a nationwide request seeking views of every site in the National Park System. To date, there are more than 400 parks in the United States, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. One photograph of every park unit is included in this book.

The book is arranged in chronological order based on the date of the park's authorization or establishment, starting with Yellowstone National Park in 1872.

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The United States is a relatively new actor on the stage of world history. As such we have borrowed much from other countries. Baseball is an American sport, but it is remarkably similar to the centuries-old British game of rounders. American football evolved from rugby. Basketball was invented in the United States, but by a Canadian. Even our three-branch form of government was inspired by a French political philosopher.

There is, however, at least one American invention that is all ours, and one that has been copied around the world—our national parks. Over 100 years ago, we decided to permanently protect and preserve the most spectacular scenery, the biggest trees, the tallest mountains, the most important historic and pre-historic buildings and sites, the fields where Americans fought and died, and even sites that show us at our worst rather than our best. It was determined shortly after the establishment of the National Park Service that only the best of the best - or in some cases, the worst of the worst - should be national park units.

We now have over 400 parks, beginning with Yellowstone National Park in 1872. There is one photo of every one of these special sites in this book. By turning its pages, you will experience the clear blue depths of Crater Lake National Park and the azure blue ocean waters of Virgin Islands National Park. You will see Kilauea Volcano spew its lava in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and you will marvel at the magnificent Washington Monument. At one of our newest parks, Reconstruction Era National Monument in South Carolina, you will learn about the hopes and dreams of African Americans just released from the bondage of slavery.

National parks inspire awe and wonder and tell us about ourselves and our heritage. They also provide the best classrooms in America. In addition to learning about the tragedies and benefits of fire in textbooks, in the outdoor classroom of Yellowstone National Park, you see firsthand how wildfires can help regenerate the environment. At our more than 20 Civil War battlefields, you will learn that when compromises no longer worked, we had a tragic war, in which more than 750,000 Americans died.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt beautifully summed up the value of national parks when he said "there is nothing so American as our national parks.... The fundamental idea behind the parks... is that the country belongs to the people... for the enrichment of the lives of all of us." We hope this book will inspire you to dig deeper and learn more about our parks. More importantly, we hope it will inspire you to visit these national treasures.

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YELLOWSTONE NP

Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, 1872

Yellowstone, the world's first national park, is home to Old Faithful, more than 10,000 thermal features, and a stunning array of wildlife.

LITTLE BIGHORN BATTLEFIELD NM

Montana, 1886

Lt. Col. George Custer's 263 cavalrymen faced several thousand Northern Plains tribesmen in 1876 at this site. Though it was a great victory for the Indians, it was the beginning of the end for their way of life.





CHICKAMAUGA AND CHATTANOOGA NMP

Georgia, Tennessee, 1890

The first national military park preserves Civil War battlefields where a Confederate victory in September 1863 was followed by Union victories two months later.



CASA GRANDE RUINS NM

Arizona, 1889

Casa Grande, a three- to four-story adobe structure, was built by the Hohokam who farmed in the Gila Valley in the early 1200s. It was abandoned by the mid-1400s.

SEQUOIA NP

California, 1890

This park in the High Sierra is home to giant sequoia trees—the world's largest living things—and is the location of Mount Whitney, the highest mountain in the United States outside of Alaska.



KINGS CANYON NP

California, 1890

Originally established as General Grant NP, Kings Canyon encompasses a portion of the High Sierra and two enormous canyons of the Kings River.







ANTIETAM NB

Maryland, 1890

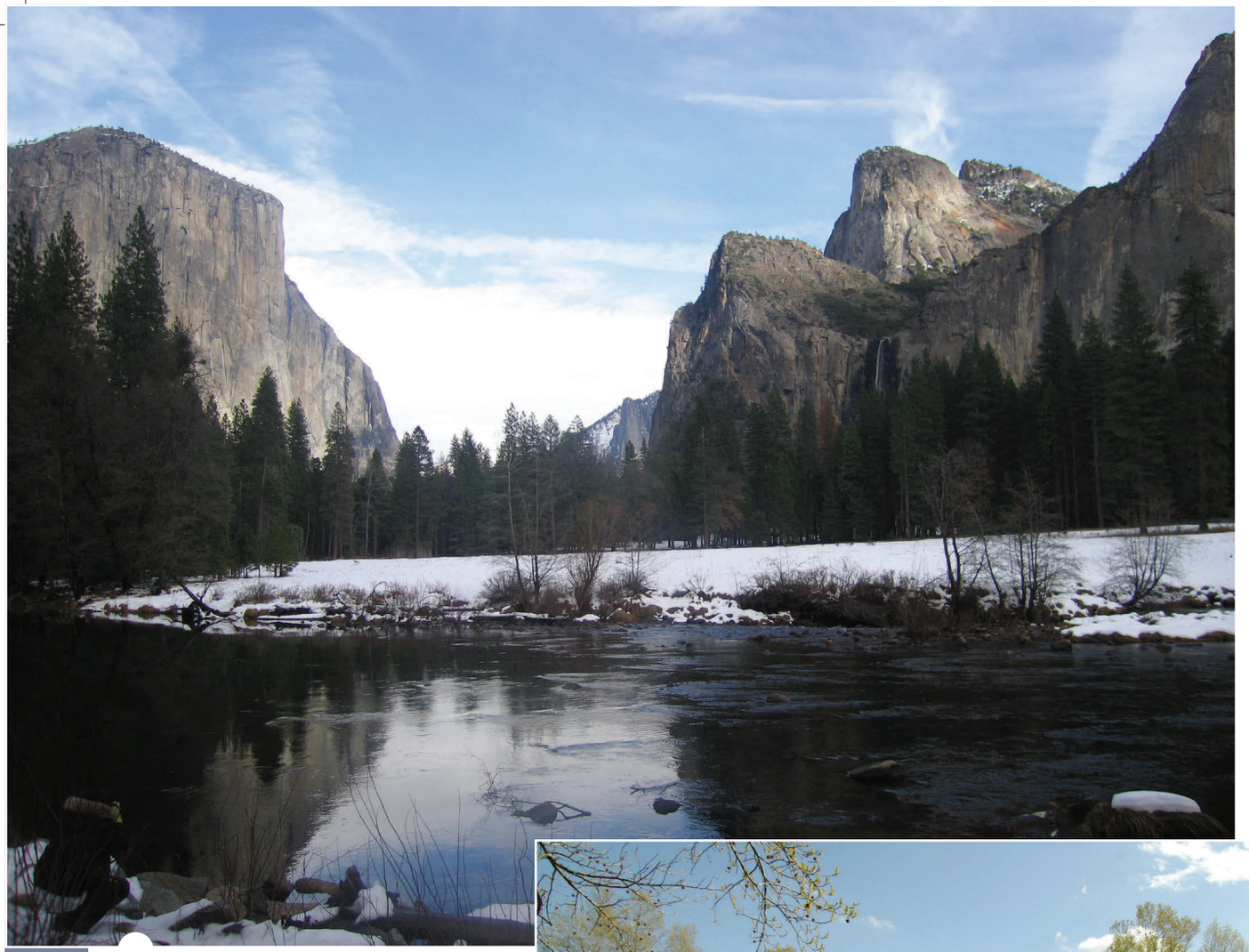
Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee's first attempt to invade the North ended in a Confederate retreat, giving President Lincoln the occasion to propose the Emancipation Proclamation.



ROCK CREEK PARK

Washington, D.C., 1890

Rock Creek, running north to south and emptying into the Potomac River, is a refuge of wilderness within the Nation's Capital. It is one of the largest natural urban parks in the United States.



YOSEMITE NP

California, 1890

Yosemite Valley was first protected by legislation signed by President Lincoln in 1864. Today, it preserves alpine meadows, forests, valleys, wildlife, and the highest waterfall in the United States.



SHILOH NMP

Tennessee, Mississippi, 1894

The Civil War battle fought here in 1862 was part of the struggle to control railroads in middle Tennessee and northern Mississippi. A separate unit interprets the Battle of Corinth, Mississippi.



VICKSBURG NMP

Mississippi, 1899

The Civil War siege of Vicksburg that ended in a Union victory, July 4, 1863, gave Union forces control of the entire Mississippi River, effectively splitting the Confederacy in two.



GETTYSBURG NMP

Pennsylvania, 1895

Gen. Robert E. Lee's second invasion of the North ended in a Union victory on July 3, 1863. Lee made no more attempts to carry the war into the North. A national cemetery adjoins the park.





CHICKASAW NRA

Oklahoma, 1902

The springs, lakes, campsites, and hiking trails within the forested hills honor the original inhabitants of this land, the Chickasaws.



MOUNT RAINIER NP

Washington, 1899

The landscape surrounding this ancient volcano is home to forests, meadows, temperate rain forests, and wildlife. Some parts of the park receive nearly 54 feet of snow each year.





CRATER LAKE NP

Oregon, 1902

Approximately 7,700 years ago, a volcano erupted, blowing off its top and creating a lake inside the remains that is almost 2,000 feet deep, making it the deepest lake in the United States.



WIND CAVE NP

South Dakota, 1903

These prairies and forests are where east meets west in a richness of wildlife and vegetation. The cave that lies beneath is an entirely different world with elaborate boxwork and calcite crystal formations.



EL MORRO NM

New Mexico, 1906

Early travelers carved signatures, dates, and messages into the soft sandstone. The monument includes pre-Columbian petroglyphs and the remains of Pueblo Indian dwellings.



MONTEZUMA CASTLE NM

Arizona, 1906

This five-story structure with 20 rooms was built between the 1100s and 1200s and is one of the best-preserved cliff dwellings in North America.



DEVILS TOWER NM

Wyoming, 1906

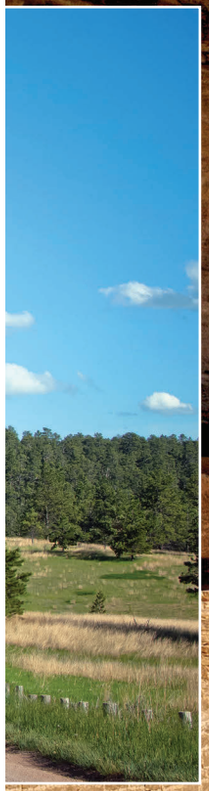
An astounding geologic feature that protrudes out of the rolling prairie surrounding the Black Hills, this site is considered sacred to the Lakota and other tribes. It was the first national monument in the United States.

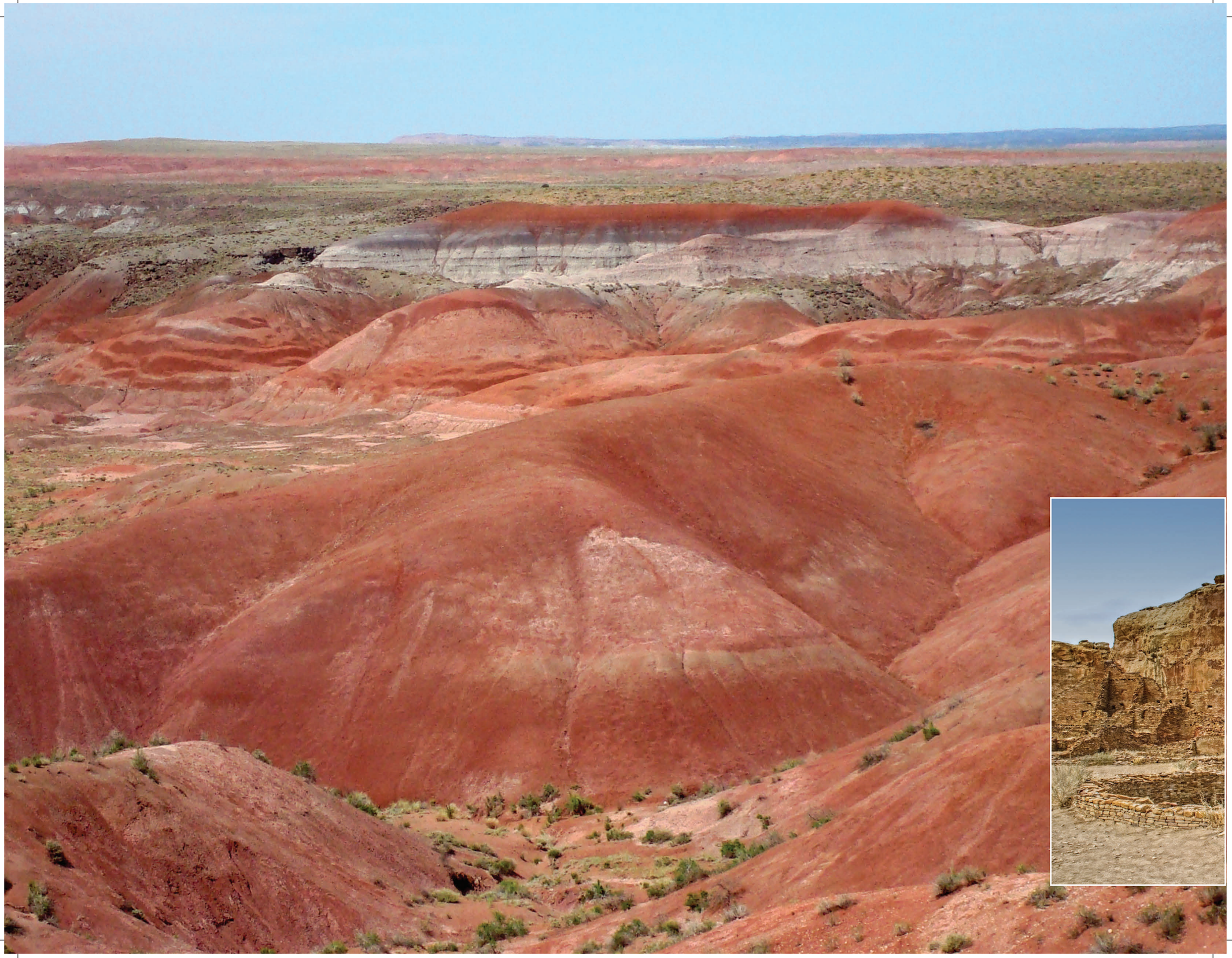


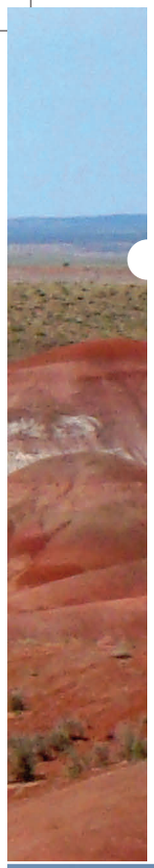
MESA VERDE NP

Colorado, 1906

Mesa Verde offers a spectacular look into the lives of the Ancestral Puebloan people who made it their home from 600 to 1300. Today, the park protects nearly 5,000 known archeological sites, including 600 cliff dwellings.







PETRIFIED FOREST NP

Arizona, 1906

At least nine different species of trees have been identified in the petrified remains of ancient forest. The park is rich in other fossils—notably plants and reptiles.





CHACO CULTURE NHP

New Mexico, 1907

Hundreds of years ago, this area was the home of a thriving community of Ancestral Puebloan people. Their elaborate structures remain to illustrate their way of life.

JEAN LAFITTE NHP & PRES

Louisiana, 1907

This park contains sites that interpret the Acadian past of southern Louisiana as well as Chalmette Battlefield, the site of the 1815 Battle of New Orleans.



GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS NM

New Mexico, 1907

This remote canyon contains five cliff dwellings built by Mogollon people, the only such site in the United States. It was inhabited from about 1280 to the early 1300s.







TONTO NM

Arizona, 1907

Two cliff dwellings, colorful pottery, woven cotton cloth, and other artifacts tell a story of people living and using resources from the northern Sonoran Desert from 1250 to 1450.

LASSEN VOLCANIC NP

California, 1907

Lassen Volcano erupted several times between 1914 and 1921. This is the southernmost volcano in the Cascade Range that extends into British Columbia. The site features boiling springs and sulfurous vents.

JEWEL CAVE NM

South Dakota, 1908

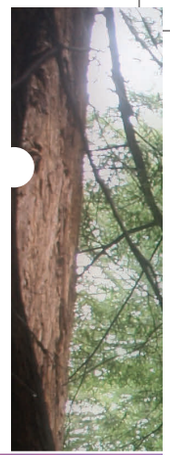
Limestone caverns consisting of a series of chambers can be found here. More than 177 miles of passageways have been mapped, and the cave has even more to explore.

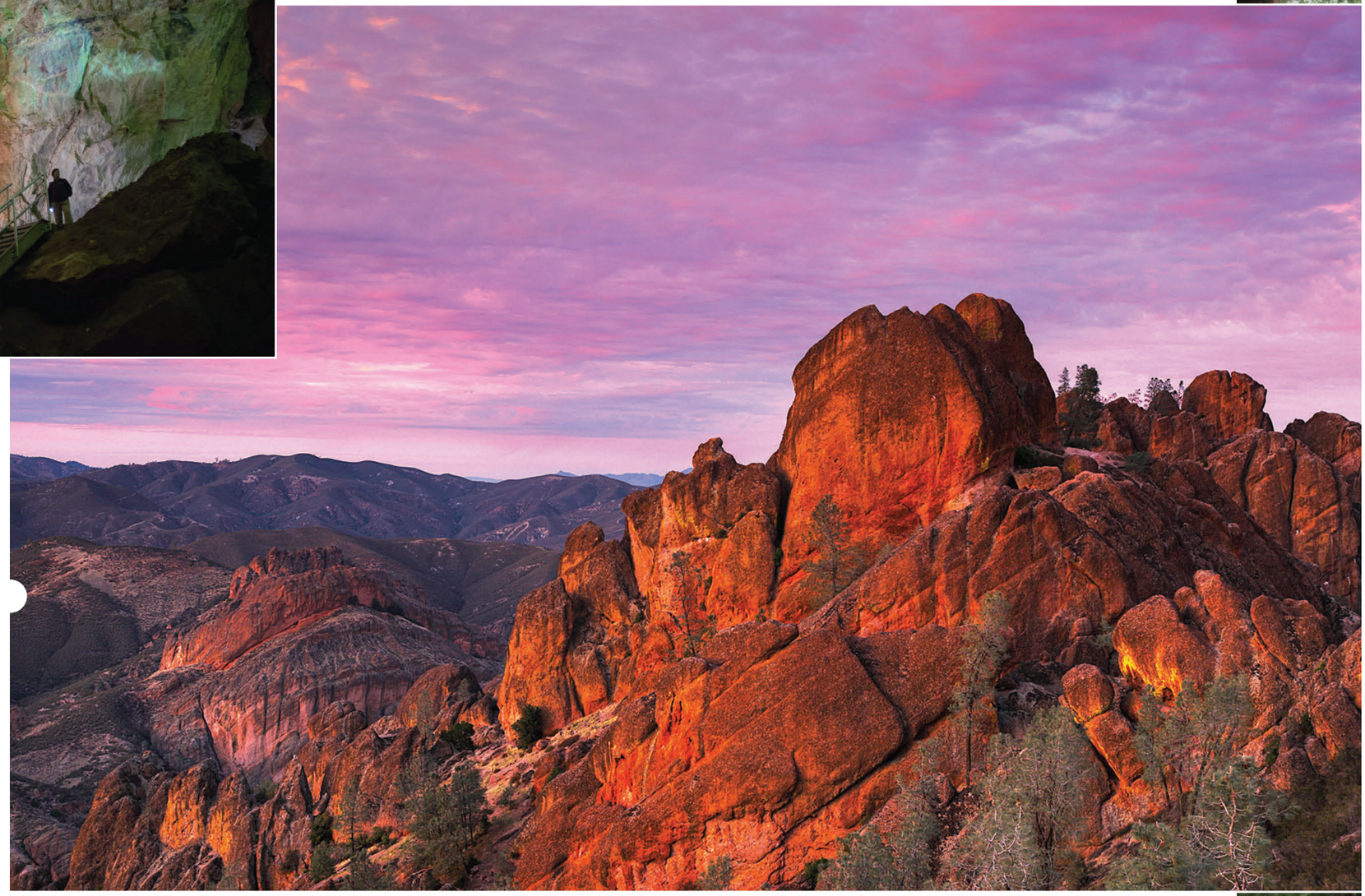


MUIR WOODS NM

California, 1908

John Muir, for whom the park was named, said that it was "the best tree-lovers monument that could possibly be found in all the forests of the world." It contains many towering redwood trees.

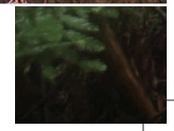




PINNACLES NP

California, 1908

Come seek out the California condor in the High Peaks, explore the rare chaparral vegetation and carpets of wildflowers, or hike among the breathtaking spires and rock formations.





NATURAL BRIDGES NM

Utah, 1908

Three natural bridges carved out of sandstone, including the second and third largest in the world, are protected here. Ancestral Puebloan rock art and the remains of ancient structures are also present.

TUMACÁCORI NHP

Arizona, 1908

This Spanish Catholic mission stands near the site first visited by a Jesuit priest in 1691. The site includes a partially restored Franciscan church that is still used for special events.







NAVAJO NM

Arizona, 1909

Three ancient cliff-dwelling ruins are preserved here. The prehistoric Puebloan ancestors built their villages within the natural sandstone alcoves of the canyons between 1250 to 1300.

OLYMPIC NP

Washington, 1909

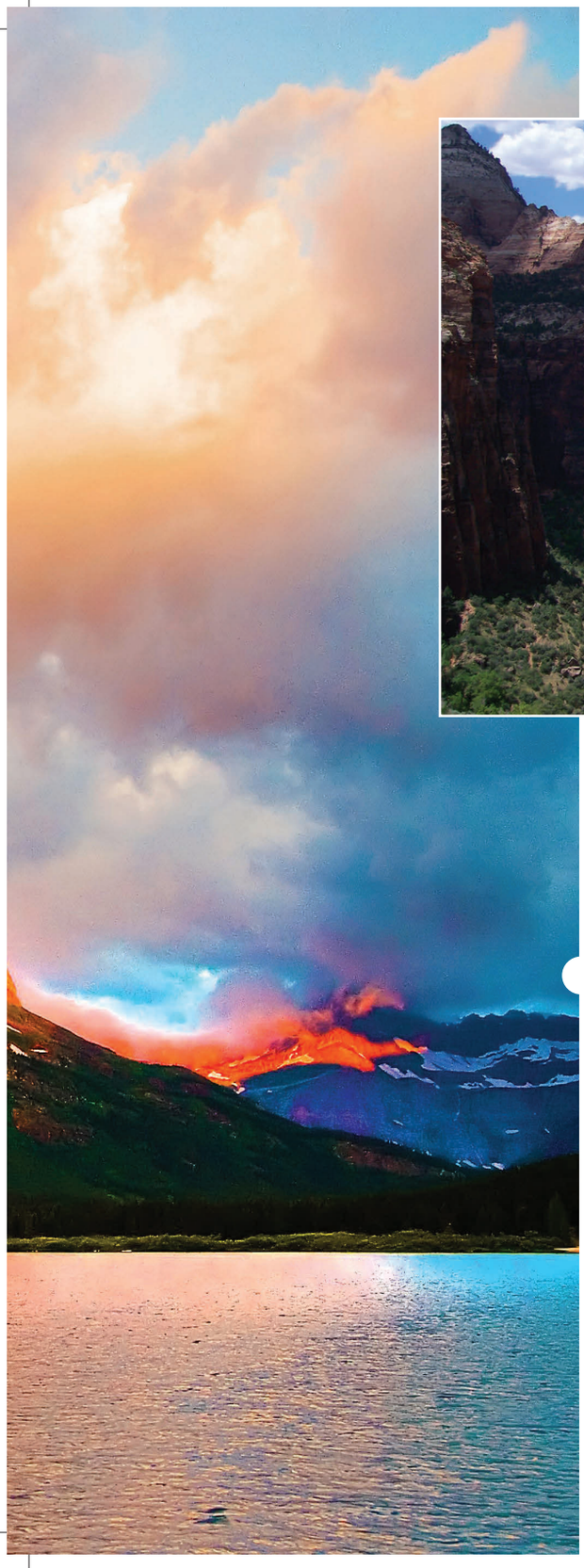
This park features 73 miles of Pacific coastline, snowcapped mountains, Roosevelt elk, and a large temperate rain forest.



OREGON CAVES NM & PRES

Oregon, 1909

Nestled deep inside mountains, the caves formed as rainwater from the ancient forest above dissolved the surrounding marble and created a special cave system.





ZION NP

Utah, 1909 (established as a national park, 1919)

Deep, narrow canyons, high mesas, and a variety of habitats based on elevation provide a bountiful variety of plant and animal life. Massive sandstone cliffs of cream, pink, and red soar into a brilliant blue sky.

GLACIER NP

Montana, 1910

Sitting on the Continental Divide, the park preserves many glaciers, dense forest, lakes fed by glacial meltwater, and a rich collection of wildlife.

SALINAS PUEBLO MISSIONS NM

New Mexico, 1909

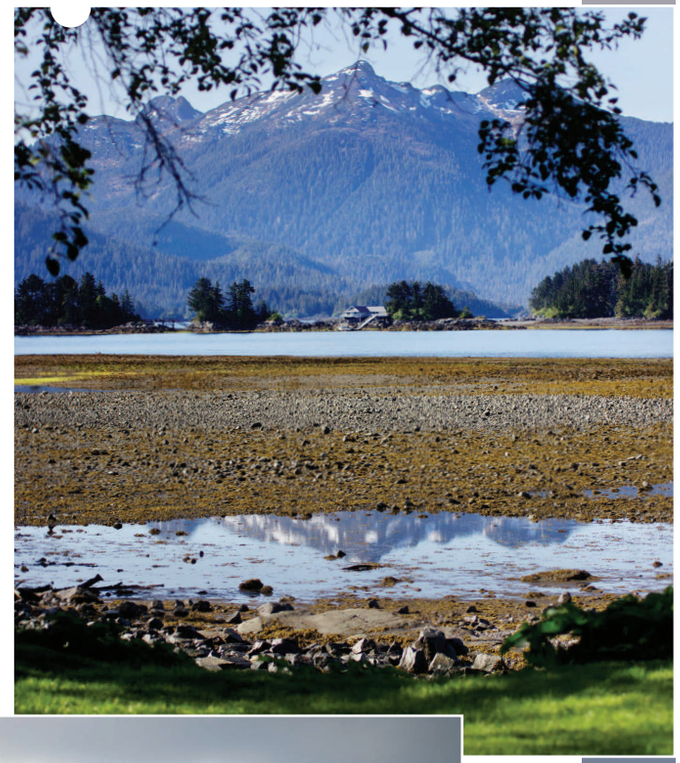
The mission's three sites interpret a history entrenched with cultural borrowing, conflict, and struggles. The now-abandoned sites stand as reminders of the Spanish and Pueblo People's early encounters.



SITKA NHP

Alaska, 1910

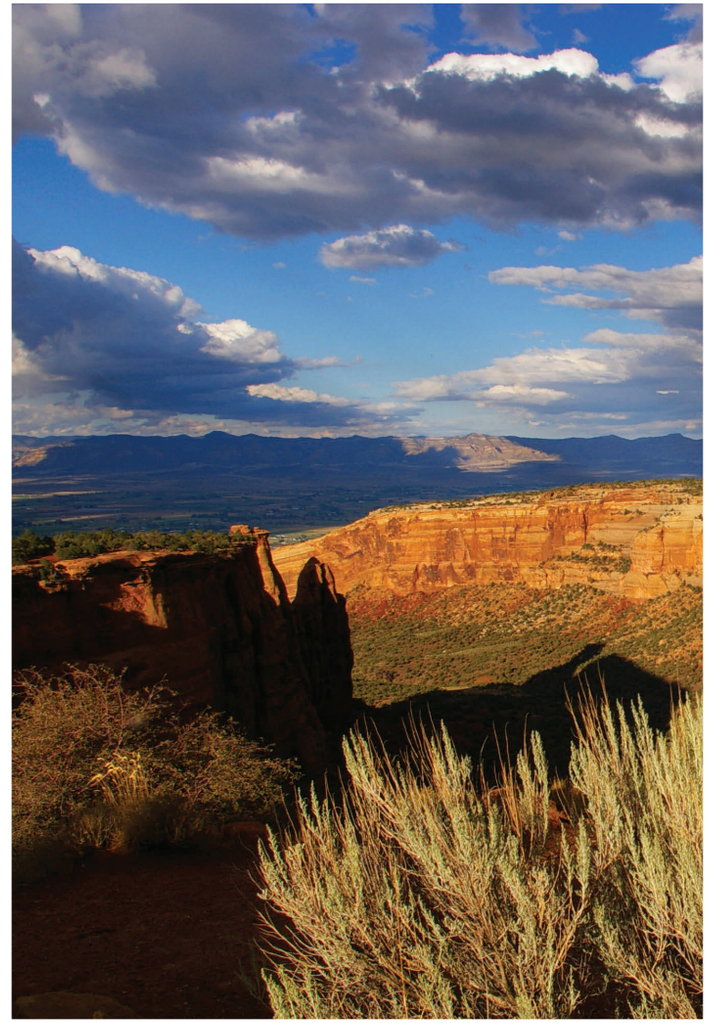
The park preserves the remains of Russian efforts to establish a colony in North America and to exploit the rich fur resources of Alaska. Tlingit and Haida totem poles stand along the park's scenic coastal trail.



BIG HOLE NB

Montana, 1910

The site commemorates the battle between the Nez Perce Indians and U.S. Infantry forces in August 1877. Ninety Nez Perce men, women, and children, and 31 soldiers and volunteers lost their lives.

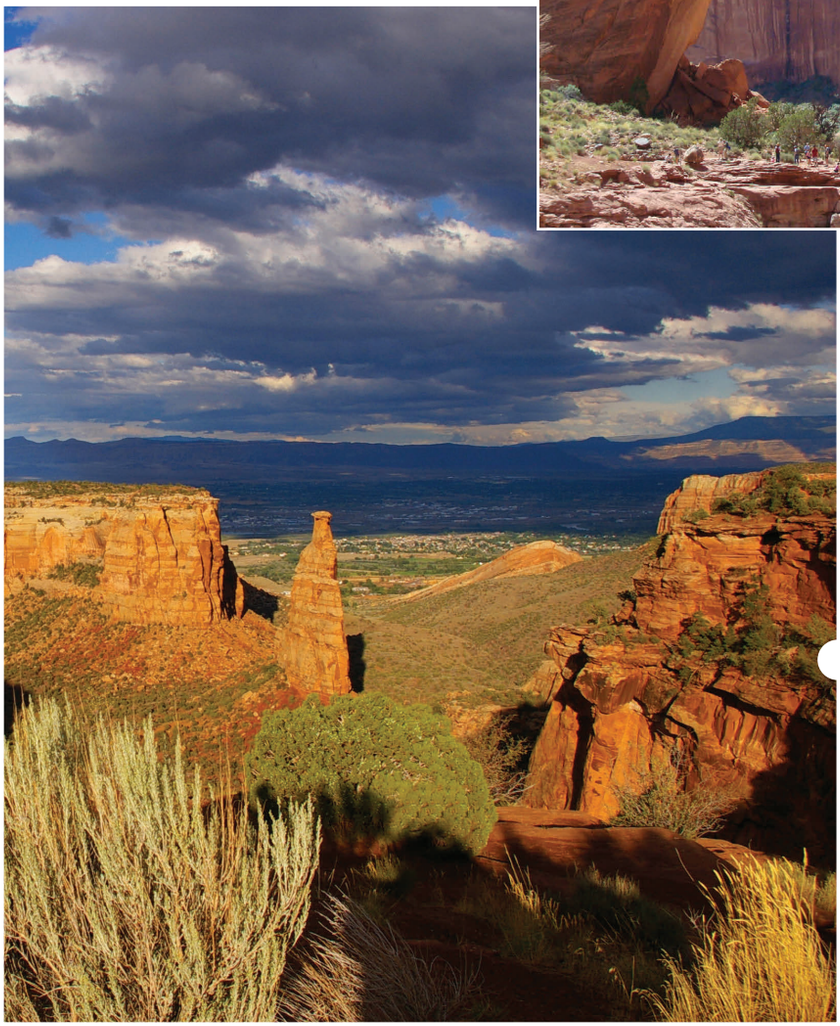


RAINBOW BRIDGE NM

Utah, 1910

This salmon-pink sandstone formation is the world's largest natural bridge. It rises 290 feet above the floor of Bridge Canyon. Neighboring American Indian tribes considered Rainbow Bridge a sacred site.





COLORADO NM

Colorado, 1911

In western Colorado's sandstone country, the cliffs, monoliths, arches, and remains of Indian cultures can be found. You may also see bighorn sheep and soaring eagles.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL

Washington, D.C., 1911

The memorial sits on the banks of the Potomac River, facing the U.S. Capitol. The 19-foot-high marble statue of Abraham Lincoln is an enduring symbol of unity, strength, and wisdom. The memorial was dedicated in 1922.





DEVILS POSTPILE NM

California, 1911

Flowing basalt cooled and formed columns that resemble a giant pipe organ. The longest columns are 60 feet high. The park protects the 101-foot-high Rainbow Falls and pristine mountain scenery.



CABRILLO NM

California, 1913

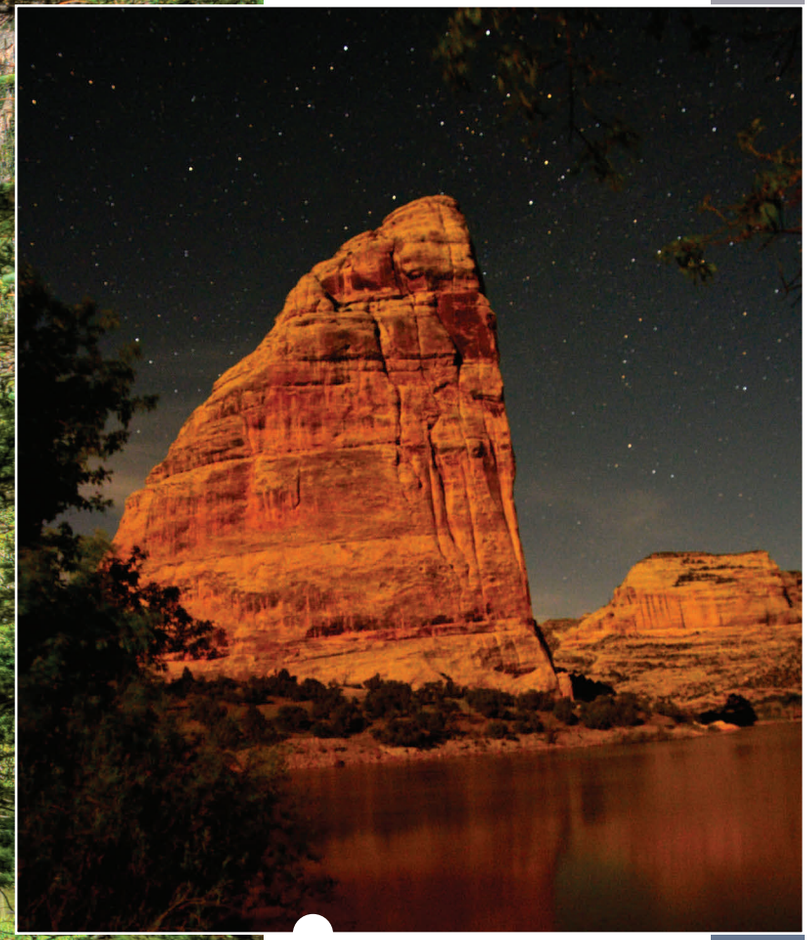
In 1542, Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo was the first European to set foot on what is now the West Coast of the United States. This park honors his explorations.



ROCKY MOUNTAIN NP

Colorado, 1915

A number of peaks above 14,000 feet, diverse wildlife, miles of hiking trails, and the headwaters of the Colorado River are found within the park's 415 square miles.



DINOSAUR NM

Colorado, Utah, 1915

The park is known for its dinosaur quarry, among the best in the world. The canyon and landscapes created by the Green and Yampa rivers are ideal for rafting and hiking.

ACADIA NP

Maine, 1916

The rising sun first touches Cadillac Mountain in Acadia, highlighting carriage roads for biking and hiking, as well as miles of rocky and sandy beaches for access to the Atlantic Ocean.



CAPULIN VOLCANO NM

New Mexico, 1916

This symmetrical cinder cone is an example of a geologically recent, inactive volcano. The dramatic landscape was created by forces that reshaped the terrain.





ABRAHAM LINCOLN BIRTHPLACE NHP

Kentucky, 1916

A cabin similar to that in which Abraham Lincoln was born is located in the Memorial Building. Lincoln and his family lived here until they moved to Indiana when he was seven.



WALNUT CANYON NM

Arizona, 1915

Among the remarkable geological cliff formations of the canyon, the shapes of the former homes of ancient inhabitants are evident. Walk in the steps of those who came before us.





HALEAKALĀ NP

Hawaii, 1916

The highest point of the park is above 10,000 feet, and the lowest is at sea level. Such an elevation difference results in a widely varied array of plant and animal life.

BANDELIER NM

New Mexico, 1916

Remains of Indian dwellings can be found on the mesa tops and in the canyon walls, all dating from the 13th century.

DENALI NP & PRES

Alaska, 1917

At 20,320 feet, Mount McKinley is the highest mountain in North America. The surrounding park is home to caribou, Dall sheep, moose, grizzlies, and wolves, as well as a splendid subarctic landscape.

HAWAI'I VOLCANOES NP

Hawaii, 1916

Few parks have volcanoes that erupt regularly. This one does. During a volcanic eruption, we are reminded that our planet is an ever-changing environment. The park is an international biosphere reserve and a world heritage site.









KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NBP

Georgia, 1917

During the Civil War, Gen. William T. Sherman's advance on Atlanta was temporarily halted here by a Confederate victory in June 1864.



GUILFORD COURTHOUSE NMP

North Carolina, 1917

Though the British Army won the battle of Guilford Courthouse in 1781, its massive losses contributed to their eventual surrender at Yorktown, Va., seven months later.



KATMAI NP & PRES

Alaska, 1918

In over four million acres, wildlife roam in abundance, the rivers are filled with salmon, and some thermal features remain from the 1912 volcano eruption.





SCOTTS BLUFF NM

Nebraska, 1919

Pioneers moving westward along the Platte River Valley looked for landmarks in the rolling prairies to let them know they were making progress; Scotts Bluff was one such landmark.

GRAND CANYON NP

Arizona, 1919

Peering into the Grand Canyon, more than a mile deep at points, gives special meaning to the word "breathtaking." The Colorado River flows for 277 miles through this natural wonder of geologic color and erosional forms.

HOT SPRINGS NP

Arkansas, 1921

Established in 1832, Hot Springs was the first federal reservation and became a national park in 1921. The park includes eight historically significant bathhouses, hiking trails, and scenic drives.

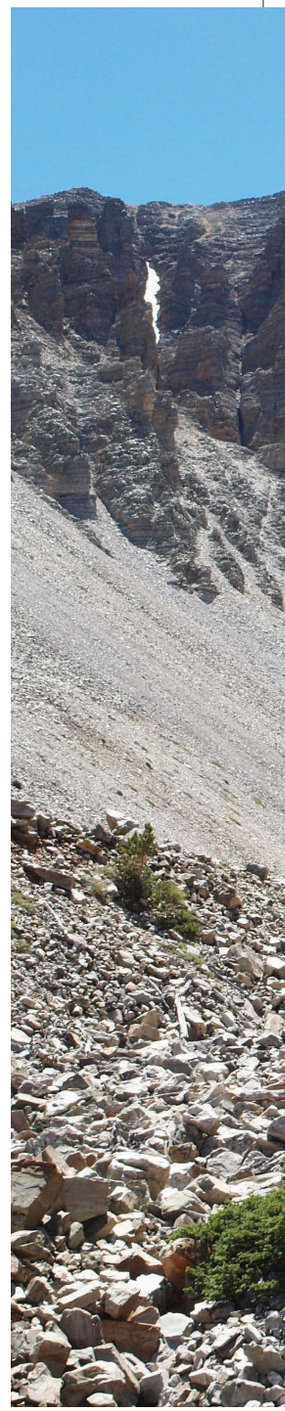


YUCCA HOUSE NM

Colorado, 1919

This is one of the largest archeological sites in southwest Colorado, and the extent of the remains at Yucca House is not yet completely known. Archeological work will reveal the nature of the site.







GREAT BASIN NP

Nevada, 1922

Arches, natural tunnels, an ancient bristlecone pine forest, beautiful Lehman Caves, and the remains of an icefield on 13,000-foot Wheeler Peak, are some of the features of Great Basin.

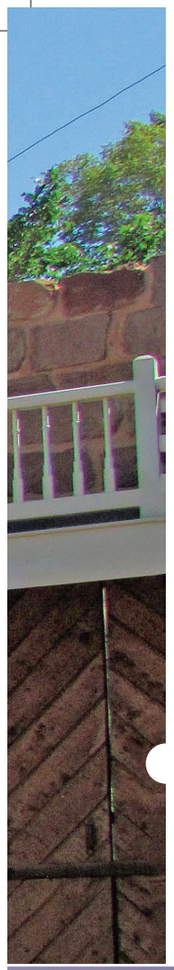
TIMPANOGOS CAVE NM

Utah, 1922

Three caves in a mountainside, accessible by a steep trail, contain formations that grow in all directions, apparently disregarding gravity.









AZTEC RUINS NM

New Mexico, 1923

Ancestral Puebloan peoples built the structures located here from the 1100s. You can explore a 900-year-old Great House of over 400 masonry rooms.

HOVENWEEP NM

Utah, Colorado,1923

Ancestral Puebloan towers, structures, and cliff dwellings scattered along canyon rims give an impression of life in this sometimes harsh, semiarid landscape.



PIPE SPRING NM

Arizona, 1923

American Indians, Mormon pioneers, and many others have depended on the water found at Pipe Spring. Learn about pioneer and Kaibab Paiute life by exploring the historic fort and garden.



HOPEWELL CULTURE NHP

Ohio, 1923

Burial mounds and large geometric earthworks provide insight into the life of the Hopewell people who lived here from 200 BCE to 500.





BRYCE CANYON NP

Utah, 1923

This magical area along the edge of high-plateau country contains exotic landforms, colorful pinnacles, walls, and spires. Seasonal displays of wildflowers add to the enchantment.





CRATERS OF THE MOON NM & PRES

Idaho, 1924

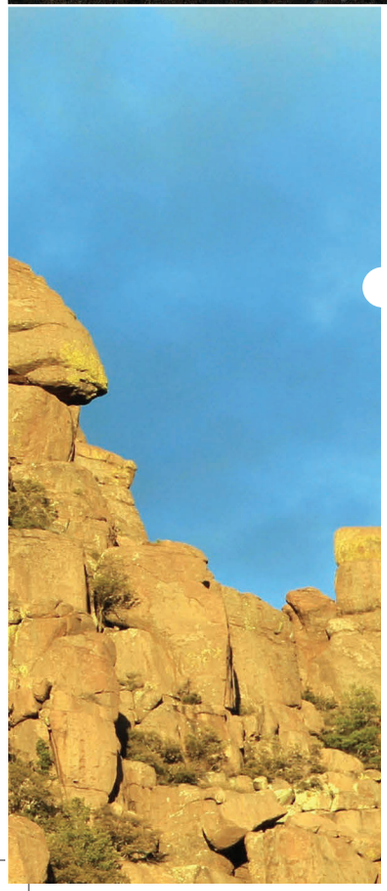
Lava flows more than 2,000 years old have created a landscape that many view as otherworldly. Within the lava flows are scattered islands of cinder cones and sagebrush.

CARLSBAD CAVERNS NP

New Mexico, 1923

The rooms within the cave are enormous; the Big Room is about eight acres in size. Bats that live in the caverns usually emerge en masse at sunset.





CHIRICAHUA NM

Arizona, 1924

The park is famous for unusual rock formations created millions of years ago by volcanic activity. A cattle ranch on the site has been restored.

STATUE OF LIBERTY NM

New York, 1924

The statue was a gift from the people of France to the people of the United States to commemorate their alliance during the American Revolution. The monument has become a universal icon of freedom.



CASTILLO DE SAN MARCOS NM

Florida, 1924

The Castillo is located in Saint Augustine, the oldest permanent European settlement in the United States. The fort dates from 1672.



FORT MATANZAS NM

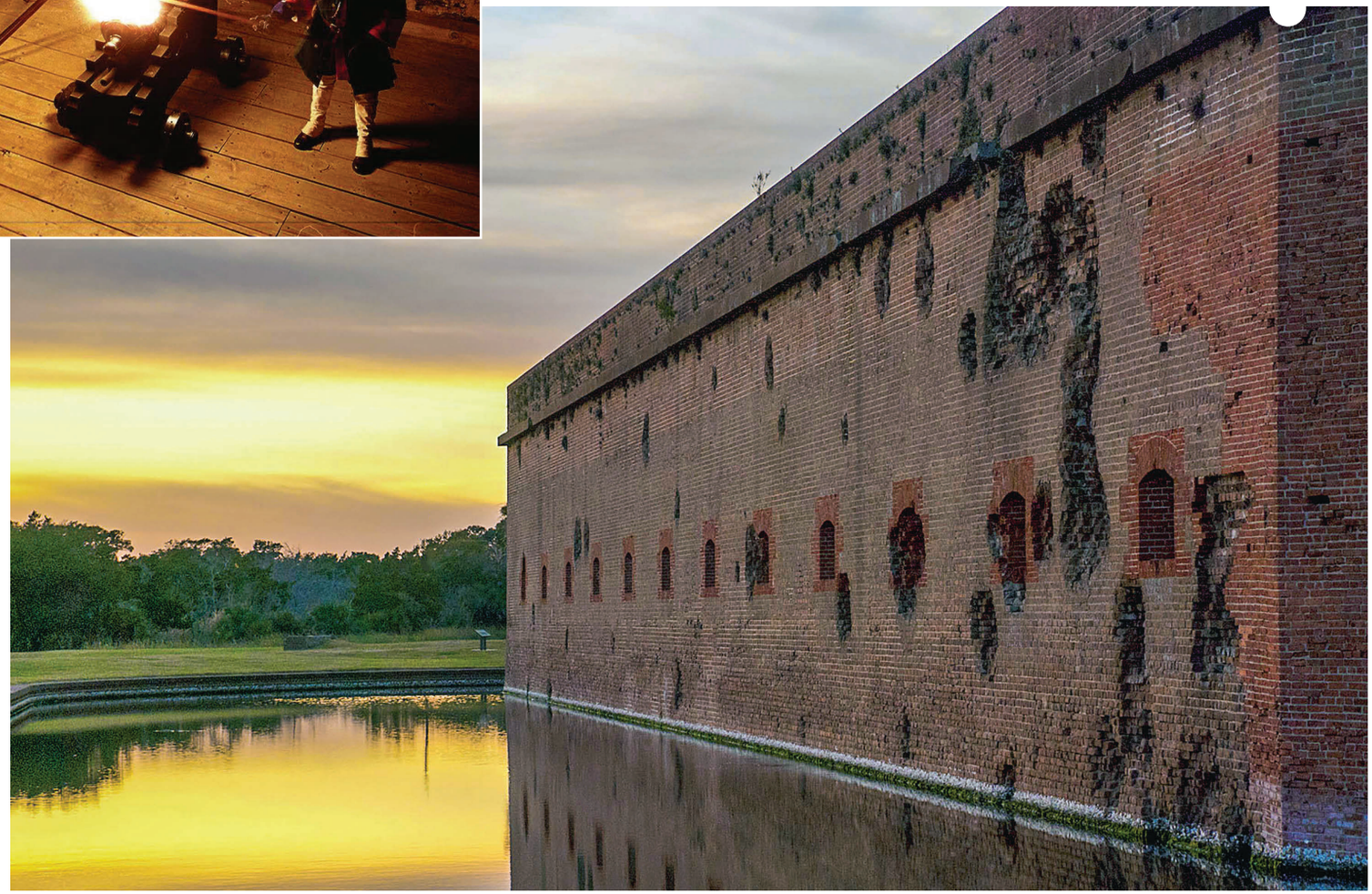
Florida, 1924

This Spanish watchtower was built from 1740 to 1742, to guard against a possible British, or other enemy, attack on Saint Augustine.

FORT PULASKI NM

Georgia, 1924

The massive brick fortress with walls up to 11 feet thick took 18 years to build. During the Civil War, newly developed rifled cannon pierced the fort in only 30 hours of bombardment.





MOUNT RUSHMORE N MEM

South Dakota, 1925

The heads of four great American presidents—George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln—were carved into the face of a granite mountain in South Dakota's Black Hills.



FORT McHENRY NM & HS

Maryland, 1925

Francis Scott Key witnessed the bombardment of the fort during the War of 1812. The poem that he wrote based upon his observations—*The Star-Spangled Banner*—is now the U.S. national anthem.



GLACIER BAY NP & PRES

Alaska, 1925

Tidewater glaciers calving into the ocean, seals, eagles, mountains, whales, and amazing sea and wildlife make this park an incredible destination.

WUPATKI NM

Arizona, 1924

Located between the Painted Desert and ponderosa highlands, Wupatki is a landscape where ancient pueblos dot red rock outcroppings across miles of prairie.



SHENANDOAH NP

Virginia, 1926

Cascading waterfalls, spectacular vistas, and quiet wooded hollows can be discovered within these 200,000 acres of protected lands. Scenic Skyline Drive traverses the mountains.



LAVA BEDS NM

California, 1925

More than 700 caves, Native American rock art sites, historic battlefields and campsites, and a high-desert wilderness are here in this rugged landscape.



ARLINGTON HOUSE, THE ROBERT E. LEE MEMORIAL

Virginia, 1925

The house was built by George Washington Parke Custis, the step-grandson of George Washington. His daughter married Robert E. Lee. Today, the family estate is the site of Arlington Cemetery.





MAMMOTH CAVE NP

Kentucky, 1926

More than 400 miles of passageways have been mapped, making this one of the world's most extensive cave systems. The park also preserves a part of the Green River Valley and hilly country of south central Kentucky.

MOORES CREEK NB

North Carolina, 1926

During this Revolutionary War battle, loyalists encountered nearly 1,000 patriots with cannons and muskets. This dramatic victory for the patriots ended British rule in the colony forever.



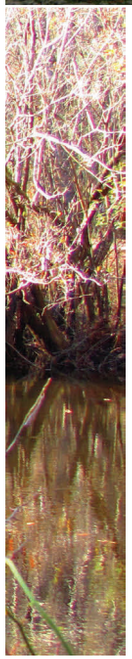


STONES RIVER NB

Tennessee, 1927

Fighting took place in bitter winter weather during the Civil War as both sides struggled to control rail lines in middle Tennessee. Three days of fighting ended with Union forces controlling the field.







PETERSBURG NB

Virginia, 1926

Petersburg was the key to the important Confederate stronghold of Richmond during the Civil War. A 10-month siege eventually resulted in Union success and opened the road to Richmond.

FREDERICKSBURG AND SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY BATTLEFIELDS MEMORIAL NMP

Virginia, 1927

This park consists of four major Civil War battlefields: Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Wilderness, and Spotsylvania Court House. The outcomes of each battle had important consequences for both sides.

TUPELO NB

Mississippi, 1929

In July 1864, Civil War troops engaged in a fierce fight in Tupelo. The Union achieved its goal: keeping Confederates from cutting the Union's crucial railroad supply line.





BRICES CROSS ROADS NBS

Mississippi, 1929

This Civil War battle was fought to protect Union supply lines, and though the Confederates were outnumbered, they prevailed and drove the Union troops from the field.



WRIGHT BROTHERS N MEM

North Carolina, 1927

Wind, sand, and a dream of flight brought Wilbur and Orville Wright to the Outer Banks, where, after four years of experimentation, they achieved the first successful airplane flight on December 17, 1903.





FORT DONELSON NB

Tennessee, 1928

The Union victories here in February 1862 thrilled the North and shocked the South. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant captured three forts and opened two rivers, making him a national figure.





GRAND TETON NP

Wyoming, 1929

With extraordinary wildlife, pristine lakes, and miles of trails through alpine terrain, the Teton Range stands as a monument to the people who fought to protect it.

COWPENS NB

South Carolina, 1929

In 1781, Brig. Gen. Daniel Morgan won a notable victory over British forces in this South Carolina pasture, helping to ensure the future of the American cause during the Revolutionary War.



GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHPLACE NM

Virginia, 1930

George Washington, preeminent leader of the American Revolutionary War and first U.S. president, was born in 1732 at his father's plantation on Popes Creek in Westmoreland County, Virginia.





SUNSET CRATER VOLCANO NM

Arizona, 1930

Roughly 900 years ago, the eruption of this volcano reshaped the landscape around it. Today, dramatic geological features coexist with twisted ponderosa pines.

ARCHES NP

Utah, 1929

A landscape of contrasting colors, landforms, and textures, this red rock wonderland has over 2,000 natural stone arches, hundreds of soaring pinnacles, massive fins, and giant balanced rocks.



COLONIAL NHP

Virginia, 1930

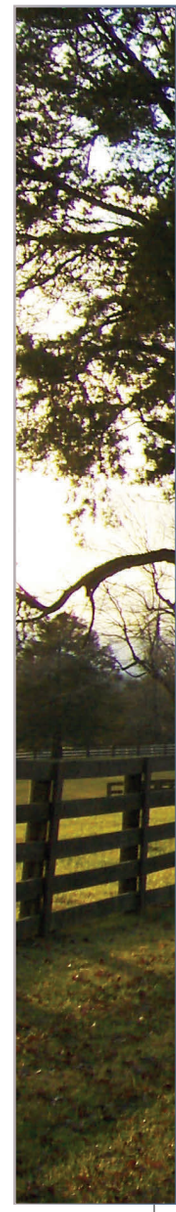
Jamestown commemorates the first permanent English settlement in North America in 1607, and Yorktown is where the British were defeated in the last major battle of the American Revolutionary War in 1781. The 23-mile-long Colonial Parkway connects the two sites.



GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL PARKWAY

Washington, D.C., Maryland, Virginia, 1930

The parkway is a memorial to America's first president, George Washington. It connects Mount Vernon, Alexandria, Washington, D.C., and the Great Falls of the Potomac.





CANYON DE CHELLY NM

Arizona, 1931

For almost 5,000 years, people have lived in these canyons. Today, Navajo families continue to make their homes, raise livestock, and farm the lands in the canyon.



APPOMATTOX COURT HOUSE NHP

Virginia, 1930

On April 9, 1865, the surrender of the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia took place in this small village and signaled the end of the Civil War. The tattered nation was once again intact.

FORT NECESSITY NB

Pennsylvania, 1931

The British, French, and American Indians fought at Fort Necessity, the opening action of the French and Indian War, which set the stage for the American Revolution.





ISLE ROYALE NP

Michigan, 1931

Surrounded by Lake Superior, this park is the largest wilderness area in Michigan and a place of unparalleled solitude and stunning scenic beauty.



GREAT SAND DUNES NP & PRES

Colorado, 1932

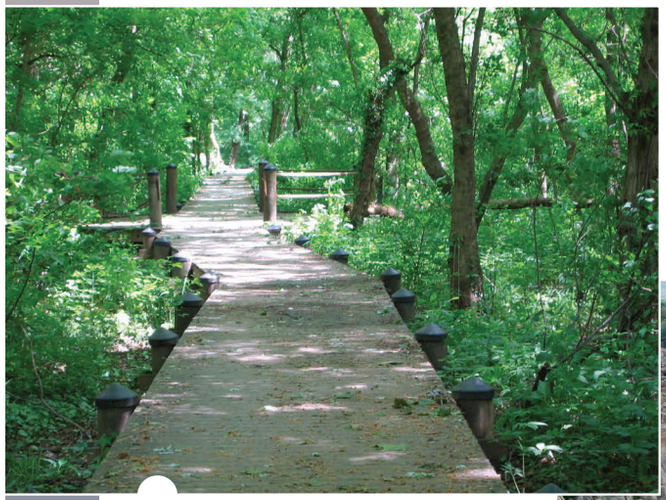
The tallest dunes in North America are also one of the most fragile and complex dune systems in the world. Elevations range from 8,000 to over 13,000 feet.



KINGS MOUNTAIN NMP

South Carolina, 1931

This site commemorates a turning point of the Revolutionary War where a patriot victory on October 7, 1780, changed the course of the war.



THEODORE ROOSEVELT ISLAND

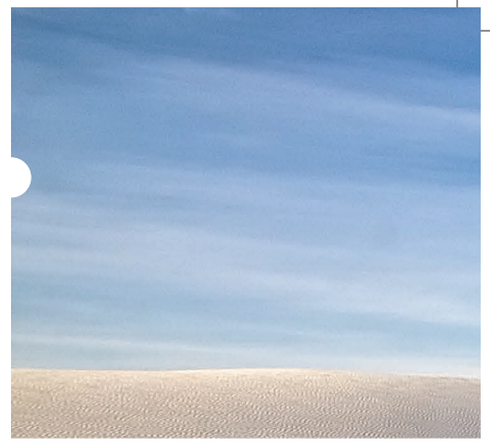
Washington, D.C., 1932

This wooded island sanctuary in the Potomac River was designed as a tribute to the conservation-minded 26th president of the United States.

WHITE SANDS NM

New Mexico, 1933

White Sands National Monument protects part of the world's largest gypsum dune field, covering 275 square miles. The plants and animals here have adapted to extreme conditions.

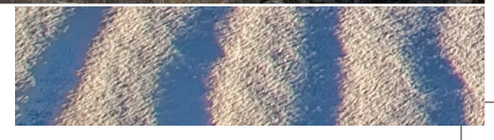




BLACK CANYON OF THE GUNNISON NP

Colorado, 1933

Over the course of two million years, the Gunnison River joined the forces of nature to chisel this vertical wilderness of rock, water, and sky.





MORRISTOWN NHP

New Jersey, 1933

Troops of the Continental Army under Gen. George Washington survived the worst winter of the 18th century here during the 1779-1780 winter encampment.



SAGUARO NP

Arizona, 1933

Home to the nation's largest cacti, this desert park also marks the place where prehistoric Hohokam, homesteaders, and ranchers hunted, planted crops, tended livestock, and raised families.





DEATH VALLEY NP

California, 1933

In this below-sea-level basin, steady drought and record summer heat make Death Valley a land of extremes, where the temperature can exceed 120 degrees and winter snow can blanket towering peaks.









NATIONAL CAPITAL PARKS

Washington, D.C., 1933

The park system of the nation's capital comprises parks, parkways, and reservations in the District of Columbia, encompassing properties such as President's Park and the Battleground National Cemetery.

WASHINGTON MONUMENT

Washington, D.C., 1933

Built to honor our first president, this 555-foot marble obelisk towers over Washington, D.C., offering views of the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. The monument was dedicated in 1885.



NATIONAL MALL

Washington, D.C., 1933

The National Mall symbolizes our nation and its democratic values that inspire the world. The landscaped park extends from the foot of the Capitol to the Washington Monument.



WHITE HOUSE

Washington, D.C., 1933

One of the most recognizable buildings in Washington, D.C., the White House has been the residence and office of U.S. presidents since November 1800.



CEDAR BREAKS NM

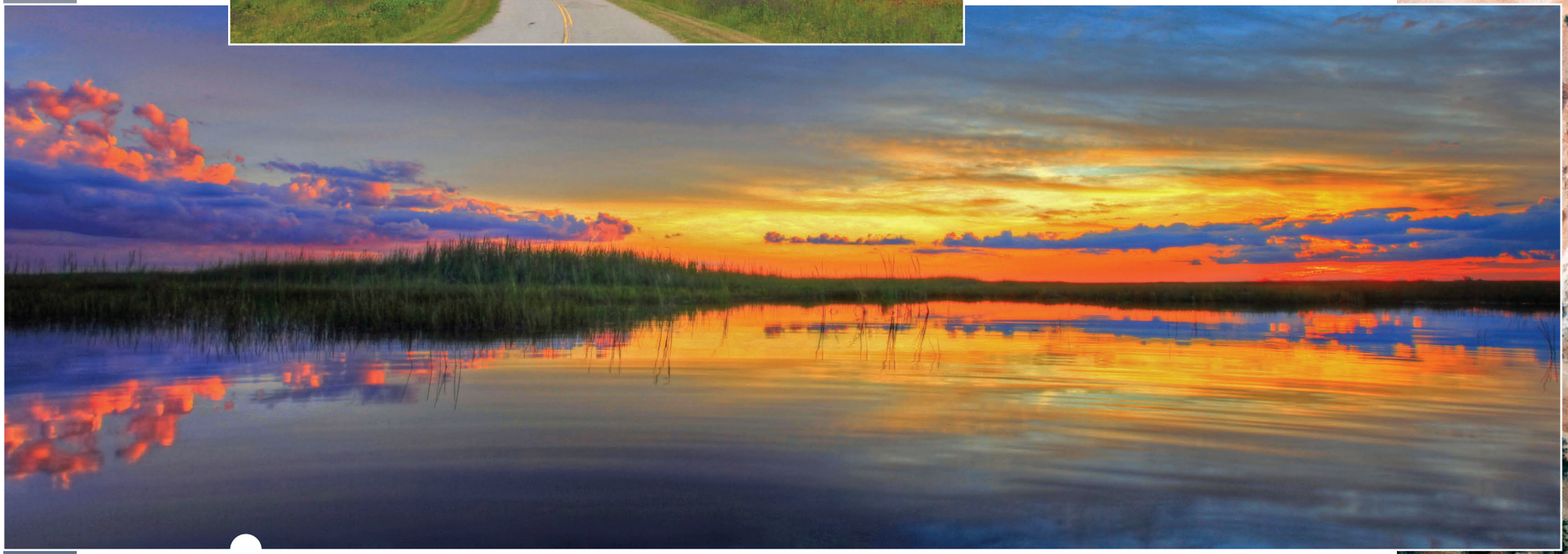
Utah, 1933

Multicolored rock formations fill this half-mile-deep geologic amphitheater, creating a landscape that features spectacular views. Bristlecone pines and meadows of wildflowers enhance this rich, subalpine forest.

OCMULGEE NM

Georgia, 1934

Traces of 12,000 years of Southeastern culture from Ice Age Indians to the historic Creek Confederacy are preserved here. Mississippian temple mounds survive to this day.



EVERGLADES NP

Florida, 1934

Everglades National Park spans 1.5 million acres and protects the habitat for rare and endangered species including manatee, American crocodile, and Florida panther.



BIG BEND NP

Texas, 1935

Scenic vistas, diverse wildlife, historic sites, and border culture are among the features here where mountains contrast with desert within the great bend of the Rio Grande.



MONOCACY NB

Maryland, 1934

On July 9, 1864, Union troops at Monocacy Junction delayed Confederate forces for a day, long enough that Washington, D.C., defenses could be strengthened around the capital city.



GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NP

Tennessee, North Carolina, 1934

Renowned for its diversity of plant and animal life, the beauty of its mountains, and the remnants of Southern Appalachian culture, this is one of America's most visited national parks.



THOMAS JEFFERSON MEMORIAL

Washington, D.C., 1934

Inside the circular colonnade, a 19-foot-tall statue of Thomas Jefferson stands holding the Declaration of Independence, a tribute to this founding father, revolutionary, and 3rd U.S. president. The memorial was dedicated in 1943.

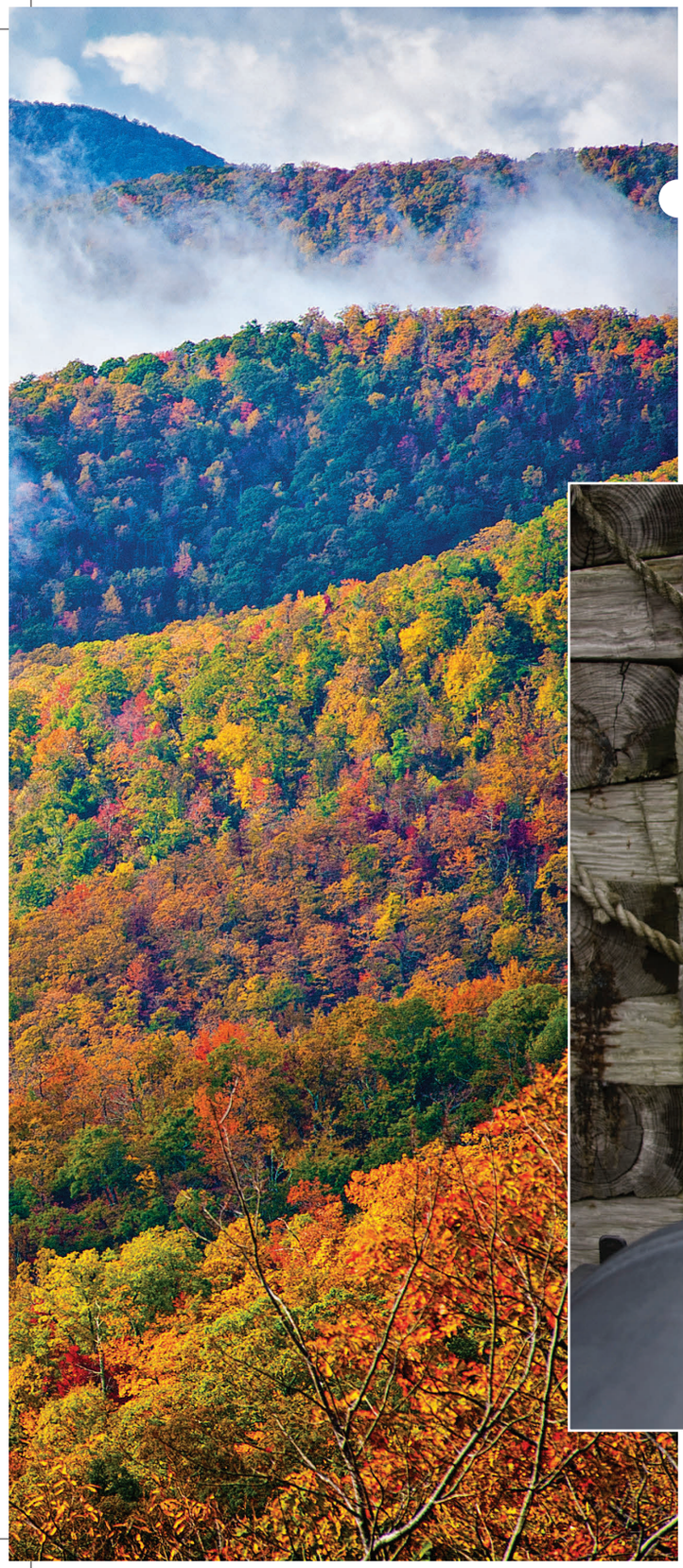




ANDREW JOHNSON NHS

Tennessee, 1935

Visit the early home, tailor shop, homestead, and burial ground of the 17th president, who endured the Civil War and the struggles of Reconstruction.



BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY

North Carolina, Virginia, 1935

Protecting a diversity of plants and animals, the parkway meanders for 469 miles, revealing stunning long-range vistas of the rugged mountains and pastoral landscapes of the Appalachian Highlands.



FORT STANWIX NM

New York, 1935

Fort Stanwix was significant through the French and Indian War, the American Revolution, and as a gathering place for treaty signings with American Indians.



GATEWAY ARCH NP

Missouri, 1935

The park consists of the 630-foot Gateway Arch and St. Louis's Old Courthouse, site of the Dred Scott decision, which hastened the start of the Civil War.

PERRY'S VICTORY AND INTERNATIONAL PEACE MEMORIAL

Ohio, 1936

The memorial is a tribute to those who fought in the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812 and to international peace by arbitration and disarmament.





FORT FREDERICA NM

Georgia, 1936

Gen. James E. Oglethorpe built this British town and fort in 1736-1748 during the Anglo-Spanish struggle for control of what is now the southeastern United States.

HOMESTEAD NM OF AMERICA

Nebraska, 1936

The Homestead Act of 1862 changed the young nation with its offer of free land. The 160-acre claims offered not only new land but also new life.





WHITMAN MISSION NHS

Washington, 1936

The mission was an important way station on the Oregon Trail. Cultural differences and a measles epidemic led the Cayuse Indians to violence and the death of the missionaries Marcus and Narcissa Whitman.



RICHMOND NBP

Virginia, 1936

The park commemorates numerous major Civil War battles around Richmond, including Gaines' Mill where 15,000 soldiers were killed, wounded, missing, or captured in one day.



CATOCTIN MOUNTAIN PARK

Maryland, 1936

This mountain park, part of the forested ridge that forms the eastern rampart of the Appalachian Mountains in Maryland, features sparkling streams and panoramic vistas.





PRINCE WILLIAM FOREST PARK

Virginia, 1936

At over 15,000 acres, Prince William Forest Park protects the largest example of eastern Piedmont forest in the National Park System.

JOSHUA TREE NP

California, 1936

This desert region features a representative stand of Joshua trees and a great variety of plants and animals coexisting in a vast wilderness.





CAPITOL REEF NP

Utah, 1937

A hidden treasure filled with cliffs, canyons, domes, and bridges in the Waterpocket Fold—a geologic wrinkle on the earth extending almost 100 miles.



ORGAN PIPE CACTUS NM

Arizona, 1937

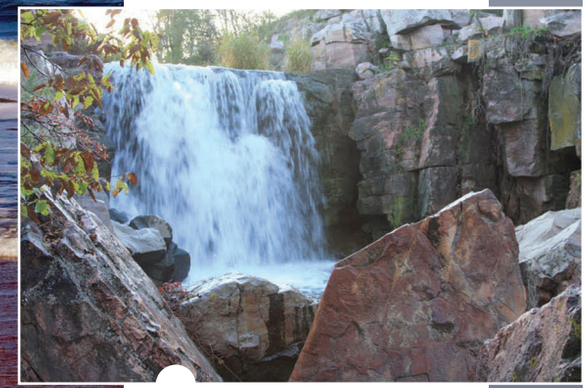
Sonoran Desert plants and animals found nowhere else in the United States are protected here, as are signs of human use dating back to the 1500s.



CAPE HATTERAS NS

North Carolina, 1937

Ocean waves, a starry night sky, the calm of the salt marshes, waterfowl, and historic points of interest are all part of this first national seashore.



PIPESTONE NM

Minnesota, 1937

Winnewissa Falls is one of the beautiful features of this monument, which is also home to pipestone quarries that are a sacred site for many American Indians.

CHANNEL ISLANDS NP

California, 1938

Encompassing five islands and their ocean environment, the park is home to nesting sea birds, sea lion rookeries, and unique plants.



SARATOGA NHP

New York, 1938

The Battle of Saratoga in 1777 was a major American victory that assured international recognition and aid and helped secure the independence of the United States.



SALEM MARITIME NHS

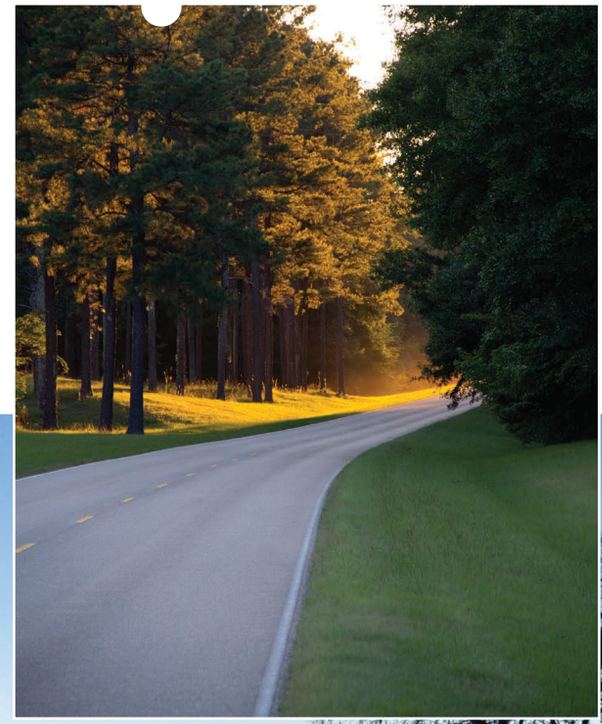
Massachusetts, 1938

The historic buildings, wharves, and reconstructed tall ship here tell the stories of the sailors, Revolutionary War privateers, and merchants who brought the riches of the world to America.

NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY

Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, 1938

From American Indian mounds and "Kaintucks" to historic stands and the Civil War, the Natchez Trace Parkway takes you on a 444-mile journey through "the Old Trace."





FORT LARAMIE NHS

Wyoming, 1938

Established as a private fur trading post on the eastern Wyoming prairie in 1834, Fort Laramie evolved into the largest military post on the Northern Plains.



CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL NHP

Maryland, Washington, D.C., West Virginia, 1938

Built between 1828 and 1850, this 184.5-mile canal was a lifeline for communities along the Potomac River as coal, lumber, and agricultural products were transported down the waterway to market.



BADLANDS NP

South Dakota, 1939

First called "mako sica" or "land bad" by the Lakota, this place is an expanse of mixed-grass prairie where bison, bighorn sheep, and prairie dogs live.



TUZIGOOT NM

Arizona, 1939

Tuzigoot, an Apache word that means "crooked water," contains the ruins of a large Indian pueblo that flourished in the Verde Valley between 1100 and 1450.



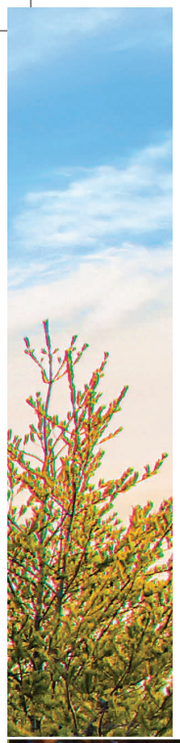
HOPEWELL FURNACE NHS

Pennsylvania, 1938

One of the finest examples of a rural American iron plantation of the 1800s, Hopewell Furnace was founded in 1771 by Mark Bird, the first ironmaster.









FEDERAL HALL N MEM

New York, 1939

Located on Wall Street, this site is where our first president took the oath of office. It was home to the first Congress, Supreme Court, and Executive Branch offices.

MANASSAS NBP

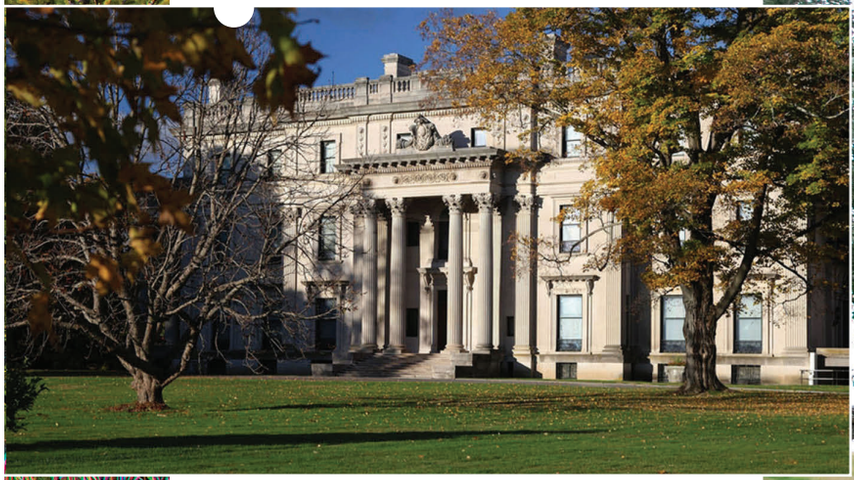
Virginia, 1940

The First and Second Battles of Manassas were fought here July 21, 1861, and August 28-30, 1862. This is where Gen. Thomas J. Jackson acquired his nickname "Stonewall."

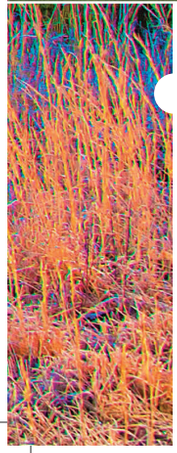
VANDERBILT MANSION NHS

New York, 1940

This palatial mansion provides a glimpse of estate life in the late 19th century and the world of the American millionaire during the Gilded Age.







CUMBERLAND GAP NHP

Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee, 1940

Cumberland Gap was a main artery for settlers traveling west of the Appalachians following their dreams of prosperity. It was also an important military objective in the Civil War.



FORT WASHINGTON PARK

Maryland, 1940

Fort Washington has stood as silent sentry defending the Nation's Capital for over 200 years. It is one of the few remaining seacoast forts.



GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER NM

Missouri, 1943

Nature and nurture influenced the young Carver on his quest for education to becoming a renowned agricultural scientist, educator, and humanitarian.





HOME OF FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT NHS

New York, 1944

FDR's Springwood, the estate that he loved, was the place he considered home. Visit to learn about the only U.S. president elected to four terms.

FORT RALEIGH NHS

North Carolina, 1941

Preserved are portions of England's first New World settlements from 1584 to 1590, and the cultural heritage of American Indians, European Americans, and African Americans who lived on Roanoke Island.



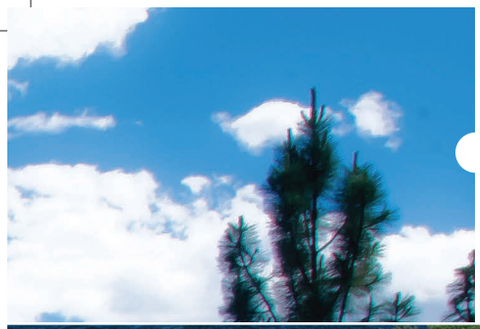


HARPERS FERRY NHP

West Virginia, 1944

This quaint, historic community at the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah rivers contains picturesque streets, exhibits, and museums. Hike the trails and battlefields.





LAKE ROOSEVELT NRA

Washington, 1946

Opportunities abound here for boating, fishing, swimming, camping, canoeing, hunting, or visiting historic Fort Spokane and St. Paul's Mission.



CASTLE CLINTON NM

New York, 1946

Located at the southern tip of Manhattan, Castle Clinton served as a defense for New York Harbor, and later a depot through which eight million immigrants entered the United States.





THEODORE ROOSEVELT NP

North Dakota, 1947

The scenic badlands along the Little Missouri River provided a rugged backdrop for the life that TR pursued here and helped shape a conservation policy that we benefit from today.



ADAMS NHP

Massachusetts, 1946

The park preserves and protects the grounds, homes, and personal property of four generations of the Adams family. There is also a library, a church, and a crypt.



FORT VANCOUVER NHS

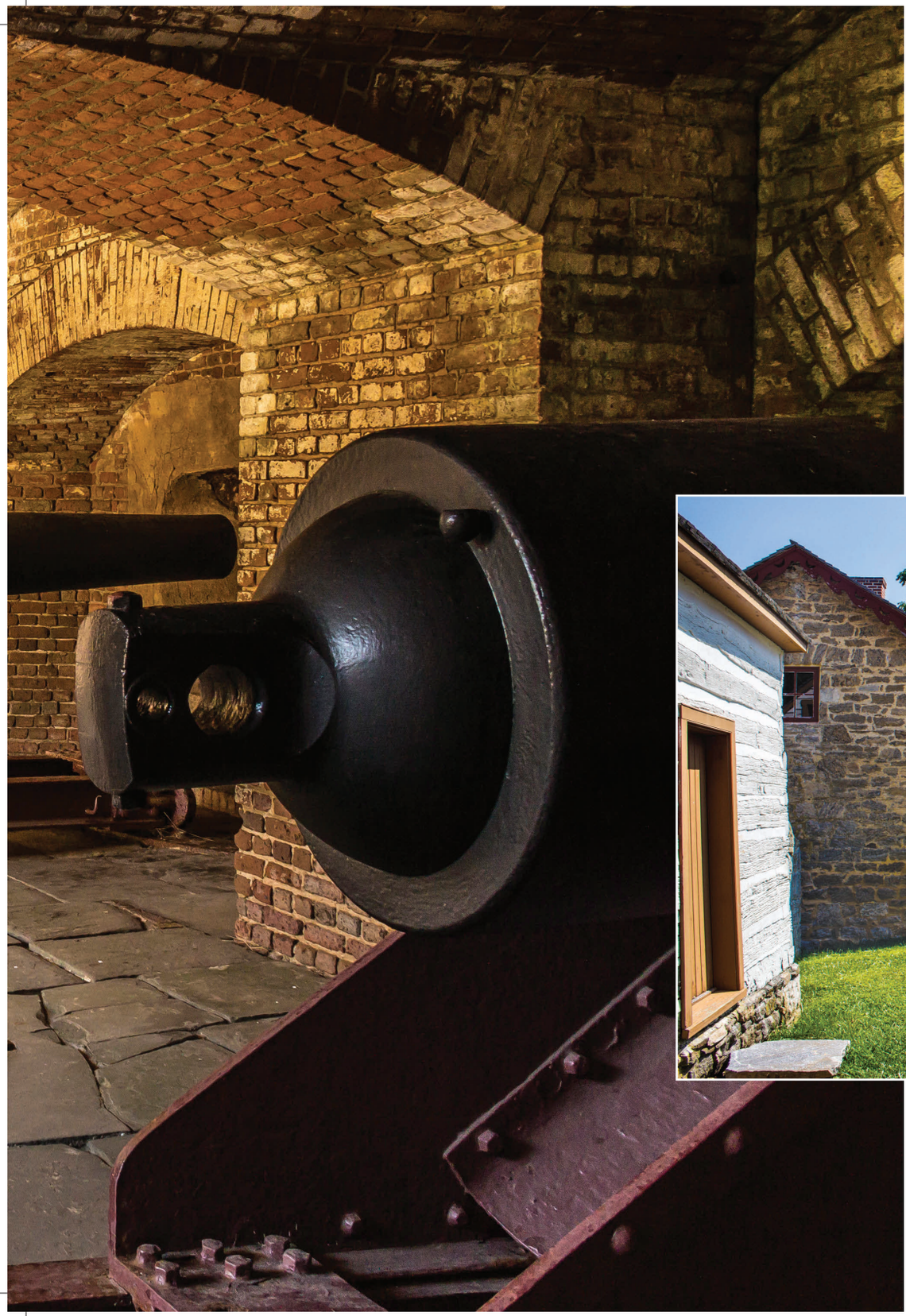
Washington, Oregon, 1948

Explore the lands and structures at the center of fur trade and military history in the Pacific Northwest. Connect to the past and the people who lived and worked here.

FORT SUMTER NM

South Carolina, 1948

Decades of growing strife between North and South erupted in civil war on April 12, 1861, when Confederate artillery opened fire on this Federal fort in Charleston Harbor. Fort Sumter surrendered 34 hours later.





DE SOTO N MEM

Florida, 1948

Commemorating the landing of Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto in 1539, the memorial is comprised of approximately 26 acres on the south shore of the Manatee River.



HAMPTON NHS

Maryland, 1948

In period dress, interpreters guide visitors through the mansion, ice house, and octagon house foundation to tell the story of the enslaved, who made their owners' lavish lifestyle possible.



INDEPENDENCE NHP

Pennsylvania, 1948

Here there are structures and sites associated with the American Revolution and the founding of the United States, including Independence Hall, Congress Hall, Old City Hall, the Liberty Bell, and others.



EFFIGY MOUNDS NM

Iowa, 1949

Over 200 American Indian mound sites, ca. 450 BCE to 1300 CE, including 31 effigy mounds in the shapes of birds and bears, are built here to commemorate sacred beliefs.



SAINT CROIX ISLAND IHS

Maine, 1949

The beginning of the French presence in North America began here with an expedition during the winter of 1604-1605. Iced in by freezing temperatures, 35 of 79 men died.



SAN JUAN NHS

Puerto Rico, 1949

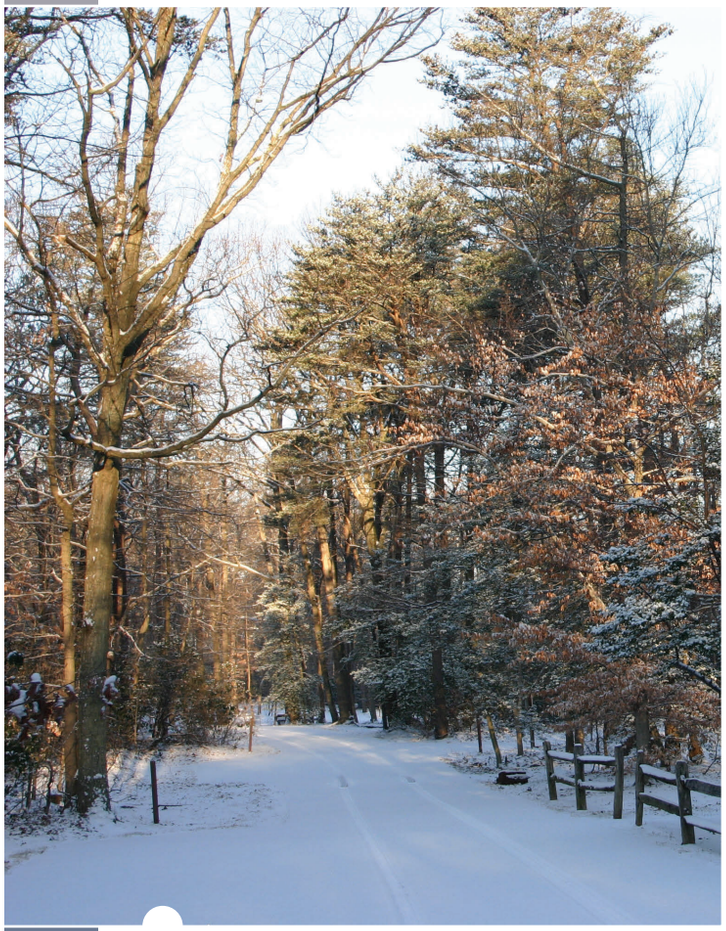
The massive masonry fortifications of Castillo San Felipe del Morro, Castillo San Cristobal, most of the city walls, and San Juan Gate, protect this portal to the Americas.

CHRISTIANSTED NHS

Virgin Islands, 1952

The architectural, economic, and political influence of Europe is demonstrated here. The site on the island of St. Croix contains structures from the 1700s and 1800s.





GREENBELT PARK

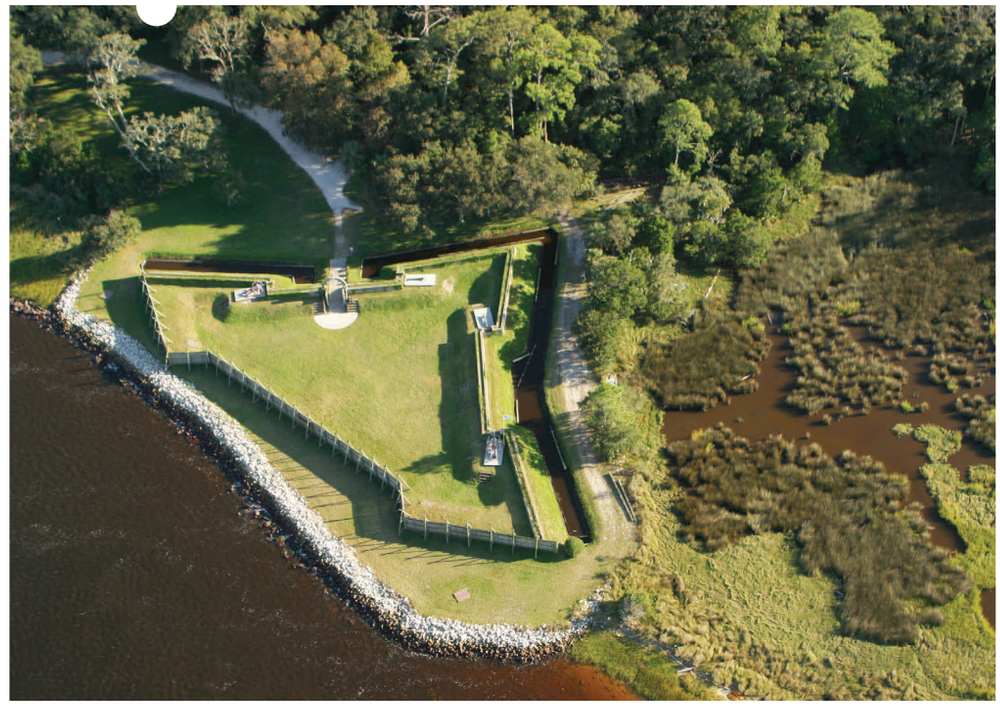
Maryland, 1950

This woodland park features a 174-site campground, nine miles of trails, and three picnic areas to provide many forms of outdoor recreation to visitors year-round.

FORT CAROLINE N MEM

Florida, 1950

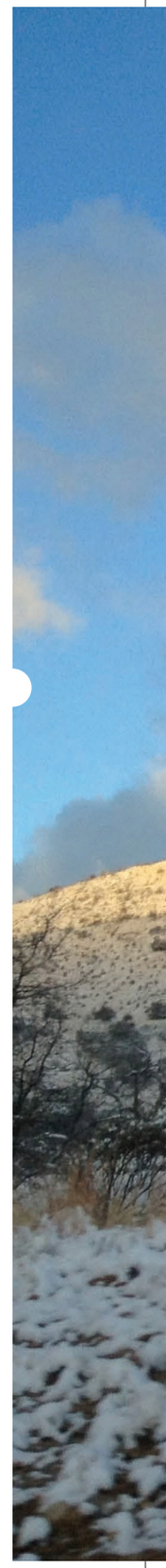
The climactic battles fought here between the French and Spanish marked the first time that European nations fought for control of lands in what is now the United States.



CORONADO N MEM

Arizona, 1952

Located near the U.S.-Mexican border, the memorial commemorates the first major expedition of Europeans into the American Southwest, led by Francisco Vasquez de Coronado.







BOOKER T. WASHINGTON NM

Virginia, 1956

Booker T. Washington was born enslaved on James Burroughs' farm in 1856. His past would influence his philosophies as the most influential African American of his era.



PU`UHONUA O HŌNAUNAU NHP

Hawaii, 1955

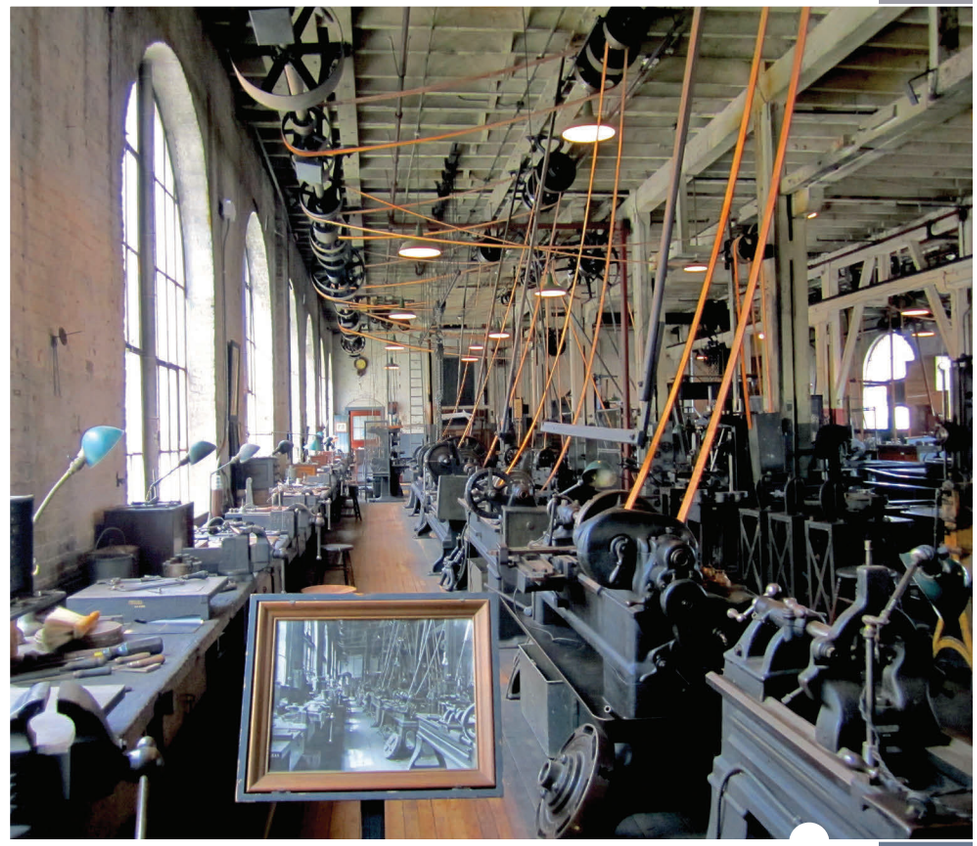
A prominent feature is the pu'uhonua (place of refuge) that served as a sanctuary in ancient times for defeated warriors, noncombatants, and those who violated the sacred laws.



FORT UNION NM

New Mexico, 1954

The main unit includes a second fort, a Civil War earthwork, and adobe building ruins of a third fort, built in 1862. A detached unit a mile west encompasses part of the historic grounds of the first Fort Union.



THOMAS EDISON NHP

New Jersey, 1955

The great inventor resided here from 1887 until 1931. The site includes his chemistry lab, machine shop, library, and the world's first motion picture studio.

HORSESHOE BEND NMP

Alabama, 1956

Here in 1814, Gen. Andrew Jackson's army attacked the Red Stick Creek warriors. The battle ended the Creek War and created a hero of Andrew Jackson.





PEA RIDGE NMP

Arkansas, 1956

Pea Ridge gets its name from the wild peas that were abundant when whites settled here in the 1820s. The battle and Union victory in 1862 allowed the Union to maintain control of Missouri.



GLEN CANYON NRA

Arizona, Utah, 1958

At over 1.2 million acres, the area includes scenic vistas, geologic wonders, shoreline water-recreation activities, and a huge panorama of human history.



VIRGIN ISLANDS NP

Virgin Islands, 1956

Covering much of the island of St. John, the park is home to early Indian sites, remains of Danish colonial sugar plantations, coral reefs, quiet coves, and sandy beaches.





GENERAL GRANT N MEM

New York, 1958

The tomb of Grant and his wife, Julia, honors the Union Army general who ended the Civil War. Later, as U.S. president, he signed the act establishing Yellowstone, the first national park.



GRAND PORTAGE NM

Minnesota, 1958

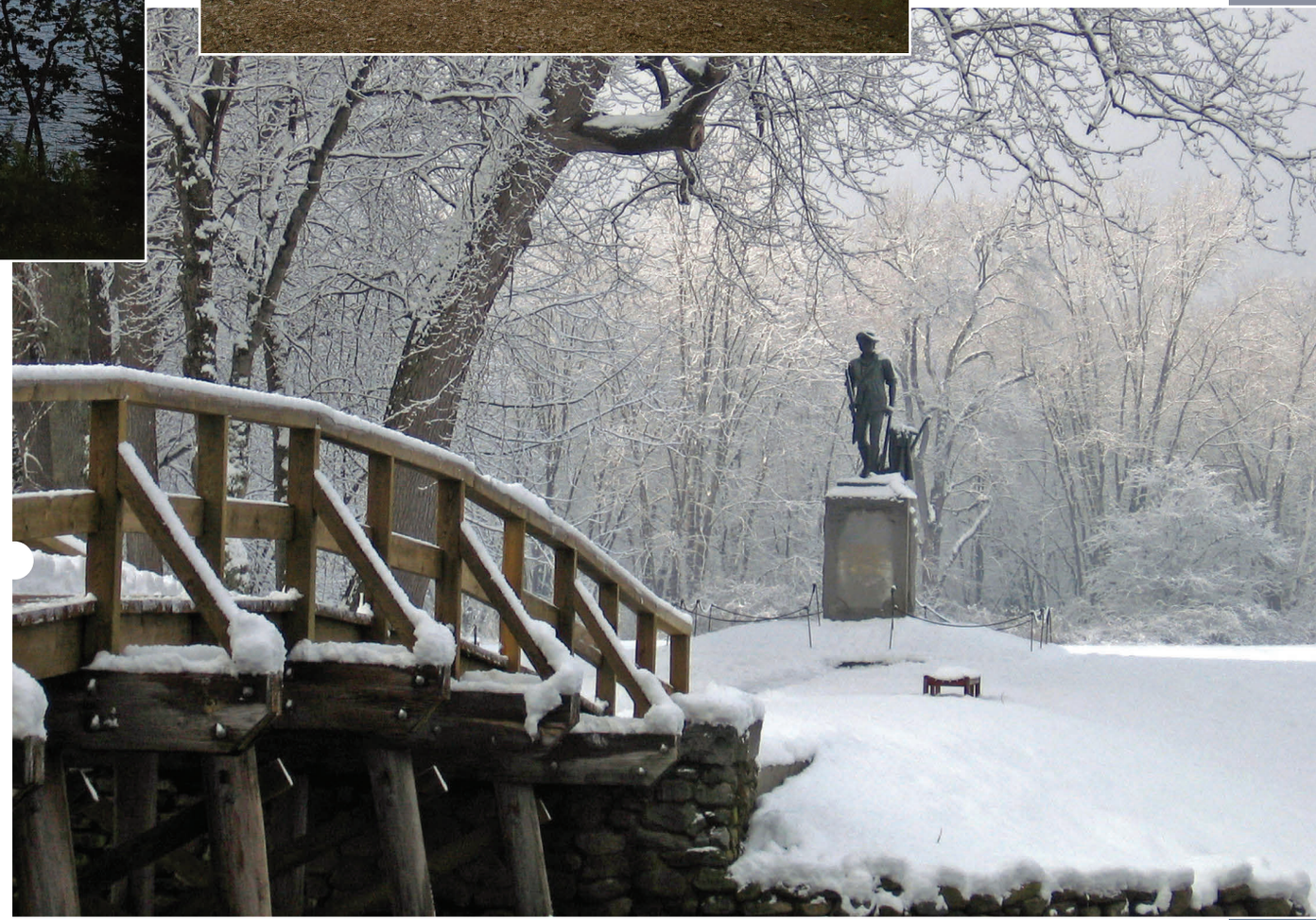
This 710-acre monument was established to preserve and interpret fur trade and Ojibwe history and culture. The portage linked one of the main routes for travelers to the Northwest.



LEWIS AND CLARK NHP

Oregon, 1958

This natural setting tells the story of Lewis and Clark's arrival at the Pacific Ocean, winter encampment, exploration, encounters with Indians, and preparation for their return east.



MINUTE MAN NHP

Massachusetts, 1959

Visit battlefields, monuments, and structures associated with "the shot heard round the world" that began the Revolutionary War on April 19, 1775.



ARKANSAS POST N MEM

Arkansas, 1960

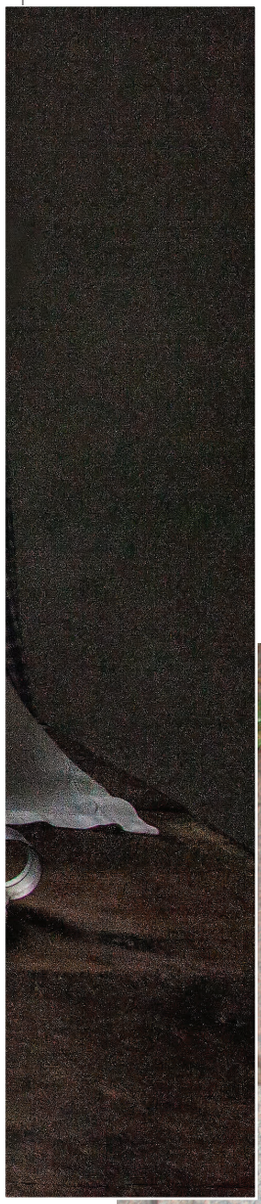
After the 1803 Louisiana Purchase, the post became part of the United States. By 1819, it was a thriving river port, largest city in the region, and first capital of the Arkansas Territory.



WILSON'S CREEK NB

Missouri, 1960

Fought on August 10, 1861,Wilson's Creek was the first major Civil War battle west of the Mississippi River. Today, it is one of the best-preserved battlefields in the nation.



BENT'S OLD FORT NHS

Colorado, 1960

The fort was an important fur trading post from 1833 to 1849, on the mountain branch of the Santa Fe Trail. It was where traders, trappers, travelers, and Indians met peacefully to trade.





FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT MEM

Washington, D.C., 1959

The memorial is located along the Cherry Tree Walk on the Tidal Basin near the National Mall. There is a sequence of four outdoor rooms, each reflecting one of FDR's terms in office as president. The memorial was dedicated in 1997.

CAPE COD NS

Massachusetts, 1961

Beaches and bicycle and walking trails offer recreation. Lighthouses, cranberry bogs, and the Marconi Station site—where transatlantic wireless communication was achieved in 1903—provide cultural interest.

RUSSELL CAVE NM

Alabama, 1961

An almost continuous archeological record of human habitation from 10,000 BCE to about 1650 CE is found here. It is named for Thomas Russell, owner of the property when the area was mapped.







FORT SMITH NHS

Arkansas, 1961

One of the first U.S. military posts in the Louisiana Territory, it served to enforce federal Indian policy from 1817 to 1896. There are remains of two frontier military forts and one federal court.

FORT DAVIS NHS

Texas, 1961

The fort protected travelers, mail coaches, and freight wagons on the Trans-Pecos portion of the San Antonio-El Paso Road and on the Chihuahua Trail from 1854 to 1891.

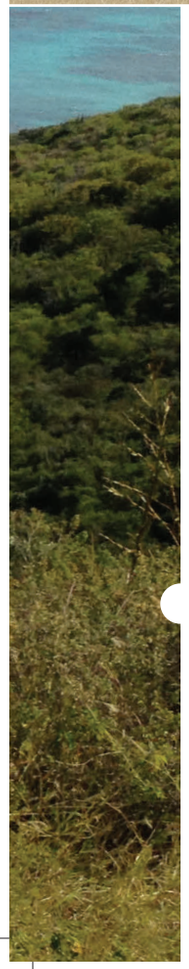




PISCATAWAY PARK

Maryland, 1961

The park provides bird-watching spots, views of Mount Vernon, a place to fish or launch small boats, an 18th-century farm, and a modern-day eco-farm.



BUCK ISLAND REEF NM

Virgin Islands, 1961

The finest coral reef gardens in the Caribbean include grottoes, sea fans, and tropical fish, and a snorkel trail provides an opportunity to observe the underwater world.





HAMILTON GRANGE N MEM

New York, 1962

The home in upper Manhattan was completed in 1802 and named "The Grange." Alexander Hamilton enjoyed his home only until July 11, 1804, when he was fatally wounded in a duel with political rival Aaron Burr.

LINCOLN BOYHOOD N MEM

Indiana, 1962

From 1816 to 1830, Lincoln lived on the southern Indiana farm. Today, it is a working pioneer homestead with a log cabin, outbuildings, split-rail fences, livestock, gardens, and field crops.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT BIRTHPLACE NHS

New York, 1962

Raised in a townhouse at 28 E. 20th St., Roosevelt would become our 26th president. The original brownstone where Roosevelt was born in 1858 was torn down in 1916.



FREDERICK DOUGLASS NHS

Washington, D.C., 1962

Famed abolitionist Frederick Douglass lived here from 1877 to 1895. Born into slavery, Douglass spent his life fighting for justice and equality for all people.





POINT REYES NS

California, 1962

The first human inhabitants were here 5,000 years ago. There are over 120 known village sites within the park, beaches, tall cliffs, lagoons, and offshore bird and sea lion colonies.



SAGAMORE HILL NHS

New York, 1962

Theodore Roosevelt's Queen Anne-style home from 1886 until his death in 1919 was built in 1885 from a plan he sketched. Today, 25 rooms with furnishings that are almost all original are open to the public.



PADRE ISLAND NS

Texas, 1962

The park protects 70 miles of coastline, dunes, prairies, and nesting grounds for sea turtles. It's a haven for 380 bird species, and its rich history includes the Spanish shipwrecks of 1554.



OZARK NSR

Missouri, 1964

The first national park area to protect a river system, it is home to hundreds of freshwater springs, caves, trails, and historic sites.

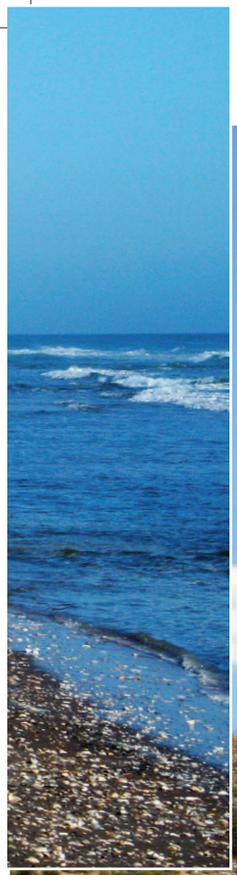


FORT BOWIE NHS

Arizona, 1964

The fort and Apache Pass were focal points for U.S. military actions against the Chiricahua Apache for control of the region. Adobe walls are left from the posts that stood from 1862 to 1894.





SAINT-GAUDENS NHS

New Hampshire, 1964

Augustus Saint-Gaudens, one of America's greatest sculptors, had his home and studios here. See over 100 of his artworks in the galleries and on the grounds.



JOHNSTOWN FLOOD N MEM

Pennsylvania, 1964

The South Fork Dam failed on Friday, May 31, 1889, and unleashed 20,000,000 tons of water that devastated the town, killing 2,209 people.





FORT LARNED NHS

Kansas, 1964

This well-preserved fort on the Santa Fe Trail was an army post during the Indian Wars era. The troops were known as the Guardians of the Santa Fe Trail.

ALLEGHENY PORTAGE RAILROAD NHS

Pennsylvania, 1964

The first railroad to circumvent the Allegheny Mountains, the portage opened in 1834, creating a direct route between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.







CANYONLANDS NP

Utah, 1964

Countless canyons and fantastically formed buttes carved by the Colorado River and its tributaries are found here in a primitive desert atmosphere.

FIRE ISLAND NS

New York, 1964

Fire Island preserves ancient maritime forests and historic landmarks and is home to diverse wildlife. The barrier island beaches offer spiritual renewal.

JOHN MUIR NHS

California, 1964

As America's most famous naturalist and conservationist, John Muir fought to protect the wild places he loved, places we can still visit today.







CURECANTI NRA

Colorado, 1965

The reservoirs that make up Curecanti provide amazing water-based recreation high in the Rocky Mountains. Best known for salmon and trout fishing, visitors can also hike, boat, camp, and bird watch.

LAKE MEAD NRA

Nevada, 1964

Lake Mead offers year-round recreational opportunities and is home to thousands of desert plants and animals that have adapted to survive where rain is scarce.

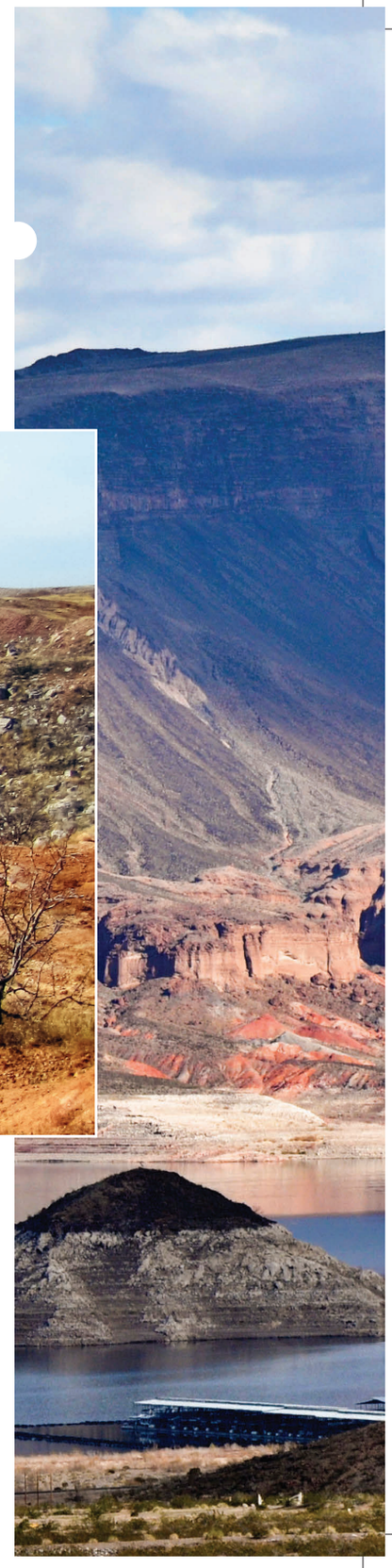




PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE NHS

Washington, D.C., 1965

A street unlike any other, it is known the world over as the heart of the Nation's Capital. America's history has marched, paraded, promenaded, and protested its way along the avenue.



LAKE MEREDITH NRA

Texas, 1965

Through these windswept high plains, the Canadian River has cut dramatic 200-foot canyons, which are a welcoming haven for wildlife and visitors alike.



PECOS NHP

New Mexico, 1965

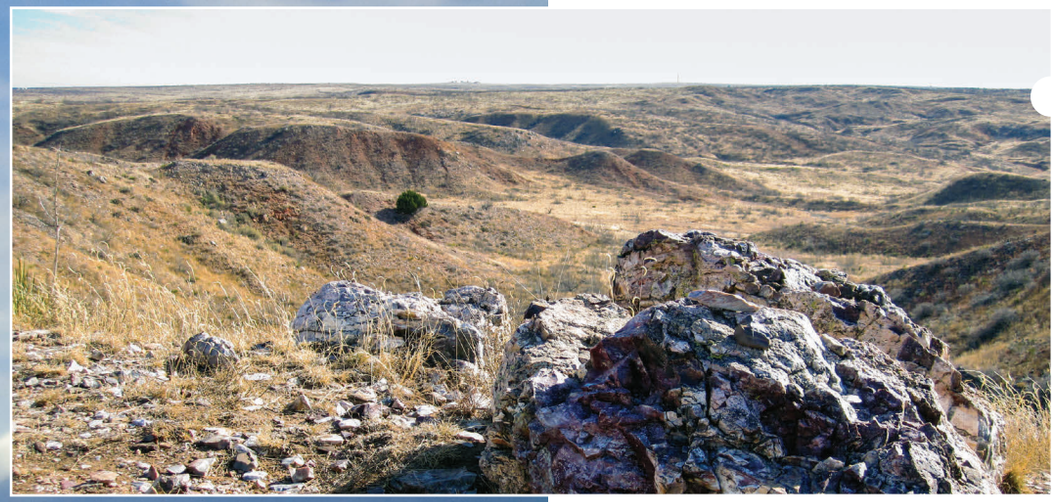
In the midst of juniper and ponderosa pine woodlands, are the remains of Indian pueblos that stand as meaningful reminders of the people who once prevailed here.

NEZ PERCE NHP

Idaho, 1965

The history and culture of the Nez Perce (Nimiipuu) people is told here. Discover how the Nimiipuu adapted, and today thrive, continuing to make the land their own.





ALIBATES FLINT QUARRIES NM

Texas, 1965

Some 13,000 years ago, this site was used by hunters to get the best stone for their tools. The flint found here was integral for survival, commerce, and culture on the High Plains.

AGATE FOSSIL BEDS NM

Nebraska, 1965

This landscape preserves bones of ancient mammals and reflects many influences, from tribal nations calling it home, to explorers passing through or settling in the American West.



DELAWARE WATER GAP NRA

Pennsylvania, 1965

In this 70,000-acre park, paddlers float down the river, anglers wade the trout streams, and hikers peer into the 1,000-foot-deep Water Gap.



HERBERT HOOVER NHS

Iowa, 1965

Born in a two-room cottage, Herbert Hoover would become president of the United States. The landscape and buildings of his early years reveal how they helped shape the man.



GOLDEN SPIKE NHS

Utah, 1965

On May 10, 1869, the Union and Central Pacific railroads joined their rails at Promontory Summit, completing the first transcontinental railroad.

HUBBELL TRADING POST NHS

Arizona, 1965

Hubell is the oldest operating trading post on the Navajo Nation, selling groceries, grain, hardware, horse tack, coffee, and Native American Art since 1878.





WHISKEYTOWN NRA

California, 1965

This park of 42,000 acres is home to waterfalls, pristine mountain creeks, 70 miles of trails, and opportunities to explore the history of the California Gold Rush.



AMISTAD NRA

Texas, 1965

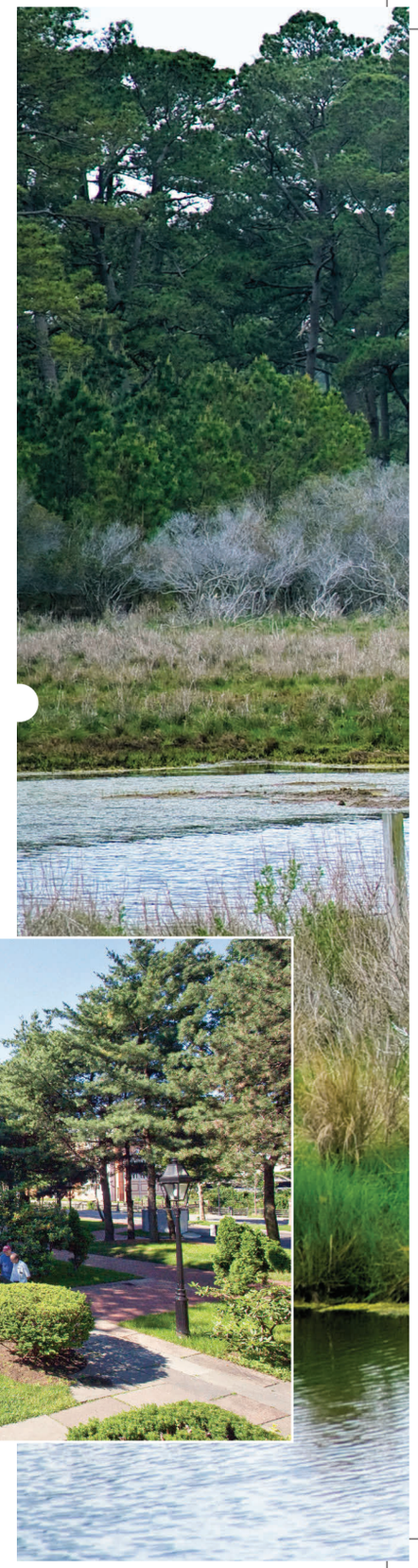
An oasis in the desert, Amistad is home to a wide variety of plant and animal life and is a great place to camp, hike, and discover its rich cultural history.



ASSATEAGUE ISLAND NS

Maryland, Virginia, 1965

Explore sandy beaches, salt marshes, maritime forests, and coastal bays. Rest, relax, and enjoy some time on the Atlantic coast. Wild horses can also be found at Chincoteague.





ROGER WILLIAMS N MEM

Rhode Island, 1965

Roger Williams was the founder of Rhode Island and a champion of the ideal of religious freedom, allowing those to worship as their conscience dictated.





FORT UNION TRADING POST NHS

North Dakota, Montana, 1966

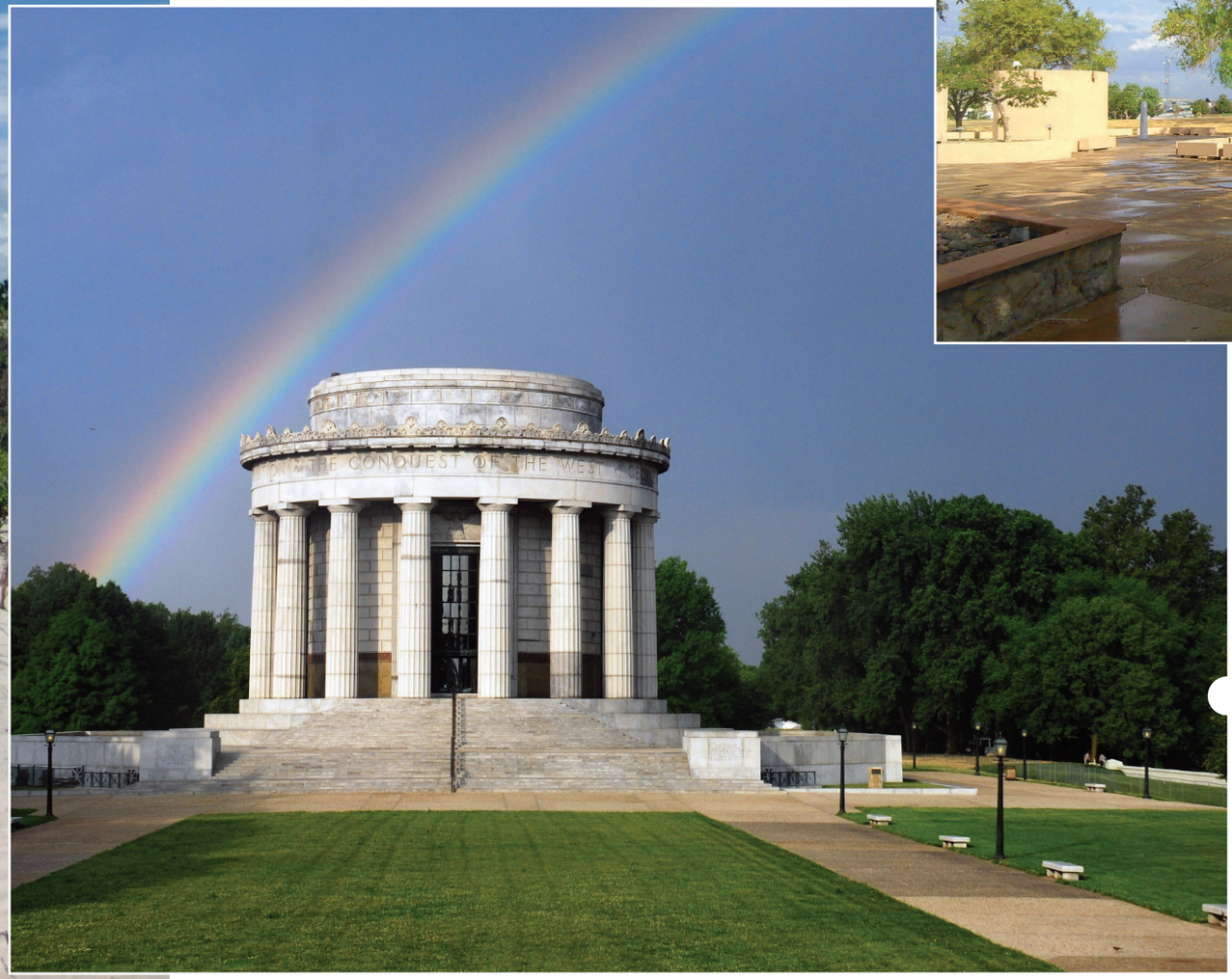
Between 1828 and 1867, this was the most important fur trading post on the Upper Missouri River. Northern Plains Indian tribes exchanged buffalo robes for goods from around the world.



CAPE LOOKOUT NS

North Carolina, 1966

Three miles offshore are the barrier islands of Cape Lookout where you can tour historic villages, climb a lighthouse, or go fishing, camping, or birding.





CHAMIZAL N MEM

Texas, 1966

The memorial celebrates the culture of the borderland that helped to peacefully navigate a 100-year border dispute between the United States and Mexico.

GEORGE ROGERS CLARK NHP

Indiana, 1966

Col. George Rogers Clark and his American army captured Fort Sackville from the British on Feb. 25, 1779, assuring the United States' claim to the frontier.





BIGHORN CANYON NRA

Montana, Wyoming, 1966

The vast, wild landscape of over 120,000 acres presents an astounding diversity in ecosystems, wildlife, and over 10,000 years of human history to explore.

SAN JUAN ISLAND NHP

Washington, 1966

This park is known for splendid vistas, saltwater shore, quiet woodlands, orca whales, and one of the last remaining native prairies in the Puget Sound region.





GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS NP

Texas, 1966

This hidden gem is the world's premier example of a fossil reef from the Permian Era and is one of the nation's most pristine wilderness areas.

INDIANA DUNES NL

Indiana, 1966

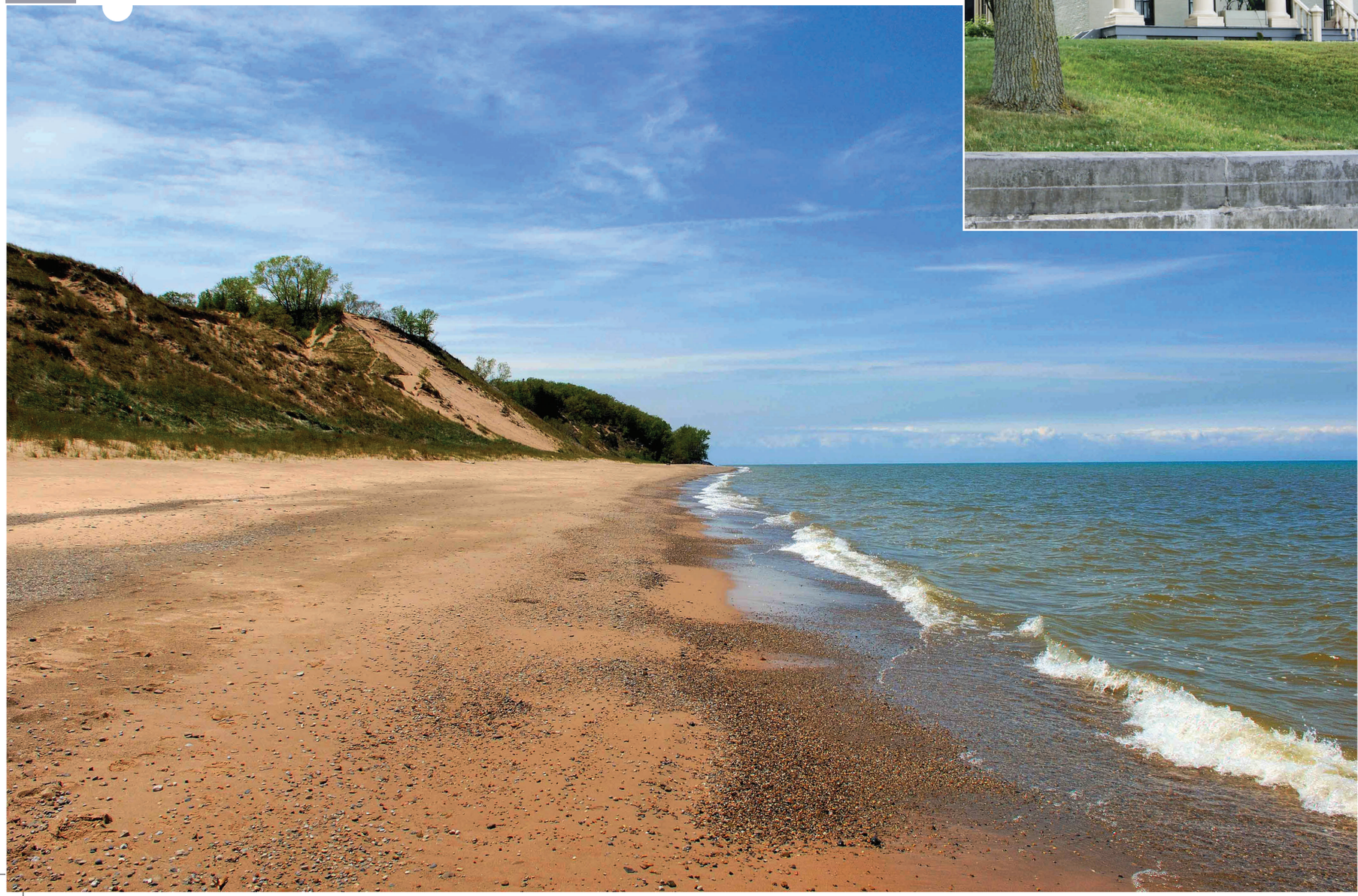
Located on the southern shore of Lake Michigan, the park contains 15,000 acres of rugged dunes, mysterious wetlands, sunny prairies, meandering rivers, and peaceful forests.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT INAUGURAL NHS

New York, 1966

Roosevelt took the oath of office as president of the United States on September 14, 1901, here in the Wilcox House after the assassination of President McKinley.









WOLF TRAP NP FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Virginia, 1966

Located in a setting of rolling hills and woods, the amphitheaters in the park host performances such as musicals, dance, opera, jazz, and popular and country music.

PICTURED ROCKS NL

Michigan, 1966

Sandstone cliffs, beaches, sand dunes, waterfalls, lakes, forest, and 40 miles of shoreline beckon you to visit this park on Lake Superior.

EISENHOWER NHS

Pennsylvania, 1967

This was the home of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Adjacent to the Gettysburg Battlefield, it served as a weekend retreat and a meeting place for world leaders.



SAUGUS IRON WORKS NHS

Massachusetts, 1968

In the 1600s, iron makers worked in this colony. The site includes working waterwheels, hot forges, mills, and a historic 17th-century home.





SAINT CROIX NSR

Wisconsin, Minnesota, 1968

On this river corridor, you can canoe and camp amid the Northwoods, or boat and fish surrounded by wooded bluffs and historic towns.

JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY NHS

Massachusetts, 1967

This is the birthplace and early home of the 35th president. It contains furnishings from the president's childhood and represents the political beginnings of this prominent family.





APPALACHIAN NST

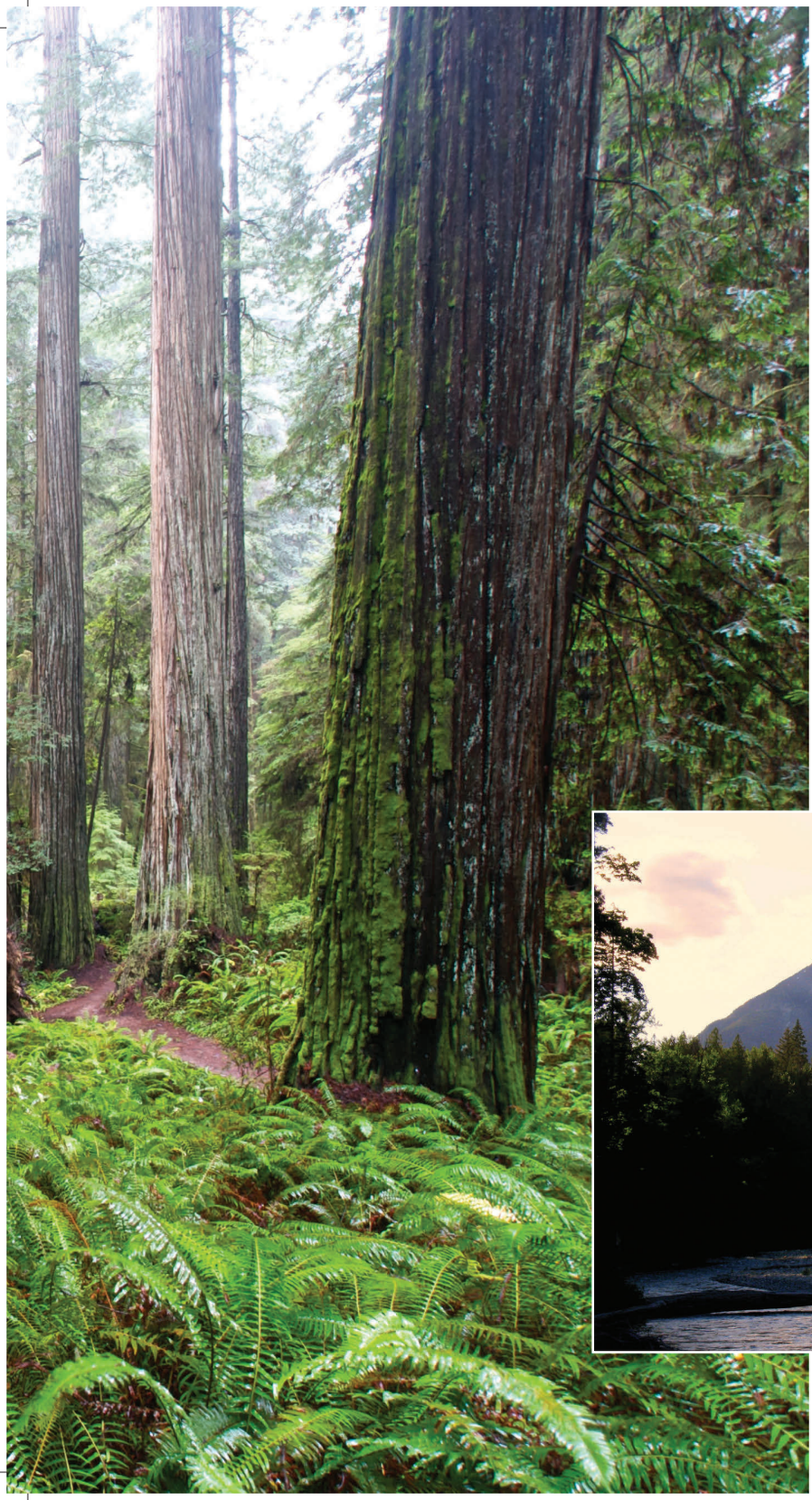
Maine to Georgia, 1968

Completed in 1937, this 2,185-mile-long public footpath traverses the scenic, wooded, pastoral, wild, and culturally resonant lands of the Appalachian Mountains.

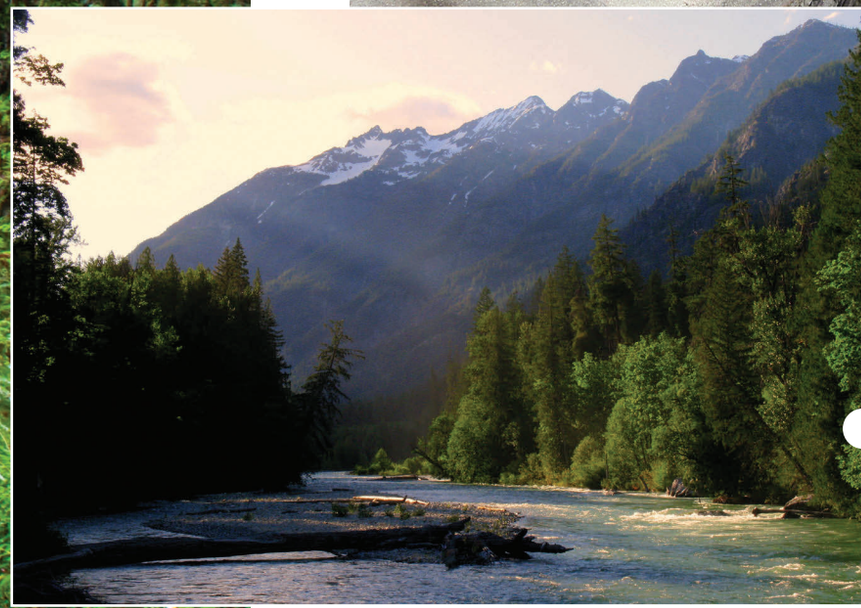
REDWOOD N & SP

California, 1968

Home to the tallest trees on earth, the park also protects vast prairies, oak woodlands, wild riverways, and nearly 40 miles of pristine coastline.







NORTH CASCADES NP

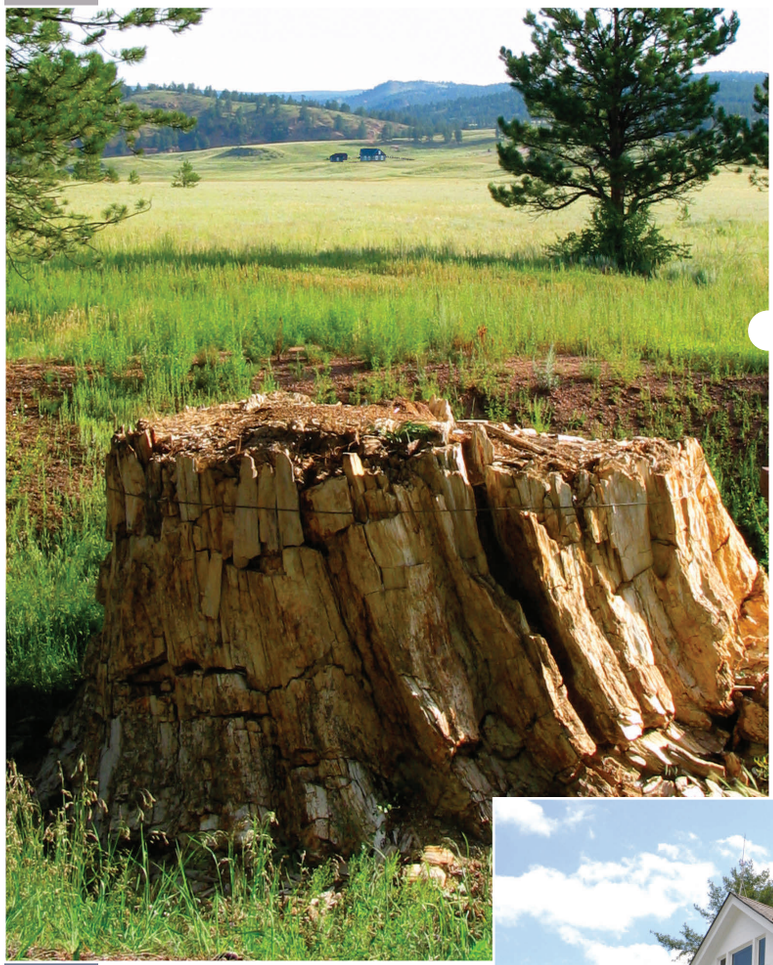
Washington, 1968

Located in the heart of the Cascades, this wilderness park has glaciers, waterfalls, rivers, lakes, lush forests, and a huge diversity of plants and animals.

LAKE CHELAN NRA

Washington, 1968

An alpine landscape beckons here with jagged peaks crowned by glaciers, cascading waters in forested valleys, and communities of life adapting to a changing climate.



FLORISSANT FOSSIL BEDS NM

Colorado, 1969

Beneath a grassy mountain valley lies one of the most diverse fossil deposits in the world. Petrified redwood stumps and thousands of detailed fossils reveal a prehistoric story.



CARL SANDBURG HOME NHS

North Carolina, 1968

At this serene place, you can explore the legacy of the man who provided a voice for the American people and who still speaks to us through his words and songs.





BISCAYNE NP

Florida, 1968

Biscayne protects aquamarine waters, emerald islands, and fish-bejeweled coral reefs. Here, too, is evidence of 10,000 years of human history, from pirates to presidents.

ROSS LAKE NRA

Washington, 1968

Ringed by mountains, this area offers an amazing array of outdoor adventures along the Skagit River in the North Cascades.



SLEEPING BEAR DUNES NL

Michigan, 1970

Miles of sand beach, bluffs that tower above Lake Michigan, lush forests, clear inland lakes, and unique flora and fauna make up this picturesque natural world.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON NHP

Texas, 1969

The park presents a unique perspective into the life of our 36th president, from his ancestral history to his final resting place on his beloved LBJ Ranch.



FORD'S THEATRE NHS

Washington, D.C., 1970

President Abraham Lincoln was shot in the theatre on April 14, 1865 while attending a play. He was carried across the street to the Petersen house, where he died the next morning.





WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT NHS

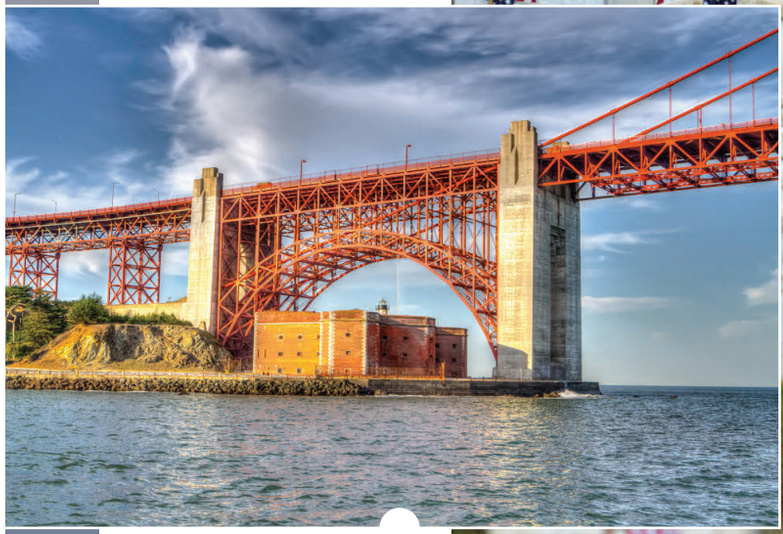
Ohio, 1969

Taft was born and grew up in this two-story Greek Revival house. The environment that shaped Taft's character and philosophy is highlighted on a visit to the site.

ANDERSONVILLE NHS

Georgia, 1970

Andersonville was one of the largest Confederate military prisons during the Civil War. Today, the site is a memorial to all American prisoners of war throughout the nation's history.



FORT POINT NHS

California, 1970

Featuring beautifully arched casemates, Fort Point protected San Francisco harbor from Confederate attack during the Civil War, and from foreign attack after it.





APOSTLE ISLANDS NL

Wisconsin, 1970

Along windswept beaches and cliffs, the 21 islands and 12 miles of mainland shoreline host a blend of cultural and natural resources, including lighthouses that shine their lights over Lake Superior.



VOYAGEURS NP

Minnesota, 1971

Here in the Northwoods, you can immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of a boreal forest, view the dark skies, or travel the interconnected water routes.



BUFFALO NR

Arkansas, 1972

Coursing through massive bluffs, the Buffalo River flows freely for 135 miles and is one of the few remaining undammed rivers in the lower 48 states.

LINCOLN HOME NHS

Illinois, 1971

Abraham Lincoln resided in this house for 17 years before he became president. The surrounding historic district preserves the 1860s environment in which the Lincoln family lived.

GULF ISLANDS NS

Florida and Mississippi, 1971

Millions of visitors are drawn to the islands in the Gulf of Mexico for the white sandy beaches, aquamarine waters, a boat ride, or to tour an old fort.





PU`UKOHOLĀ HEIAU NHS

Hawaii, 1972

Ruins of a temple built by King Kamehameha the Great during his rise to power are found here. You can often observe sharks swimming in the bay.



JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR., MEMORIAL PARKWAY

Wyoming, 1972

Linking Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks, this scenic 82-mile corridor commemorates Rockefeller's role in aiding the establishment of many parks.

GRANT-KOHRS RANCH NHS

Montana, 1972

Once the headquarters of a 10-million-acre cattle empire, Grant-Kohrs Ranch preserves the spirit of the American West and commemorates the role of cattlemen in American history.





LONGFELLOW HOUSE – WASHINGTON'S HEADQUARTERS NHS

Massachusetts. 1972

This was the home of Henry W. Longfellow, one of the world's foremost poets. It also served as headquarters for Gen. George Washington during the Siege of Boston.



FOSSIL BUTTE NM

Wyoming, 1972

Some of the world's best-preserved fossils are found in the flat-topped ridges of this sagebrush desert. They tell a remarkable story of ancient life in a subtropical landscape.

THADDEUS KOSCIUSZKO N MEM

Pennsylvania, 1972

Polish freedom fighter Thaddeus Kosciuszko lived in this house where he received notable visitors such as Chief Little Turtle and Thomas Jefferson.







HOHOKAM PIMA NM

Arizona, 1972

The site is located on the Gila River Indian Reservation and is under tribal ownership. The Gila River Indian Community has decided not to open the area to the public.

CUMBERLAND ISLAND NS

Georgia, 1972

On this barrier island are pristine maritime forests, undeveloped beaches, and wide marshes that whisper the stories of both man and nature.





GOLDEN GATE NRA

California, 1972

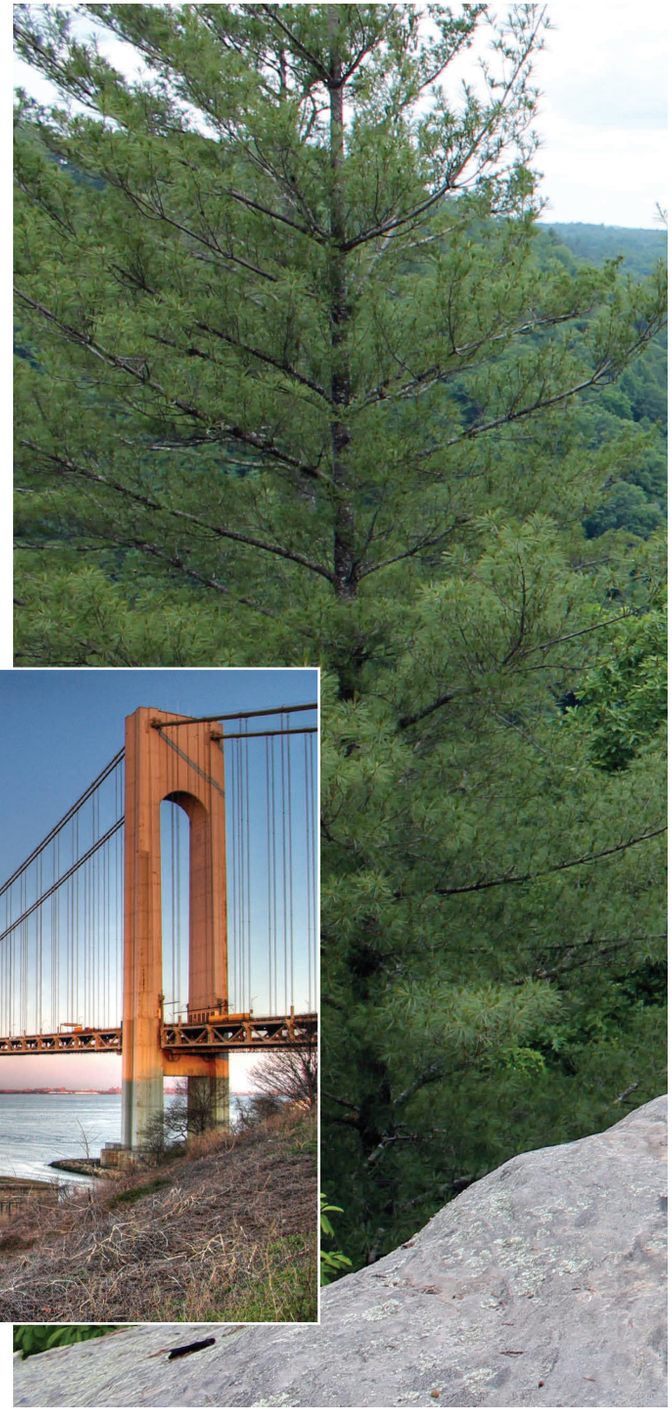
The park chronicles 200 years of history, from Native American culture to the growth of urban San Francisco, and has splendid opportunities for recreation.



GATEWAY NRA

New York, New Jersey, 1972

Units in Sandy Hook, N.J.; Jamaica Bay and Staten Island, N.Y., combine to make the 26,000 acres of Gateway into one national park.







LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON MEMORIAL GROVE ON THE POTOMAC

Washington, D.C., 1973

President Johnson came here often when he needed to escape from the stresses of the presidency. After he died, his wife chose this place for his memorial.

BIG SOUTH FORK NRRA

Tennessee, Kentucky, 1974

Rich with natural and historic features, the area protects the free-flowing Big South Fork of the Cumberland River and boasts miles of scenic gorges and sandstone bluffs.

BOSTON NHP

Massachusetts, 1974

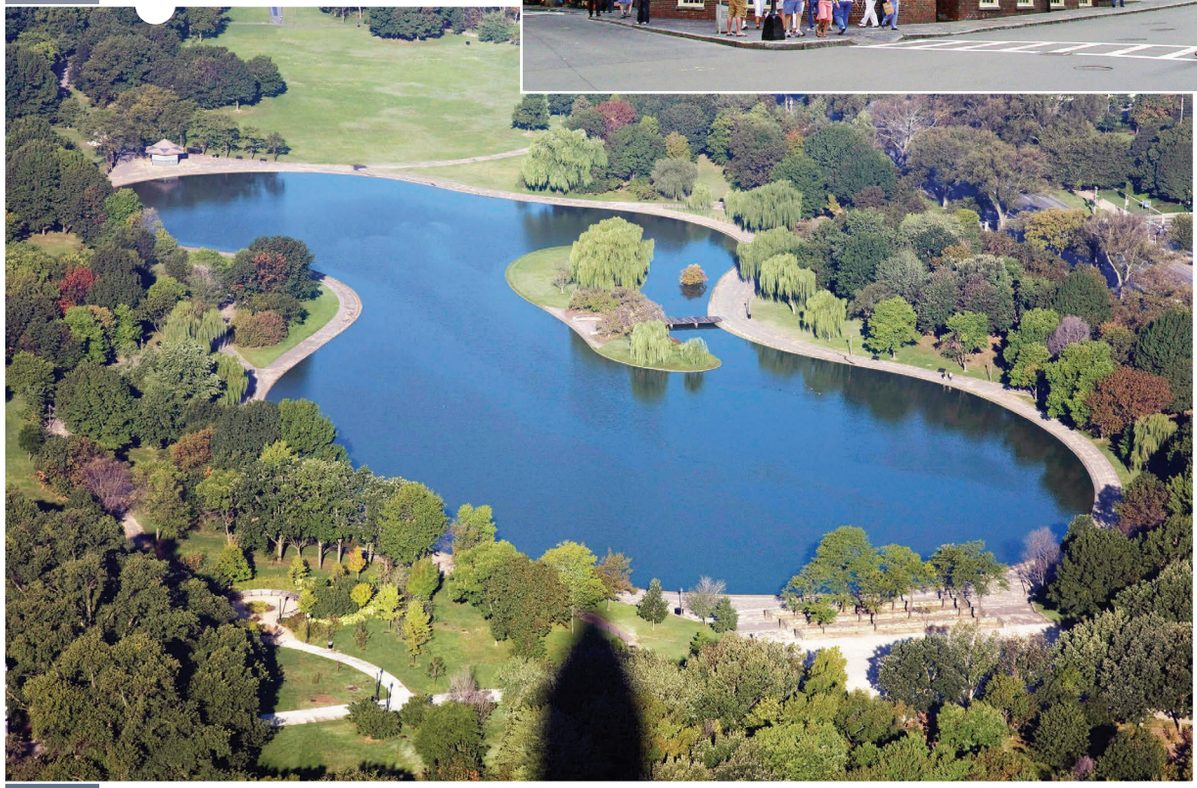
The events and ideas associated with the American Revolution and the founding and growth of the United States provide the common thread linking the sites that compose this park.



CONSTITUTION GARDENS

Washington, D.C., 1974

This 40-acre park was constructed on an island in a lake as a memorial to the 56 Signers of the Declaration of Independence.



BIG THICKET N PRES

Texas, 1974

In this place of discovery, hiking trails and waterways meander through nine different ecosystems, from longleaf pine forests to cypress-lined bayous.





BIG CYPRESS N PRES

Florida, 1974

Protecting over 729,000 acres, these freshwaters contain a mixture of tropical and temperate plant communities that are home to a diversity of wildlife including the Florida panther.



MARTIN VAN BUREN NHS

New York, 1974

Lindenwald was the home of Van Buren, who served as U.S. president from 1837-1841. The grounds and mansion allow exploration of the nation's turbulent antebellum period.

CLARA BARTON NHS

Maryland, 1974

This was the headquarters of the American Red Cross—founded by Clara Barton—for seven years. It was her home for the last 15 years of her life.





KNIFE RIVER INDIAN VILLAGES NHS

North Dakota, 1974

This site was a major Native American trade center for hundreds of years prior to becoming an important marketplace for fur traders after 1750.



SPRINGFIELD ARMORY NHS

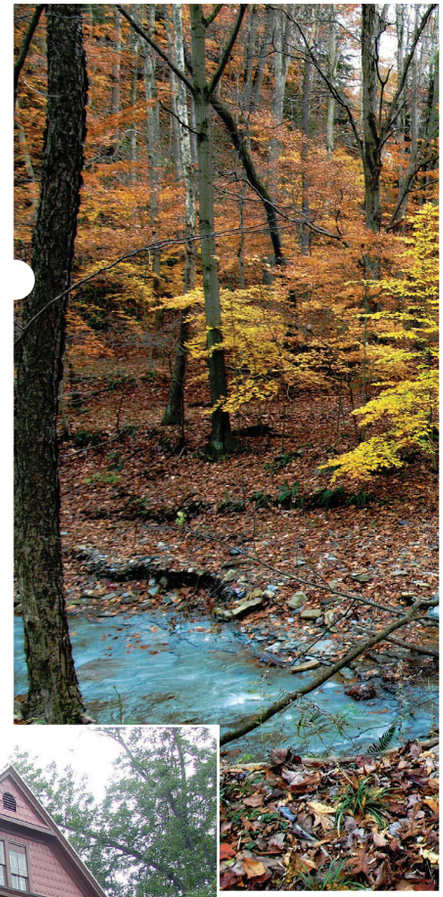
Massachusetts, 1974

The world's largest historic U.S. military small arms collection, along with historic archives, buildings, and landscapes are preserved here at the nation's first armory.

JOHN DAY FOSSIL BEDS NM

Oregon, 1974

Colorful rock formations preserve a world-class record of plant and animal evolution, changing climate, and past ecosystems that span over 40 million years.



CUYAHOGA VALLEY NP

Ohio, 1974

A short distance from urban areas, the park is a refuge for native plants and wildlife, with forests, rolling hills, open farmlands, and the winding Cuyahoga River.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE NHS

Alabama, 1974

Booker T. Washington recruited the best and the brightest to teach here. Innovations in agriculture expanded Tuskegee's standing throughout the country.





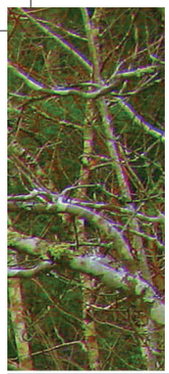


CANAVERAL NS

Florida, 1975

Many threatened animals find protection on this barrier island, including sea turtles that nest on its pristine shores. Indians and early settlers fished the lagoons.



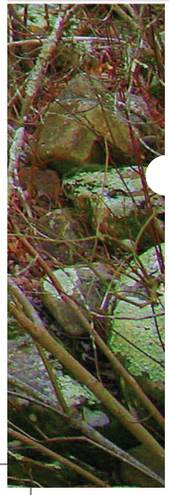


NINETY SIX NHS

South Carolina, 1976

Here, settlers struggled to survive, Cherokee Indians fought to keep their land, and two Revolutionary War battles that claimed over 100 lives took place.





OBED WSR

Tennessee, 1976

In the late 1700s, the river was a fishing and hunting area for trappers and pioneers. Today, the Obed offers visitors a variety of outdoor recreational opportunities.

VALLEY FORGE NHP

Pennsylvania, 1976

Site of the 1777-1778 winter encampment of the Continental Army, the park honors the sacrifices of the Revolutionary War soldiers and civilians.





KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH NHP

Alaska, Washington, 1976

In 1897, word of a rich gold strike in northwestern Canada ignited dreams of easy riches. The story of the stampede to the Yukon goldfields and Seattle's role in this event are told here.

LOWELL NHP

Massachusetts, 1978

Lowell's water-powered textile mills catapulted the nation—including immigrants and female factory workers—into a new industrial era. Lowell is a living monument to the Industrial Revolution.



EUGENE O'NEILL NHS

California, 1976

America's only Nobel Prize-winning playwright, Eugene O'Neill, made his home here at the height of his writing career. He wrote his final and most memorable plays here.



ELEANOR ROOSEVELT NHS

New York, 1977

The only national historic site dedicated to a first lady, Eleanor Roosevelt named this modest house Val-Kill. She would come here as a retreat from her busy life.





CONGAREE NP

South Carolina, 1976

Astonishing biodiversity and the largest intact expanse of old-growth bottomland hardwood forest remaining in the southeastern United States exist here.



FORT SCOTT NHS

Kansas, 1978

The site's structures, parade ground, and tallgrass prairie, bear witness to the era when the country was forged from a young republic into a united transcontinental nation.

CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER NRA

Georgia, 1978

Along this river valley, you can enjoy nature's display, raft leisurely through the rocky shoals, fish the misty waters as the sun rises, and picnic on a warm afternoon.





PALO ALTO BATTLEFIELD NHP

Texas, 1978

On May 8, 1846, U.S. and Mexican troops clashed on the prairie of Palo Alto. The causes, events, and consequences of the U.S.-Mexican War are examined here.



WAR IN THE PACIFIC NHP

Guam, 1978

The former battlefields serve as a reminder of the World War II battles fought here, while the verdant jungles, sandy beaches, and turquoise waters beckon visitors.

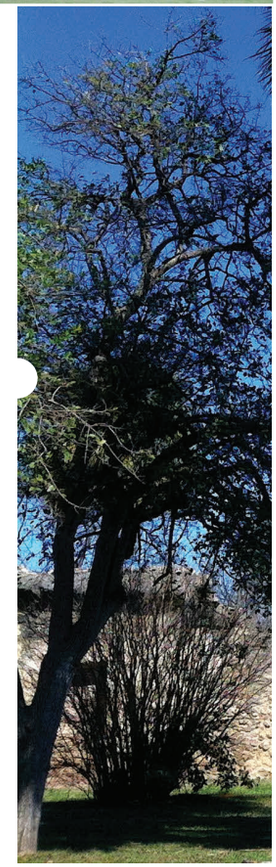




RIO GRANDE WSR

Texas, 1978

Spirited adventure can be found on this river flowing between limestone cliffs, which, along with the wetland corridor, is the lifeblood of the desert.



SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS NHP

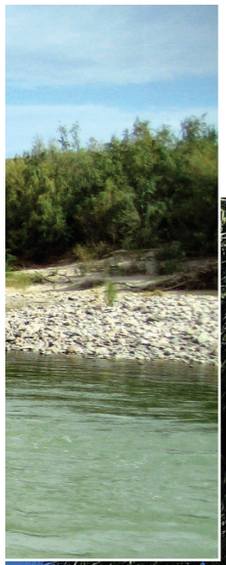
Texas, 1978

Four Spanish frontier missions, part of a colonization system that stretched across the Southwest in the 1600s, 1700s, and 1800s, are preserved here.

MISSOURI NRR

South Dakota, Nebraska, 1978

Two free-flowing stretches of the Missouri, North America's longest river, make up this park. Enjoy the untamed and mighty river that flows as nature intended.





EDGAR ALLAN POE NHS

Pennsylvania, 1978

Poe wrote some of his most popular tales here in Philadelphia. In this humble home, one may reflect on his astonishing creativity.

MIDDLE DELAWARE NSR

Pennsylvania, 1978

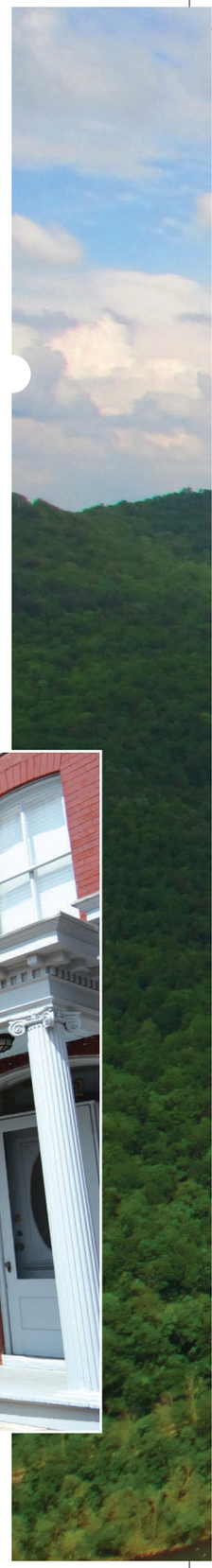
The largest free-flowing river in the eastern United States, the Delaware River runs past forests, farmlands, and villages.



NEW RIVER GORGE NR

West Virginia, 1978

A rugged, whitewater river flowing northward through deep canyons, the New River is among the oldest rivers on the continent. The park encompasses over 70,000 acres of land.





FRIENDSHIP HILL NHS

Pennsylvania, 1978

Albert Gallatin was secretary of the treasury during the Jefferson and Madison administrations. Friendship Hill is his restored country estate.

MAGGIE L. WALKER NHS

Virginia, 1978

Maggie Walker devoted her life to civil rights advancement. Her home is preserved as a tribute to her enduring legacy of vision, courage, and determination.





EBEY'S LANDING NH RES

Washington, 1978

This stunning landscape at Puget Sound's gateway preserves historical, agricultural, and cultural native and Euro-American traditions and offers spectacular opportunities for recreation.



SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH NHS

New York, 1978

Saint Paul's Church helps to tell the story of the development of colonial society and the road to the American Revolution. The 18th-century church was used as a Revolutionary War hospital.





UPPER DELAWARE SRR

Pennsylvania, New York 1978

Canoe through rapids and quiet pools. Fish in one of the northeastern United States' finest fishing rivers. The clean water supports a healthy ecosystem and offers tranquility and excitement.

THOMAS STONE NHS

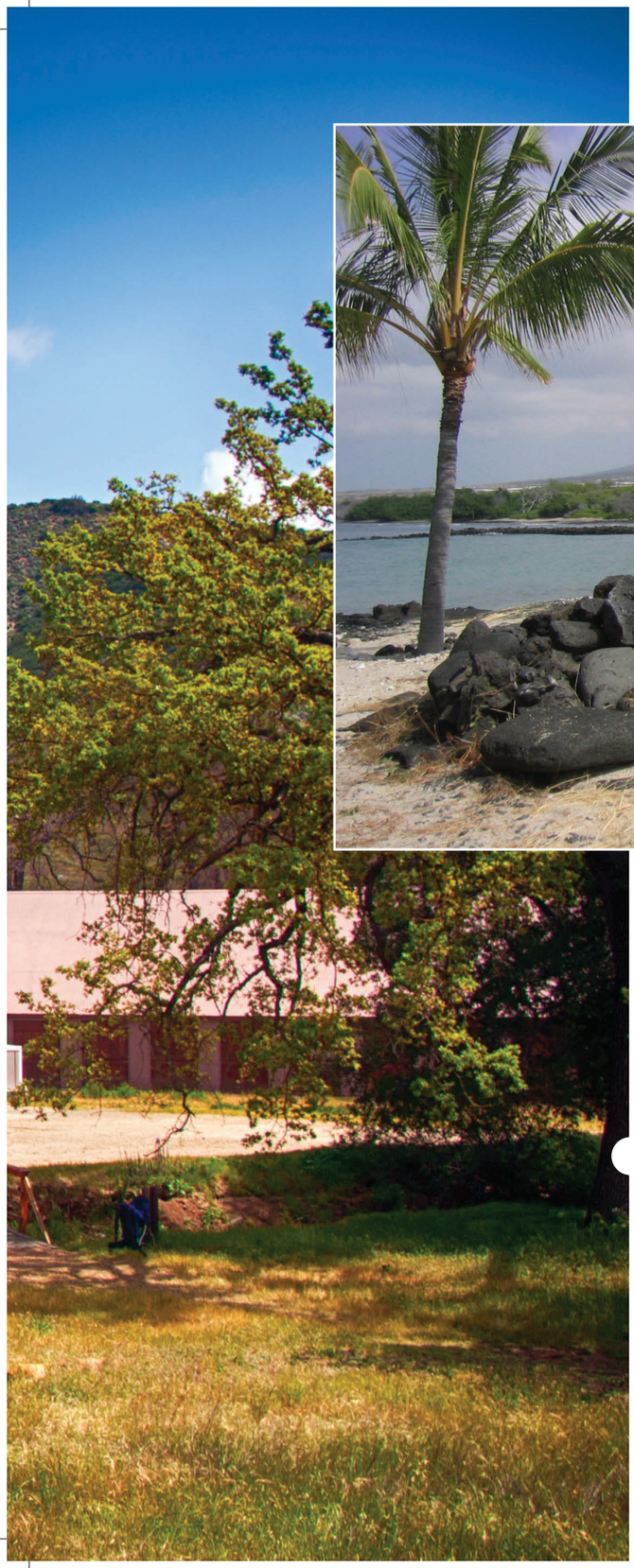
Maryland, 1978

Living a planter's and lawyer's comfortable life until war with Great Britain loomed, Stone risked everything to safeguard American rights and became one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.











KALOKO-HONOKŌHAU NHP

Hawaii, 1978

To survive, native Hawaiians used ancient fishing skills, built fishponds, and learned how to find fresh water. The people's spirit and knowledge of the elders created a tradition of respect and reverence for this area.

ANIAKCHAK NM & PRES

Alaska, 1978

Its remote location and challenging weather make this one of the park system's most wild and least-visited places. It is home to a deep caldera formed during a massive volcanic eruption 3,500 years ago.



SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NRA

California, 1978

The mountains offer easy access to surprisingly wild places, Malibu's famous beaches, or over 500 miles of trails. Historical and cultural sites abound, from old movie ranches to American Indian centers.



KOBUK VALLEY NP

Alaska, 1978

Caribou, sand dunes, the Kobuk River, and Onion Portage are just some of the park's features. Half a million caribou migrate through the valley. The Kobuk River is an ancient pathway for people and wildlife.



BERING LAND BRIDGE N PRES

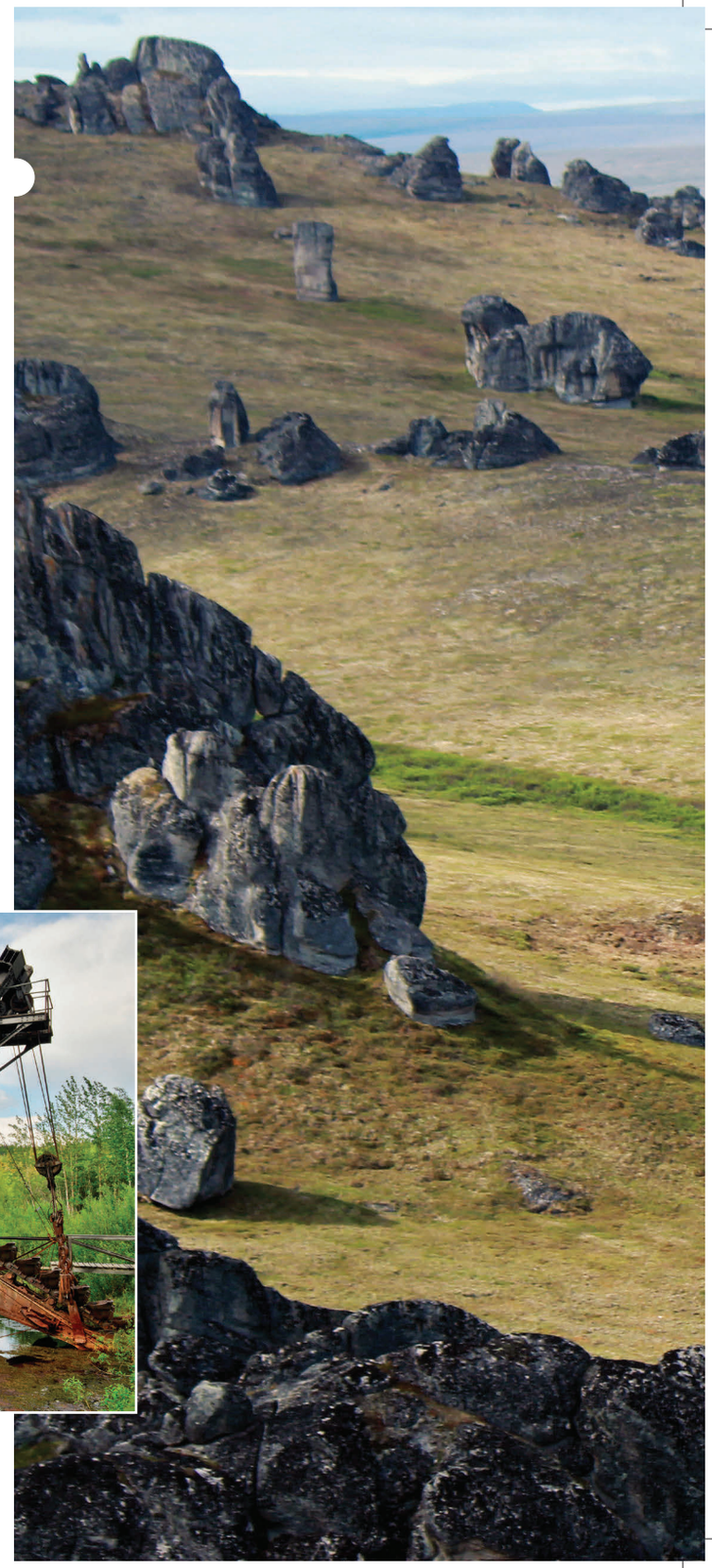
Alaska, 1978

Explore a wilderness dotted with hot springs, ancient lava flows, and the world's largest maar lakes. The land bridge provided a way for plants, animals, and people to cross from old world to new.

YUKON-CHARLEY RIVERS N PRES

Alaska, 1978

Located in Interior Alaska, the site offers exploration in a largely untouched landscape. Geology, cultural history, gold rush remnants, and vast scenery are part of the experience.









GATES OF THE ARCTIC NP & PRES

Alaska, 1978

This vast landscape has no roads or trails. Discover intact ecosystems where people have lived with the land for thousands of years. It remains virtually unchanged except by the forces of nature.

KENAI FJORDS NP

Alaska, 1978

Here, the ice age lingers. Wildlife thrives in the icy waters and forests. Native Alutiiq relied on these resources, but today, shrinking glaciers bear witness to the effects of our changing climate.



CAPE KRUSENSTERN NM

Alaska, 1978

The monument forms 70 miles of shoreline on the Chukchi Sea. Over 114 beach ridges provide evidence of human use for 5,000 years, and the Inupiat continue to use the area today.





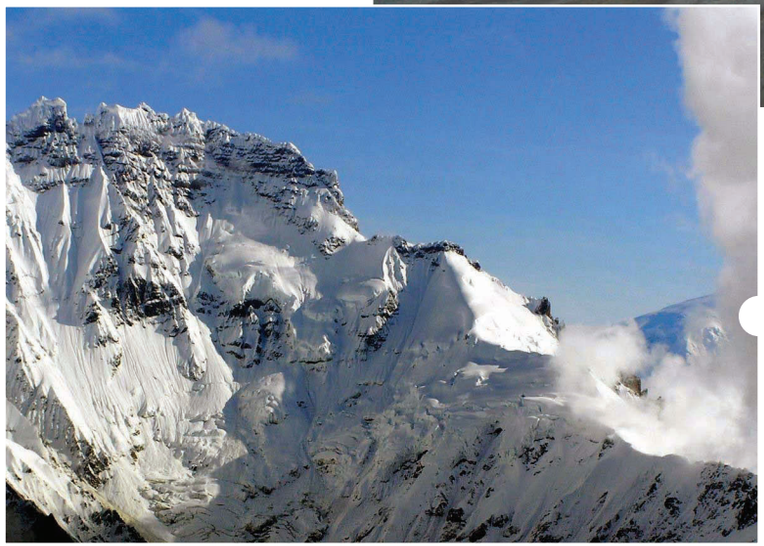


NOATAK N PRES

Alaska, 1978

The Noatak River environs feature some of the Arctic's finest arrays of plants and animals. The river is classified as a national wild and scenic river and offers stunning wilderness float-trip opportunities.





WRANGELL-ST. ELIAS NP & PRES

Alaska, 1978

Within this wild landscape, people have been living off the land for centuries and still do today. The park is a rugged yet inviting place to experience your own adventure.

LAKE CLARK NP & PRES

Alaska, 1978

Here is a land of great beauty, where volcanoes steam, salmon run, bears forage, craggy mountains reflect in shimmering turquoise lakes, and local people still depend on the land and water.



FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED NHS

Massachusetts, 1979

Recognized as the founder of American landscape architecture and the nation's foremost park maker, Olmsted established the world's first full-scale professional office for the practice of landscape design.

BOSTON AFRICAN AMERICAN NHS

Massachusetts, 1980

Centered on the north slope of Beacon Hill, the African American community of 19th-century Boston led the city and the nation in the fight against slavery and injustice.

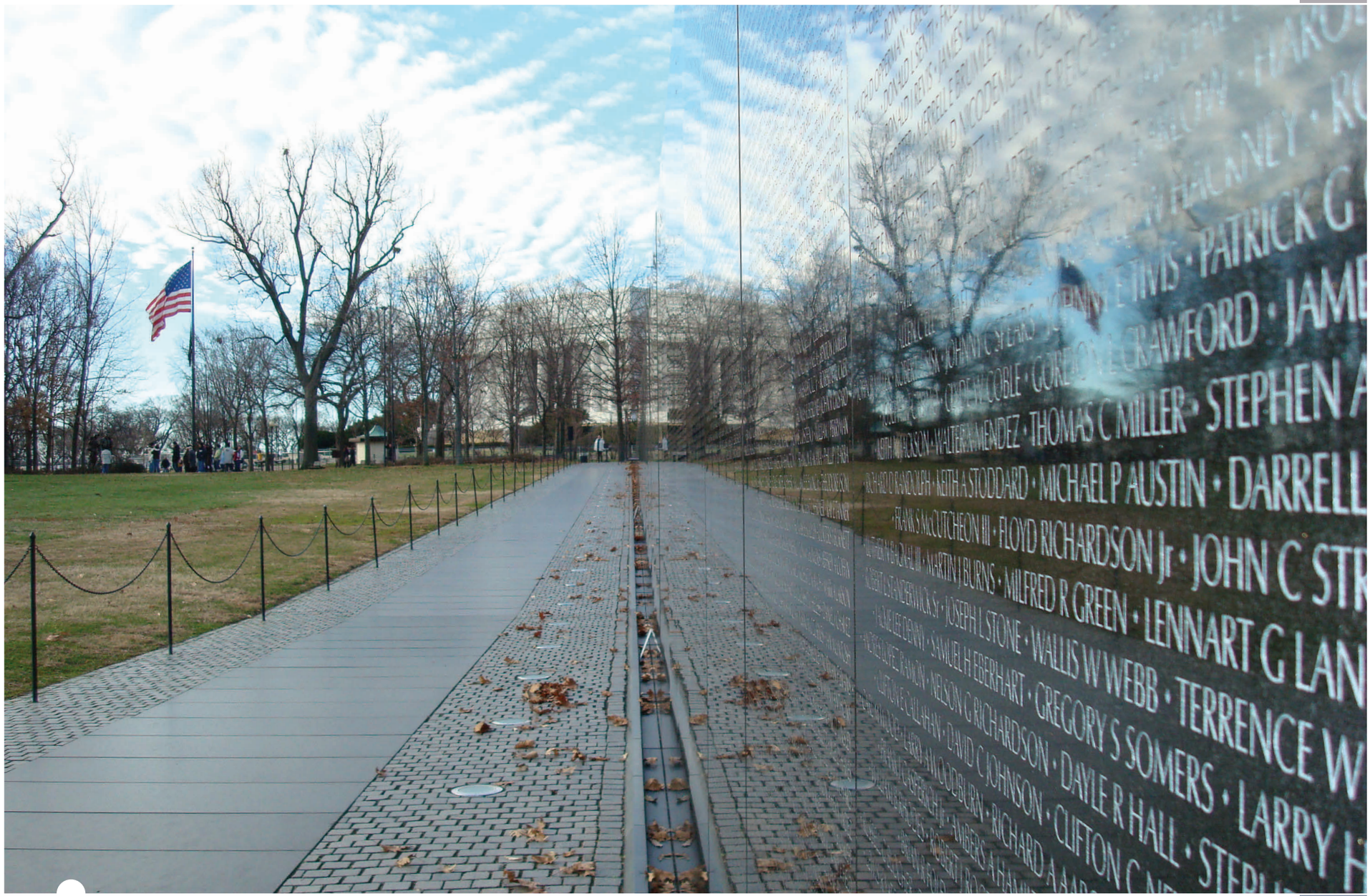
WORLD WAR II VALOR IN THE PACIFIC NM

Hawaii, Alaska, California, 1980

Here, the stories of the Pacific War, including the events at Pearl Harbor, internment of Japanese Americans, battles in the Aleutians, and occupation of Japan are preserved and interpreted.







VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL

Washington, D.C., 1980

Honoring the men and women who served in the Vietnam War, the memorial chronologically lists the names of over 58,000 Americans who gave their lives in service to their country. The memorial was dedicated in 1982.

JAMES A. GARFIELD NHS

Ohio, 1980

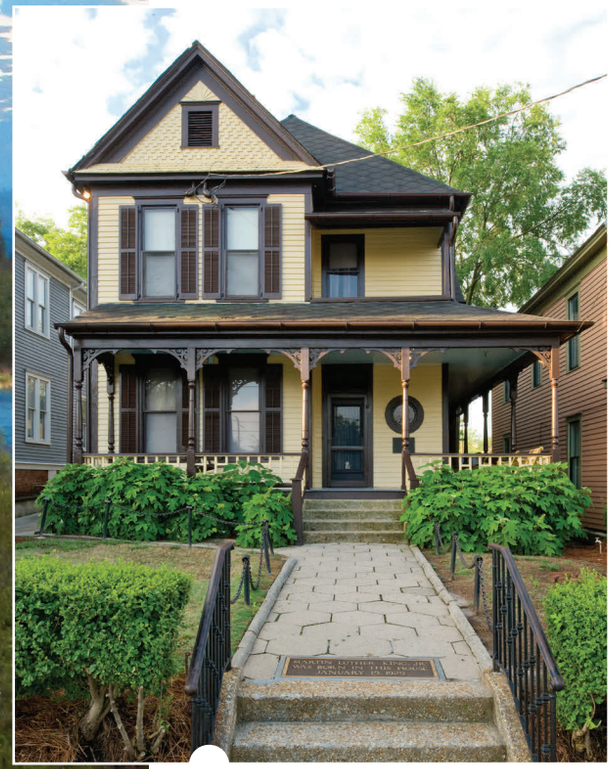
In 1880, Garfield used his front porch as a platform to greet thousands of well-wishers during his presidential campaign. Today, the porch serves as a gateway to the story of the Garfield family.



ALAGNAK WR

Alaska, 1980

The Alagnak River traverses the beautiful Alaska Peninsula, providing an unparalleled opportunity to experience the unique wilderness, wildlife, and cultural heritage of southwest Alaska.



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., NHP

Georgia, 1980

Visit MLK's birth home and where he played as a child. Walk in his footsteps, hear his voice in the church where he moved hearts and minds. Marvel at how he was an instrument for social change.

POTOMAC HERITAGE NST

Maryland, Washington, D.C., Virginia, Pennsylvania, 1983

The trail network follows paths explored by George Washington. You can follow the same routes today—on foot, bicycle, horse, or by boat.



KALAUPAPA NHP

Hawaii, 1980

Since 1866, over 8,000 people have died at Kalaupapa. Kalaupapa is refuge for the few remaining residents now cured of Hansen's disease (leprosy) but forced to live their lives in isolation.



NATCHEZ TRACE NST

Mississippi, 1983

The 450-mile foot trail was the lifeline through the Old Southwest. Experience portions of that journey on foot the way earlier travelers did. Today, there are five separate trails totaling over 60 miles.

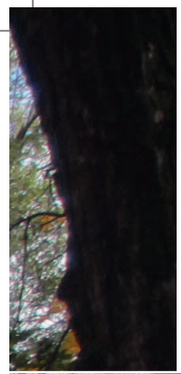
WOMEN'S RIGHTS NHP

New York, 1980

The park tells the story of the first Women's Rights Convention held in Seneca Falls in July 1848. It is a story of struggles for civil rights, human rights, and equality—global struggles that continue today.







KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL

Washington, D.C., 1986

Our nation honors her sons and daughters who answered the call to defend a country many never knew and a people most never met. The memorial was dedicated in 1995.







HARRY S TRUMAN NHS

Missouri, 1983

Visitors can experience the surroundings Truman knew as a young man of modest ambition, through his political career, and final years as a former president.



STEAMTOWN NHS

Pennsylvania, 1986

Here you can learn the history of steam railroad transportation and the people who built, repaired, and rode during this special era in America's industrial history.

JIMMY CARTER NHS

Georgia, 1987

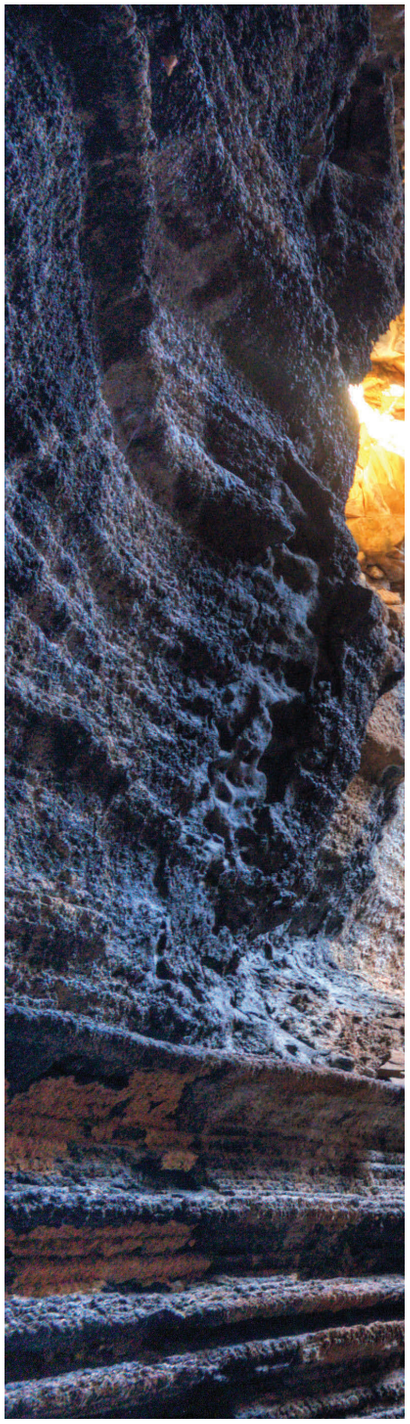
The rural southern culture that revolves around farming, church, and school had a large influence in molding the character and shaping the political policies of the 39th U.S. president.

TIMUCUAN E & H PRES

Florida, 1988

One of the last unspoiled coastal wetlands on the Atlantic Coast includes 6,000 years of human history, salt marshes, coastal dunes, hardwood hammocks, Fort Caroline, and Kingsley Plantation.





EL MALPAIS NM

New Mexico, 1987

Volcanic forces over the past million years have created cinder cones, shield volcanoes, collapses, trenches, caves, and other eerie formations that preserve continuous geologic records of volcanism.



SAN FRANCISCO MARITIME NHP

California, 1988

Stand on the stern of *Balclutha*; feel the fresh wind blowing in from the ocean. Adjacent to Fisherman's Wharf, the park offers the sights, sounds, smells, and stories of Pacific Coast maritime history.



CHARLES PINCKNEY NHS

South Carolina, 1988

This coastal-plantation remnant preserves the story of Charles Pinckney, his life of public service, the lives of enslaved African Americans on Lowcountry plantations, and their influences on him.



CITY OF ROCKS N RES

Idaho, 1988

Emigrants from the California Trail described the rocks as "a city of tall spires," "steeple rocks," and "the silent city." Today, the reserve attracts rock climbers, campers, hikers, hunters, and the adventurous.

POVERTY POINT NM

Louisiana, 1988

At its peak 3,000 years ago, Poverty Point was part of a trading network that stretched for hundreds of miles. Explore the culture of a sophisticated people who left behind an important archeological site.





NATIONAL PARK OF AMERICAN SAMOA

American Samoa, 1988

The park invites you into a world of sights, sounds, and experiences like no other in the United States. Enjoy the welcoming people of American Samoa, its rich culture and natural resources.



NATCHEZ NHP

Mississippi, 1988

The magnificent antebellum estate, Melrose, represents the height of Southern prosperity. The William Johnson House tells of the life of free African Americans in the pre-Civil War South.



MISSISSIPPI NRRA

Minnesota, 1988

In the middle of a bustling urban setting, this 72-mile river park offers quiet stretches for fishing, boating, and canoeing. Other spots are excellent for bird watching, bicycling, and hiking.



HAGERMAN FOSSIL BEDS NM

Idaho, 1988

The collection contains over 200 different species of fossil plants and animals: saber-toothed cat, mastodon, bear, camel, ground sloth, and more. Over 3,000 new fossil fragments are found each year.



BLUESTONE NSR

West Virginia, 1988

The river and the rugged, ancient gorge it has carved is a diverse and scenic area of the Southern Appalachians. It provides a living landscape and a haven for a variety of plants and animals.



PETROGLYPH NM

New Mexico, 1990

One of the largest petroglyph sites in North America, it features designs and symbols carved onto volcanic rocks by American Indians and Spanish settlers 400 to 700 years ago.

ULYSSES S. GRANT NHS

Missouri, 1989

The Civil War general who saved the Union and became 18th president of the United States lived here with his wife, Julia Dent, and her family at her family home, White Haven, from 1854 to 1859.



WEIR FARM NHS

Connecticut, 1990

The Weirs transformed their summer retreat into a creative refuge for friends and fellow artists. After Weir, artists Mahonri Young and Sperry Andrews also lived and worked here, continuing Weir's legacy.



GAULEY RIVER NRA

West Virginia, 1988

The 25 miles of free-flowing Gauley River and the six miles of the Meadow River pass through scenic gorges and valleys containing a wide variety of natural and cultural features.



MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE COUNCIL HOUSE NHS

Washington, D.C., 1991

The Council House was the first headquarters of the National Council of Negro Women and Mary McLeod Bethune's last home in Washington, D.C.



MANZANAR NHS

California, 1992

Manzanar War Relocation Center was one of 10 camps where Japanese American citizens and resident Japanese aliens were interned during World War II.



SALT RIVER BAY NHP & E PRES

Virgin Islands, 1992

A blend of sea and land includes some of the largest remaining mangrove forests in the Virgin Islands, coral reefs, and a submarine canyon.



NIOBRARA NSR

Nebraska, 1991

High water quality and the relatively free-flowing nature of the Niobrara River support diverse life, and unique fossil-filled sandstone cliffs are home to over 200 waterfalls.

MARSH-BILLINGS-ROCKEFELLER NHP

Vermont, 1992

The park is a living symbol of three generations of conservationist thought and practice and a repository for the histories of three quintessentially American families.





BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION NHS

Kansas, 1992

This site commemorates the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court decision that ended racial segregation in public schools. Its story is one of hope and courage.

LITTLE RIVER CANYON N PRES

Alabama, 1992

Natural resources and cultural heritage come together to tell the story of the preserve, a special place in the Southern Appalachians.

DAYTON AVIATION HERITAGE NHP

Ohio, 1992

Three exceptional men, Wilbur Wright, Orville Wright, and poet Paul Laurence Dunbar, found their creative outlet here and offered the world hope and the ability to make a dream a reality.









MOJAVE N PRES

California, 1994

Singing sand dunes, volcanic cinder cones, Joshua tree forests, and carpets of wildflowers are all found at this 1.6 million-acre park that provides serenity and solitude.

GREAT EGG HARBOR NSRR

New Jersey, 1992

This 129-mile river gradually widens as it picks up the waters of 17 tributaries on its way to Great Egg Harbor and the Atlantic Ocean.





KEWEENAW NHP

Michigan, 1992

From 7,000 years ago to the 1900s, people mined Keweenaw copper. Native peoples made copper into tools. In the 1800s, investors and immigrants developed industries and communities here.



DRY TORTUGAS NP

Florida, 1992

The park is known for the magnificent Fort Jefferson, picturesque blue waters, superlative coral reefs and marine life, and a vast assortment of bird life.

CANE RIVER CREOLE NHP

Louisiana, 1994

The nearly 300-year relationship between the Cane River Creoles and their homeland was shaped by the river. The Creole culture endures and thrives to this day.



NEW ORLEANS JAZZ NHP

Louisiana, 1994

Only in New Orleans could there be a national park for jazz! A variety of musicians here explore the origins, development, and progression of New Orleans jazz.

WASHITA BATTLEFIELD NHS

Oklahoma, 1996

This is the setting along the Washita River where Custer led his troops on a surprise attack against a Southern Cheyenne village on November 27, 1868.





NICODEMUS NHS

Kansas, 1996

Nicodemus, the oldest remaining black settlement west of the Mississippi, represents the involvement of African Americans in the westward expansion and settlement of the Great Plains.



LITTLE ROCK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL NHS

Arkansas, 1998

Little Rock Central High School is recognized for the role it played in the desegregation of public schools in the United States.





NEW BEDFORD WHALING NHP

Massachusetts, 1996

In the mid-19th century, New Bedford was the whaling capital of the world. Whaling made New Bedford a cosmopolitan seaport community and one of the richest cities in the world.



BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS NRA

Massachusetts, 1996

Tour a Civil War-era fort, visit historic lighthouses, explore tide pools, hike, camp, fish, picnic, and swim—all within reach of downtown Boston.

TALLGRASS PRAIRIE N PRES

Kansas, 1996

The preserve protects a nationally significant remnant of the once vast tallgrass prairie and its cultural resources. Here, the tallgrass prairie takes its last stand.



MINUTEMAN MISSILE NHS

South Dakota, 1999

This site tells the story of Minuteman Missiles, nuclear deterrence, and the Cold War—one of the most important eras in the history of America and the world.

TUSKEGEE AIRMEN NHS

Alabama, 1998

The first African American military pilots began their flight training at Moton Field in Tuskegee, Alabama. This site tells their story.





ROSIE THE RIVETER/ WORLD WAR II HOME FRONT NHP

California, 2000

Through historic structures, museum collections, interpretive exhibits, and programs, the park tells the diverse and fascinating story of the WWII home front.



FIRST LADIES NHS

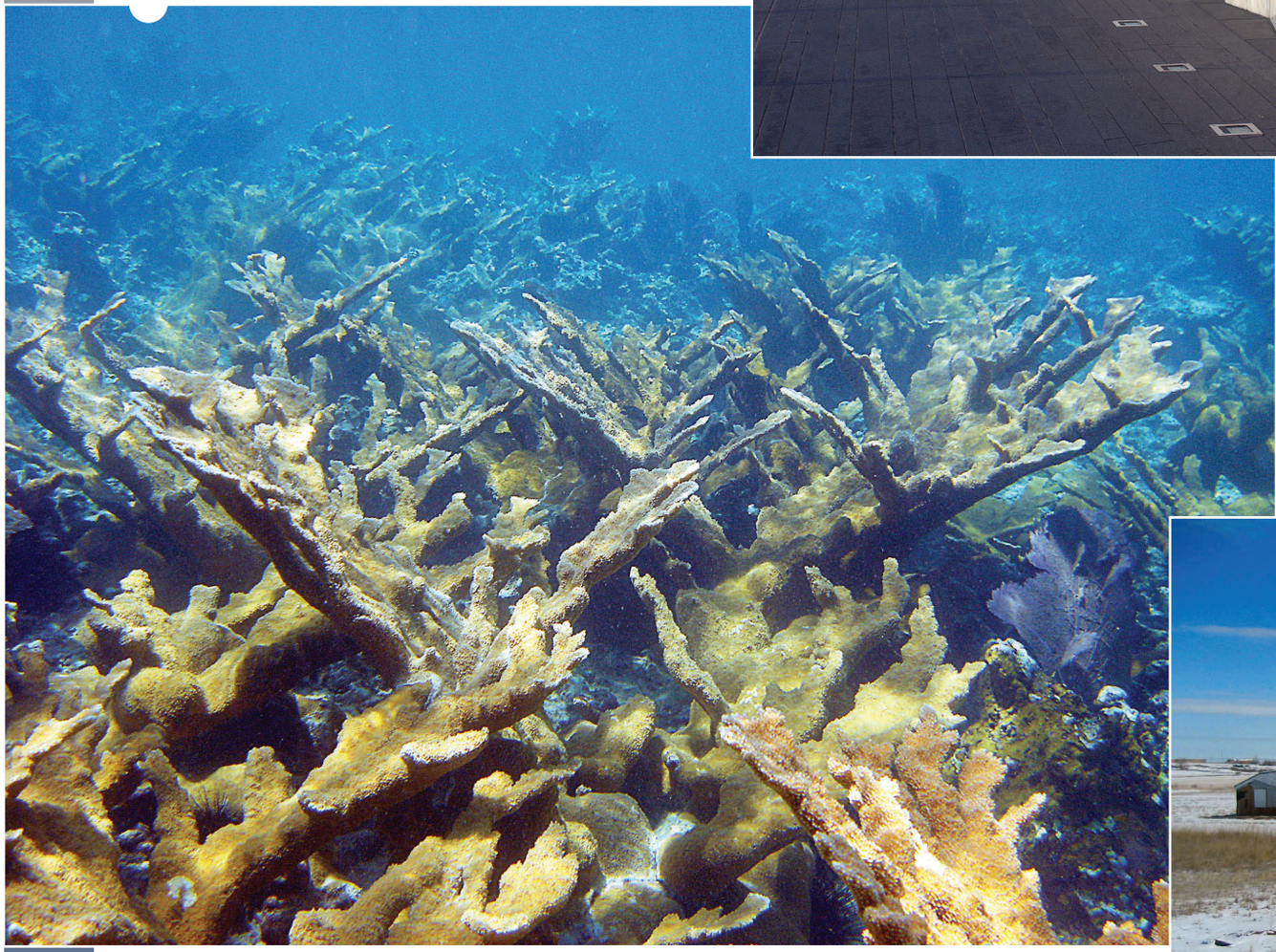
Ohio, 2000

The home of First Lady Ida Saxton McKinley and the seven-story 1895 City Bank Building are preserved at this site, which honors our nation's first ladies.

VIRGIN ISLANDS CORAL REEF NM

Virgin Islands, 2001

This tropical marine ecosystem includes mangroves, sea grass beds, coral reefs, and extraordinary blue-green waters as well as a habitat for humpback whales, sea turtles, and reef fish.





FLIGHT 93 N MEM

Pennsylvania, 2002

The memorial honors the courageous action of 33 passengers and seven crew members on Flight 93 who thwarted a possible attack on our Nation's Capital.

MINIDOKA NHS

Idaho, 2001

The history and cultural resources associated with the relocation and internment of thousands of Japanese Americans during WWII are interpreted here.





GOVERNORS ISLAND NM

New York, 2001

The island is a vibrant summer seasonal venue of art, culture, and performance against the backdrop of two centuries of military heritage and New York City skyline.


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CEDAR CREEK AND BELLE GROVE NHP

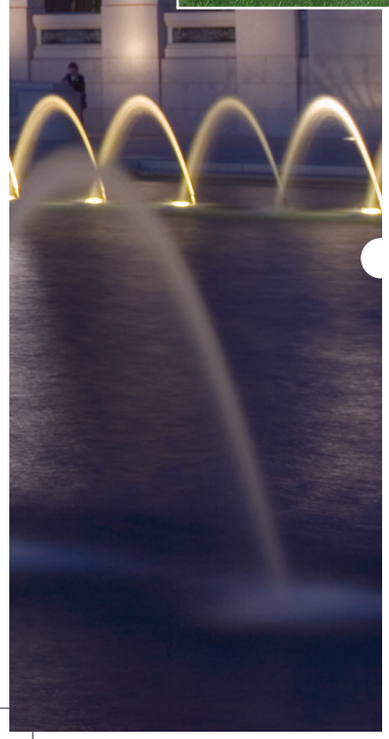
Virginia, 2002

Site of the Battle of Cedar Creek, October 19, 1864, this park also contains Belle Grove Plantation, home of an early Shenandoah settler.

AFRICAN BURIAL GROUND NM

New York, 2006

The African Burial Ground dating from the 17th century was rediscovered in 1991 during the construction of a federal office building. It is now a place of honor.



WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

Washington, D.C., 2004

Through architecture and sculptures, the World War II Memorial recognizes the Americans who served, honors those who fell, and pays tribute to the victory they achieved to restore freedom.



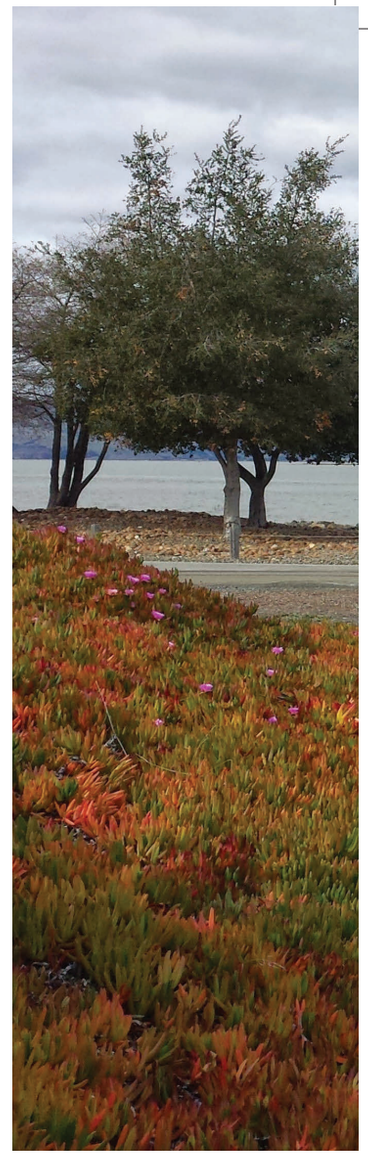


PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON BIRTHPLACE HOME NHS

Arkansas, 2010

Bill Clinton spent his first formative years in Hope, Arkansas, where he learned many of the early lessons that defined his life and his presidency.





SAND CREEK MASSACRE NHS

Colorado, 2007

On November 29, 1864, U.S. soldiers attacked a peaceful encampment of Cheyenne and Arapaho along Sand Creek. This site enhances public understanding of that tragedy.



PORT CHICAGO NAVAL MAGAZINE N MEM

California, 2009

On July 17, 1944, at Port Chicago Naval Magazine, 320 men were instantly killed when two ships being loaded with ammunition for the Pacific theater troops exploded.



CARTER G. WOODSON HOME NHS

Washington, D.C., 2006

Dr. Woodson's home served as the headquarters for the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. In 1926, he established what today is Black History Month. The home is in need of restoration and is closed to the public.



RIVER RAISIN NBP

Michigan, 2010

The park preserves, commemorates, and interprets the January 1813 battles of the War of 1812 that resulted in victory for American Indians and defeat for the United States.


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FORT MONROE NM

Virginia, 2011

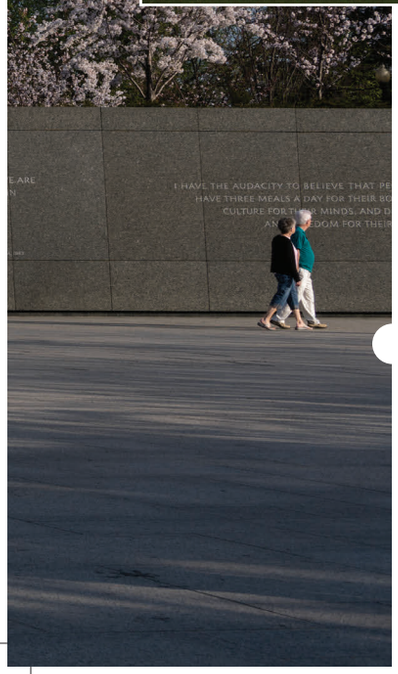
The monument spans American history: American Indian presence, Captain John Smith's journeys, a haven for Civil War freedom seekers, and a defense for the Chesapeake Bay.

CÉSAR E. CHÁVEZ NM

California, 2012

The most important Latino leader in the United States during the 20th century, Chávez led farm workers in the establishment of the country's first permanent agricultural union.





MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL

Washington, D.C., 2011

Captured in a moment of reflective thought, the figure of civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., serves as the forward element of the Stone of Hope.





PATERSON GREAT FALLS NHP

New Jersey, 2011

Paterson, America's first planned industrial city, centered around the Great Falls of the Passaic River. From humble mills would rise industries that changed the face of the nation.





CHARLES YOUNG BUFFALO SOLDIERS NM

Ohio, 2013

In spite of overt racism and stifling inequality, Young rose through the military ranks to become one of the most respected leaders of his time.

HARRIET TUBMAN UNDERGROUND RAILROAD NHP

Maryland, 2013

Harriet Tubman was the Underground Railroad's best-known conductor who risked her life to guide nearly 70 enslaved people to new lives of freedom in the North.





FIRST STATE NHP

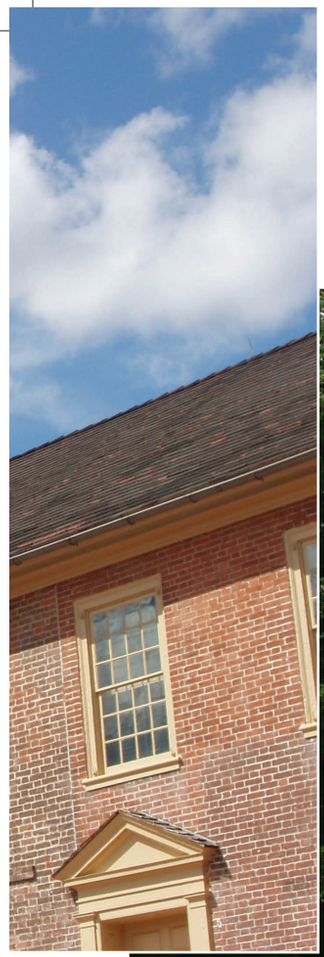
Delaware, 2013

Famous as the first state to ratify the Constitution, Delaware developed a distinct character that tolerated diversity in religion and national origin, and valued independence.

BLACKSTONE RIVER VALLEY NHP

Massachusetts, Rhode Island, 2014

The elements that turned this quiet valley into an industrial powerhouse are still present today, including the river, canal, mill villages, and an agricultural landscape.



VALLES CALDERA N PRES

New Mexico, 2014

The preserve features a supervolcano, elk, historic cabins, and prehistoric sites at the southern edge of the Rocky Mountains. Camping, hiking, fishing, and horseback riding await visitors.

TULE SPRINGS FOSSIL BEDS NM

Nevada, 2014

Mammoths, lions, and camels once roamed along wetlands just north of what is now Las Vegas, Nevada. Their history is preserved here.

PULLMAN NM

Illinois, 2015

Designed as a utopia, Pullman was a place to provide workers with a safe community and better standard of living, free of social ills.









HONOULIULI NM

Hawaii, 2015

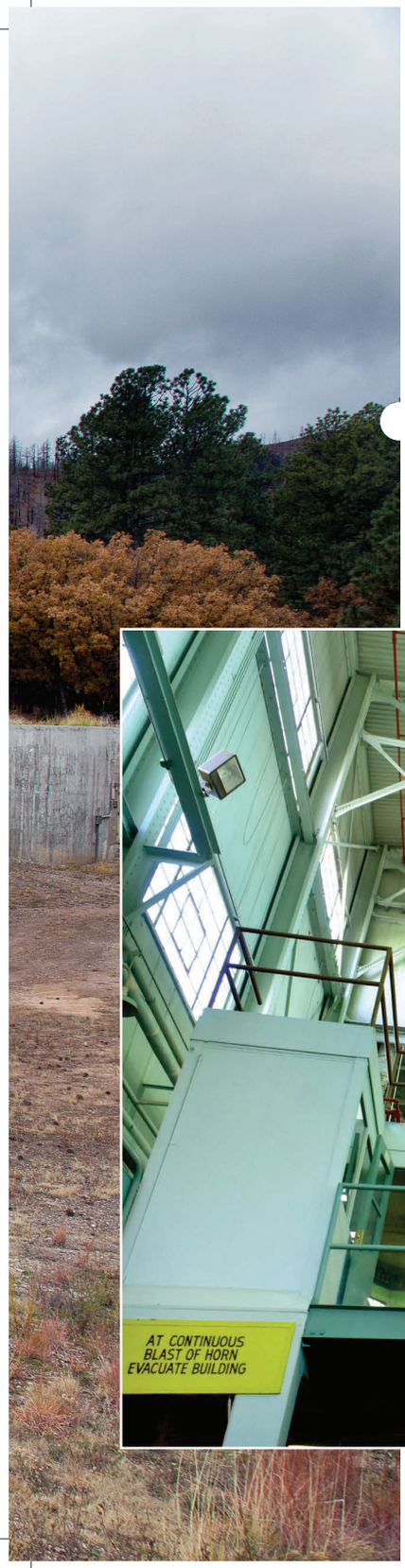
The monument tells the history of internment and martial law in Hawaii during World War II. It is a place to reflect on wartime experiences and recommit ourselves to freedom and justice.

WACO MAMMOTH NM

Waco, Texas, 2015

This paleontological site preserves the nation's only recorded discovery of a nursery herd of Columbian mammoths. View fossils including female mammoths, a bull mammoth, and a camel that lived approximately 67,000 years ago.





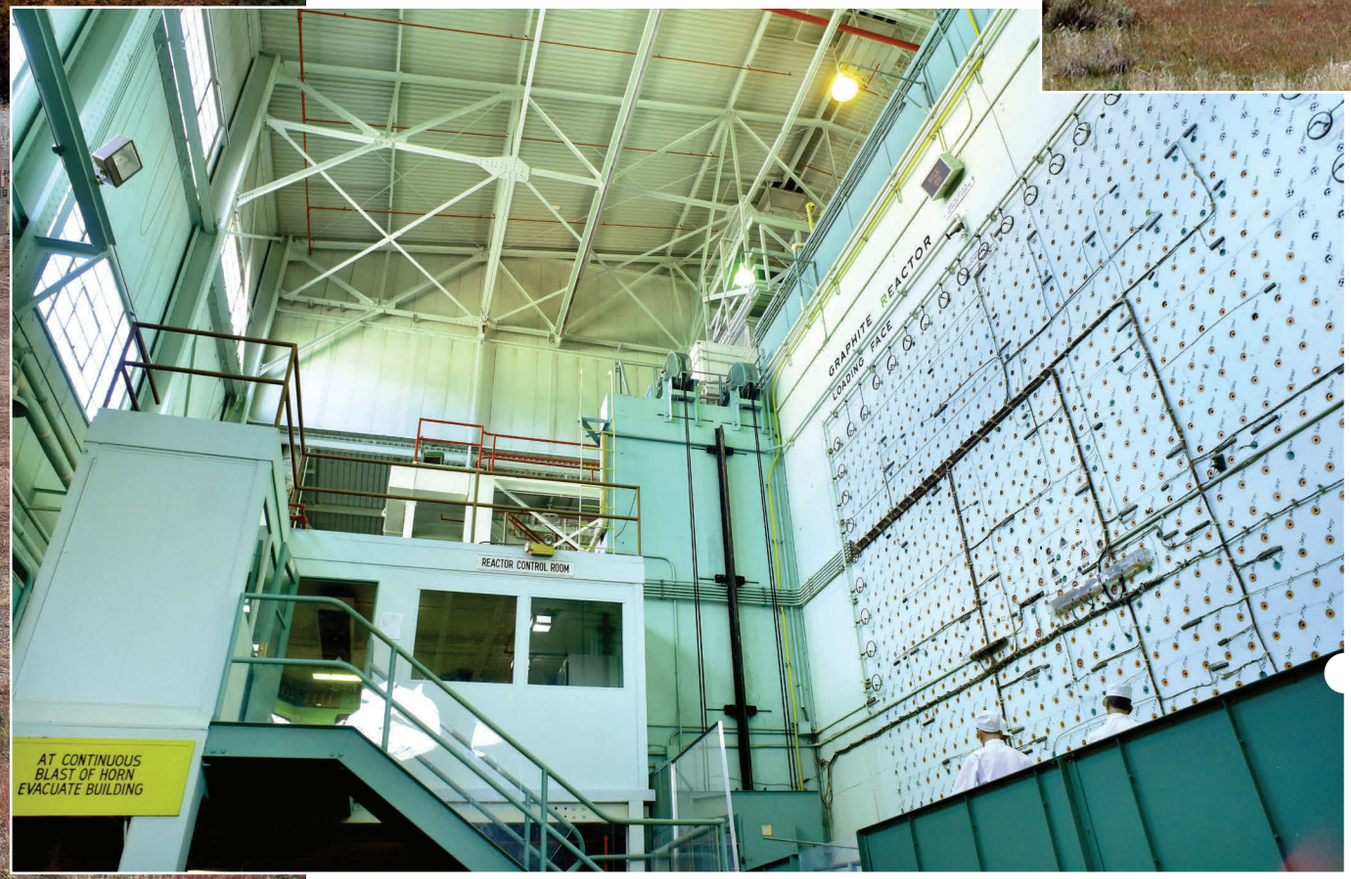
MANHATTAN PROJECT NHP is administered jointly by the Department of Energy and the NPS to preserve portions of three World War II sites where the United States developed the first atomic weapons. The history of the people and events behind this top-secret project is told at these sites.

LOS ALAMOS SITE

New Mexico, 2015

Scientists conducted tests here for the weapon designs known as Thin Man and Little Boy. Components of Little Boy were assembled here before shipment to the Pacific. Little Boy was deployed over Hiroshima on August 6, 1945. (not currently open to the public)





HANFORD SITE

Washington, 2015

The B Reactor was built for plutonium production during the Manhattan Project and is the world's first full-scale nuclear reactor. B Reactor produced the plutonium that was used in the Fat Man bomb that was dropped over Nagasaki, Japan, on August 9, 1945.

OAK RIDGE SITE

Tennessee, 2015

This was a pilot plant that led to construction of the full-scale plutonium production reactors that were built at Hanford. After the war, it was used for peacetime production of radioisotopes for use in industry, agriculture, medicine, and research.



STONEWALL NM

New York, 2016

On June 28, 1969, a series of violent protests erupted during a police raid of the Stonewall Inn, a known gay bar. The event became a catalyst for increasing demonstrations and demands for LGBT rights, laying the groundwork for the gay pride movement.



CASTLE MOUNTAINS NM

California, 2016

Possessing outstanding natural, cultural, and historical attributes, the monument highlights some of the finest characteristics of the eastern Mojave Desert. Beneath the shadow of Hart Peak lie exposed geological features, Native American archaeological sites, and a historic gold mining ghost town.

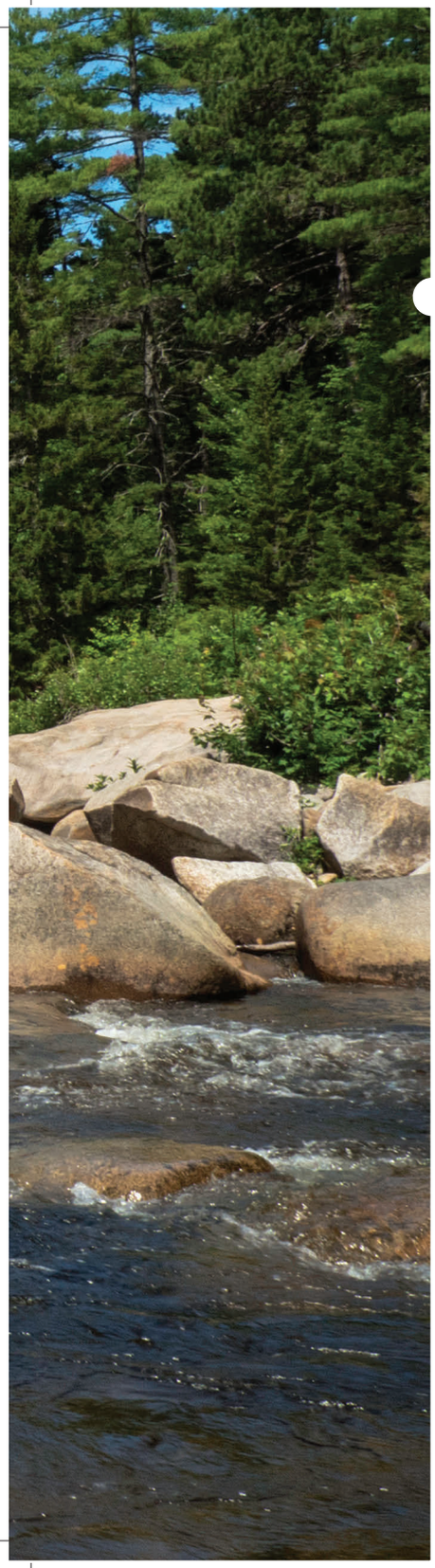


BELMONT-PAUL WOMEN'S EQUALITY NM

Washington, D.C., 2016

The courageous activism of the National Woman's Party is honored here at the oldest house on Capitol Hill. Since 1929, this location has served as a staging ground in the battle for women's equality–a legacy that endures today.





KATAHDIN WOODS AND WATERS NM

Maine, 2016

The park permanently conserves a portion of Maine's forests, safeguarding more than 30 miles of pristine rivers and streams and prime habitat for wildlife. Open to visitors with opportunities for hiking, biking, and fishing, the monument offers spectacular views of Mount Katahdin.

HARRIET TUBMAN NHP

New York, 2017

The most tangible reminders of Tubman's devotion to family, freedom, and community are found here. The site includes her family home of almost 50 years, the Tubman Home for the Aged, and the Thompson Memorial AME Zion Church, evidence of Tubman's strong faith.





BIRMINGHAM CIVIL RIGHTS NM

Alabama, 2017

The site recounts the history of a series of non-violent boycotts, marches and sit-ins and the terrifying, sometimes deadly attacks inflicted in retaliation. The movement produced shocking images of violence broadcast around the world, and civil rights became a pressing national issue.

FREEDOM RIDERS NM

Alabama, 2017

In 1961, an interracial group of "Freedom Riders," who challenged discriminatory laws requiring racial separation in interstate travel, were attacked and their bus firebombed. This attack spurred federal regulations banning segregation in interstate travel.





RECONSTRUCTION ERA NM

South Carolina, 2017

The Reconstruction era (1861-1898) found the United States struggling to integrate millions of newly freed African Americans into social, political, economic, and labor systems. This site tells stories of transformation, hope, accomplishment, and disappointment.

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ABBREVIATIONS FOR NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM AREAS

IHS – International Historic Site
N & SP – National and State Parks
NB – National Battlefield
NBP – National Battlefield Park
NBS – National Battlefield Site
NHP – National Historical Park
NHP & PRES – National Historical Park and Preserve
NH RES – National Historical Reserve
NHS – National Historic Site
NL – National Lakeshore
NM – National Monument
NM & PRES – National Monument and Preserve
NMP – National Military Park
N MEM – National Memorial
NP – National Park
NP & PRES – National Park and Preserve
N PRES – National Preserve
NR – National River
NRA – National Recreation Area
NRR – National Recreational River
NRRA – National River and Recreation Area
N RES – National Reserve
NS – National Seashore
NSR – National Scenic River/Riverway
NST – National Scenic Trail
PKWY – Parkway
SRR – Scenic and Recreational River
WR - Wild River
WSR – Wild and Scenic River

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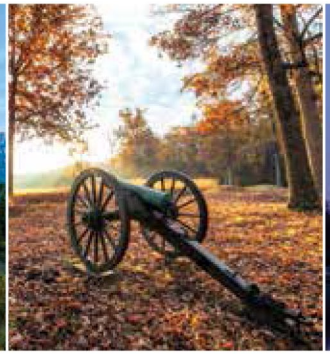
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