

Summary of National Park Service laws in 113th Congress

New units of the park system:

Harriet Tubman-Underground Railroad National Monument. MD – Pres. Procl. 8943.
First State National Monument, DE – Pres. Procl. 8944.
Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument, OH – Pres. Procl. 8945.
Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park, RI/MA – P.L. 113-291.
Tule Springs National Monument, NV – P.L. 113-291.
Valles Caldera National Preserve, NM – P.L. 113-291.
World War I Memorial (redesignation of Pershing Park), DC – P.L. 113-291.
Coltsville National Historical Park (upon acquisition of land) – P.L. 113-291.
Harriet Tubman National Historical Park, NY (upon acquisition of land) – P.L. 113-291.
Manhattan Project National Historical Park, WA/NM/TN (all three areas as one unit and upon agreement with the Department of Energy) – P.L. 113-291.

New affiliated areas:

Wing-Luke National Museum Affiliated Area – Secretarial Decision Memorandum of 2/10/13.

Name changes:

Renames the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial – P.L. 113-171.

National Park Service Centennial:

Authorizes a National Park Service 100th Anniversary Coin – P.L. 113-291.

National Park Service Authorities:

Increases the authorization of appropriations ceiling for the Volunteers in Parks program from \$3.5 million to \$5 million (included in the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, FY 2015) – P.L. 113-235.
Enacts Title 54 of the U.S. Code, “National Park Service and Related Programs”, as positive law – P.L. 113-287.
Authorizes donor recognition in statute – P.L. 113-291.

Boundary modification and name change:

Redesignates First State National Monument, DE as a National Historical Park and authorizes the addition of other sites – P.L. 113-291.
Redesignates part of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Monument, MD as a National Historical Park and authorizes the addition of other sites – P.L. 113-291.
Adjusts the boundary and renames Oregon Caves National Monument and Preserve, OR – P.L. 113-291.

Boundary modifications:

Modifies the boundary of Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in SD – P.L. 113-36.
Modifies the boundary of Gettysburg National Military Park, PA (adding train station and Plum Run) – P.L. 113-291.

Modifies the boundary of Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, WI – P.L. 113-291.
Modifies the boundary of Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park, NJ – P.L. 113-291.
Modifies the boundary of the Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site, NY – P.L. 113-291.
Modifies the boundary of San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, TX – P.L. 113-291.
Provides authority to add lands to Vicksburg National Military Park, MS – P.L. 113-291.

Heritage areas:

Extends the authorization of appropriations until September 30, 2013 for 12 National Heritage Areas whose authority expired in 2012 (included in the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, FY 2013) – P.L. 113-6.
Extends the authorization of appropriations until September 30, 2015 for 12 National Heritage Areas (included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, FY 2014) – P.L. 113-76.
Extends the authorization of appropriations until September 30, 2015 for the Automobile National Heritage Area (included in the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, FY 2015) – P.L. 113-235.
Increases the authorization of appropriations from \$10 million to \$11 million for the Wheeling National Heritage Area (included in the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, FY 2015) – P.L. 113-235.
Extends federal funding for 15 national heritage areas until September 30, 2021 – P.L. 113-291.
Redesignates the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor as the Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor, CT – P.L. 113-291.
Redesignates the Automobile National Heritage Area as the MotorCities National Heritage Area, MI – P.L. 113-291.
Authorizes the transition of the Blackstone Heritage Corridor's federal commission to a non-profit management entity and adjusts the boundary of the heritage corridor, RI/MA – P.L. 113-291.

Wild and scenic rivers:

Designates the River Styx, OR as a scenic river – P.L. 113-291.
Designates the Missisquoi and Trout wild and scenic rivers, VT – P.L. 113-291.
Authorizes the addition of segments to the White Clay Creek wild and scenic river, PA/DE – P.L. 113-291.

Wilderness:

Designates as wilderness certain land and inland water within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan – P.L. 113-87.
Authorizes NPS to rebuild the Stehekin Road in North Cascades National Park, WA and to adjust the wilderness boundary – P.L. 113-291.

NPS lands issues:

- Provides for certain improvements to the Denali National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska – P.L. 113-33.
- Directs the conveyance to the State of Mississippi of two parcels of surplus land within the boundary of Natchez Trace Parkway – P.L. 113-35.
- Extends the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary to provide American Battlefield Protection Program grants through FY 2014 (included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, FY 2014) – P.L. 113-76.
- Extends the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary to provide American Battlefield Protection Program grants through FY 2021 (included in the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, FY 2015) – P.L. 113-235.
- Extends the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary to provide American Battlefield Protection Program grants through FY 2021 and expands the program to allow grants for Revolutionary War and War of 1812 battlefield sites (currently restricted to Civil War sites) – P.L. 113-291.

Natural resource authorities:

- Provides for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States and provides for the conservation and development of water and related resources – P.L. 113-121.
- Amends the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998 to revise the membership for the Inter-Agency Task Force – P.L. 113-124.
- Directs the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area – P.L. 113-137.
- Allows the harvest of gull eggs by the Huna Tlingit people within Glacier Bay National Park, AK – P.L. 113-142.
- Protects the watershed of the North Fork River (next to Glacier National Park), MT – P.L. 113-291.
- Requires the National Park Service to consider modifying the final rule for ORVs at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, NC – P.L. 113-291.

Cultural resource authorities:

- Provides for the presentation of the Congressional gold medal to the Monuments Men in recognition of their role in the preservation and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II – P.L. 113-116.

Fee authorities:

- Provides for a one-year extension of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to December 8, 2015 (included in the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2014) – P.L. 113-46.
- Provides for an extension of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to September 30, 2016 (included in the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, FY 2015) – P.L. 113-235.

Miscellaneous other authorities:

- Requires increases in pension contributions for new federal employees; limits compensation for government contractors; and allows federal health plans to cover the employee and one other eligible family member (included in the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2014) – P.L. 113-67.
- Authorizes the Secretary of the Army to enter into a contract with an appropriate entity to provide transportation concession services to visitors at Army National Military Cemeteries, including Arlington National Cemetery, but excludes the gift shop at Arlington unless subsequently authorized by Congress (included in the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2014) – P.L. 113-66.
- Extends the authorization of appropriations for the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network through FY 2015 (included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, FY 2014) – P.L. 113-76.
- Makes clarifying modifications to the authorities made available to the Secretary of the Interior and the Chief of the Forest Service to conduct joint programs under the Service First initiative to promote customer service and efficiency (included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, FY 2014) – P.L. 113-76.
- Designates the National Park Ranger Margaret Anderson Post Office in Eatonville, WA – P.L. 113-110.
- Ratifies all payments made to school districts from October 1, 1975, to December 16, 2014, from revenues received by the United States from visitors to Yellowstone National Park (included in the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, FY 2015) – P.L. 113-235.
- Authorizes the NPS to make improvements to a support facility at a national historic site (Sand Creek Massacre, CO) – P.L. 113-291.

Studies:

- Authorizes the study of the following rivers for potential wild and scenic designation – P.L. 113-291.:
 - Cave, Lake, No Name, Panther, and Upper Cave Creeks, OR
 - Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood and Pawcatuck Rivers, RI and CT
 - Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers, MA
 - York, ME
- Authorizes the study of the following areas as potential additions to the National Park System – P.L. 113-291.:
 - Lower Mississippi River, LA
 - Rota, CNMI
 - Prison Ship Martyr's Monument, NY
 - Flushing Remonstrance, NY
 - West Hunter Street Baptist Church and block, GA
 - Mills Springs Battlefield, KY
 - New Philadelphia, IL
- Authorizes NPS to conduct a study to interpret and commemorate the Buffalo Soldiers – P.L. 113-291.

DC Memorials:

- Extends the authorization for the Eisenhower memorial until September 30, 2013 (included in Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013) – P.L. 113-6.
- Provides for donor contribution acknowledgments to be displayed at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitor Center – P.L. 113-21.
- Authorizes the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs – P.L. 113-78.
- Extends the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission to September 30, 2014 and suspends the authority to expend funds for the design and construction of a memorial in honor of Dwight D. Eisenhower (included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, FY 2014) – P.L. 113-76.
- Extends the authority for construction of the National Law Enforcement Museum for three years until November 9, 2016 – P.L. 113-102.
- Directs the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on D-Day, June 6, 1944 – P.L. 113-123.
- Approves the location of a memorial to commemorate the more than 5,000 slaves and free black persons who fought for independence in the American Revolution – P.L. 113-176.
- Extends the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission to September 30, 2015 and suspends the authority to expend funds for the design and construction of a memorial in honor of Dwight D. Eisenhower (included in the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, FY 2015) – P.L. 113-235.
- Authorizes the establishment of a National Desert Storm/Desert Shield Memorial in DC – P.L. 113-291.
- Extends the authority to establish the Adams Memorial, DC – P.L. 113-291.
- Establishes a commission to study the potential creation of a National Women’s History Museum, DC – P.L. 113-291.

Boards and Commissions:

- Extends the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission for 10 years – P.L. 113-178.

Appropriations:

- Supplemental Appropriations Act for FY 2013 – P.L. 113-2.
- Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, FY 2013 - P.L. 113-6.
- Extension of the Helium Act (NPS challenge cost-share funding) – P.L. 113-40.
- Continuing Appropriations, 2014 – P.L. 113-46.
- Continuing Appropriations, 2014 – P.L. 113-67.
- Consolidated Appropriations, 2014 – P.L. 113-76.
- Continuing Appropriations, 2015 – P.L. 113-164.
- Continuing Appropriations, 2015 – P.L. 113-202.
- Continuing Appropriations, 2015 – P.L. 113-203.
- Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 - P.L. 113-235.

Presidential Proclamations:

Harriet Tubman-Underground Railroad National Monument – Pres. Procl. 8943

First State National Monument – Pres. Procl. 8944

Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument – Pres. Procl. 8945

Executive Orders:

Amendments to Executive Order 12777 (Implementation of Section 311 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of October 18, 1972, as amended, and the Oil Pollution Act of 1990- Order 13638

Adjustments of Certain Rates of Pay – Order 13641

Making Open and Machine Readable the New Default for Government Information – Order 13642

Establishing the White House Council on Native American Affairs – Order 13647.

Continuance Of Certain Federal Advisory Committees (Committee for the Preservation of the White House) – Order 13652.

Preparing the United States for the Impacts of Climate Change – Order 13653.

Adjustments of Certain Rates of Pay - Order 13655

Minimum Wage for Contractors – Order 13658

Further Amendments to E.O. 11478, Equal Employment Opportunity in the Federal Government, and E.O. 11246, Equal Employment Opportunity – Order 13672

Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces – Order 13673

Climate-Resilient International Development – Order 13677

Note: Many of the provisions above were included in P.L. 113-291, the Carl Levin and Howard P. ‘Buck’ McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (H.R. 3979)