

We work to protect our national parks — the places that tell the American story — to leave a lasting legacy for future generations.





# Making a Difference Across the Nation

For 99 years and counting, our national parks have helped identify our history, culture, and most magnificent natural landscapes. The National Park Foundation helps ensure these treasures continue to enrich our lives. That's why we support projects that help **Protect** America's special places, **Connect** Americans to their parks, and **Inspire** the next generation of national park stewards. **This map shows examples of what the National Park Foundation can accomplish across the nation with support from friends like you:**



## Engaging Youth in National Parks

At **Point Reyes National Seashore** a collaboration with Tomales Bay Youth Center and Point Reyes National Seashore Association engages first-generation immigrant youths with

recreational and educational activities at the park. This exposes them to career pathways within the National Park Service and conservation fields and helps increase their connection and enjoyment of their local park, while fostering leadership skills.



## Improving People's Health

A program supported by friends like you at **Saint Croix National Scenic Riverway** partnered with Burnett Medical Center to offer a series of "Healthy Parks, Healthy People"

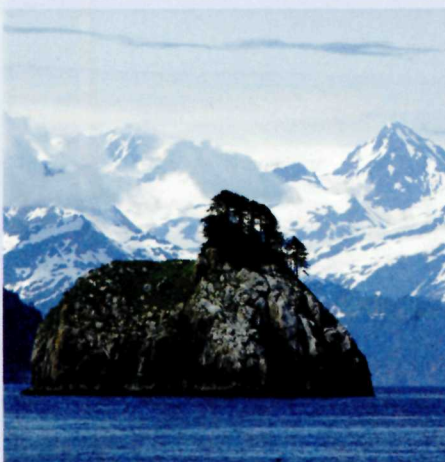
activities to raise awareness among local communities about nearby outdoor recreation opportunities and the associated health benefits. Healthcare providers actually prescribed outdoor activities to their patients to help improve the overall community's health.



## Protecting Wildlife

In **Bryce Canyon National Park**, Utah, a project supported by friends like you is helping protect American black bears by monitoring their movement and expanding educational programs within the park about these majestic

creatures. This project helps to safeguard the bears while ensuring the safety of park guests.



## Preserving Our Nation's History

**Kenai Fjords National Park** and **Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve** in Alaska have a rich human inhabitant history that dates back centuries if not millennia. Special projects at both parks are working to rescue and protect irreplaceable historic archaeological sites on their eroding coastlines — thanks to the generosity of National Park Foundation supporters.



## Making History Come Alive for Students

Thanks to support from National Park Foundation supporters, public school students in York, Pennsylvania, visited the **Eisenhower National Historic Site**

to learn about General and President Eisenhower's life and work through hands-on field study and role-playing. This project helped students connect with their nation's history in a meaningful way, while learning about the land and agriculture.



## Restoring Urban Parks

An urban project in **Dumbarton Oaks Park** helped ecologically and culturally restore the first 1.5 acres of the only remaining wild land garden of Beatrix Farrand, America's first

successful female landscape architect. Those who participated in the project learned about the challenges of climate change, storm water, invasive species, and the changing ways people use urban parks.



## Connecting Students to Defining Moments of the Past

At **Moores Creek National Battlefield**, North Carolina high school students learned to interpret colonial history through the arts. After field trips to

the park, students in drama, art, band, and chorus wrote, promoted, and produced a play titled, "The Battle of Moores Creek Bridge: Voices From Beyond the Grave." The play was presented at the park to all 8th graders in the high school, families, friends, and the general public.

DID YOU KNOW?

The National Park System has **408** sites

About **280 MILLION** people visit national parks each year

**167 MILLION** items in park museum collections

There are more than **27,000 HISTORIC STRUCTURES** in the parks

At least **247 THREATENED OR ENDANGERED SPECIES** live in the parks

The National Park Foundation is the **ONLY** official nonprofit of America's national parks

### THE MISSION OF THE NATIONAL PARK FOUNDATION

For more than a century, private philanthropy has been essential to the preservation and protection of our national parks. Chartered by Congress, the National Park Foundation supports the National Park Service by raising private funds to enrich America's national parks and programs. Together, we are safeguarding our natural, historical, and cultural heritage and inspiring new generations of park stewards.

**Your support of the National Park Foundation ensures that the evolving history and rich heritage of our nation remain vital and relevant.**

### YOU CAN GIVE WITH CONFIDENCE



**Using Every Dollar Wisely** — The National Park Foundation is a Gold Star Participant of GuideStar Exchange. This certification demonstrates the National Park Foundation's commitment to fiscal transparency and strong financial stewardship, using what you contribute to help preserve and protect national parks as places of enjoyment, education, and enrichment for all Americans.



**A Model of Philanthropy** — The National Park Foundation was proud to be one of "The Philanthropy 400," a list of the most successful 400 charitable organizations in the nation, according to *The Chronicle of Philanthropy*.

**The Independent Charities Seal of Excellence** is awarded to charitable organizations that have been able to certify, document, and demonstrate on an annual basis that they meet the highest standards of public accountability, program effectiveness, and cost effectiveness.

