



*Once you're familiar with the variety and richness of National Park System areas, you'll no longer be satisfied with armchair traveling. These natural, historic, and recreational sites comprise part of an astounding system that began in 1872, when a group of forward-looking men saw the need to preserve unique features of our nation, without impairment, for the future. We still enjoy the fruits of their idea, the first system of national parks in the world, and so—with your help—will generations to come.

This sampler will help you choose those areas you'd most like to visit. Some of the more popular activities in each area are listed, but don't hesitate to inquire if others you may have in mind are appropriate. Most parks are open year-round, a few winter holidays excepted. Write or call the areas for more detailed information to help you fully plan your trip and for specifics on activities, regulations, and weather conditions. And never hesitate to ask a ranger for help or advice once you've arrived.

Planning ahead will likely make the difference between an enjoyable trip and a less gratifying one. An off-season visit to a major park or a stop at a lesser-known one along your route can be particularly rewarding. If you asked for information more appropriately supplied by some other agency, we have forwarded the request. For National Park Service-operated sites, the following general information should get you started on the right track in planning your vacation!

- Entrance fees vary, can be up to \$2 per car or .50 per person not traveling by car. A Golden Eagle Passport (\$10 annually) provides entry to all parks, but does not apply to other fees. A free Golden Age Passport covers entry for those 62 and over, and their passengers, and provides a 50% discount on camp fees. Get them at NPS offices or parks.

- Auto camping is allowed only in designated campgrounds, all of them operated on a first-come, first-served basis, most with cold-water restrooms and no hookups or showers (occasionally concessioners offer these services). Winter operation often limited or curtailed, with no water available. Fees up to \$4 per site. In large park areas, group campsites can be reserved by organizations.

- Almost all parks require free permits for overnight backcountry use, numbers usually limited. Write or call for local regulations.

- In-park lodging available only where noted.
- Pets must be leashed at all times. They cannot be taken on trails or in the backcountry in most parks.

- Special regulations often apply to the use of horses or mules.

- State fishing licenses required at all parks except Yellowstone and Glacier.

- Motor boats must meet State/Coast Guard regulations on reservoirs, lakes, and rivers.

- Off-road vehicle use is never allowed; some few parks have designated four-wheel drive roads.

- Snowmobiles are allowed in some areas; always check local rules.

- Some major park roads are not plowed during winter.
- Hunting allowed only in National Recreation Areas and then is regulated; firearms must be broken down in other areas.
- Every park has at least one visitor center and a variety of interpretive activities; be sure to take advantage of them!
- Keep peak-season travel plans flexible, since campgrounds, tours, or popular backcountry areas may be full when you arrive.
- Special safety precautions are necessary in parks because of dangers like wild animals, steep cliffs, or thermal areas — stay alert and don't take chances.

Most important, remember to have a good time! The parks are yours to preserve, use, and enjoy.

colorado

1 BENT'S OLD FORT NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Here on the banks of the Arkansas River stands Bent's Old Fort — reconstructed and refurbished adobe fur-trading post, Indian rendezvous, way station, and military staging base on the Santa Fe Trail. In the heart of Indian country and at the crossroads of key overland routes between 1833 and 1849, few outposts were so instrumental in shaping the destiny of the southwest. Summertime visitors will find characters in period dress role-playing fort inhabitants and activities during its heyday. Day use only; services nearby. **P. O. Box 581, La Junta, CO 81050; (303) 384-2596.**

2 BLACK CANYON OF THE GUNNISON NATIONAL MONUMENT

The 12 spectacular miles of the gorge of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison don't form the grandest of the Western canyons, but no other canyon in North America combines its depth, narrowness, sheerness and somber countenance. Depths in the canyon range from 1730 to 2425 feet, and width at the river is as narrow as 40 feet. Auto roads trace the rims, but the river is reached only by steep and primitive trails. Camping, hiking, technical rock climbing, fishing at river, cross-country skiing. All tourist facilities nearby. Rim elevations 7500 to 8500'. **P. O. Box 1648, Montrose, CO 81401; (303) 249-9661.**

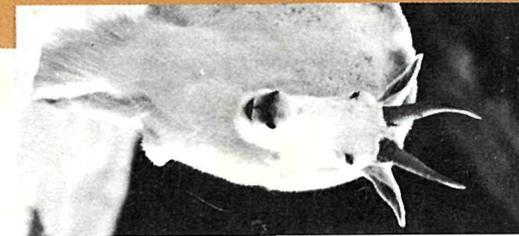
3 COLORADO NATIONAL MONUMENT

Nature's forces of uplift and erosion have sculpted this land of sandstone-walled canyons with sheer cliffs, towering monoliths, and weird rock formations. Geology is the major theme, history and natural history secondary ones in this park area, where history's marks include hundred-million year old dinosaur bones. A rim drive provides peeks into the fantastic canyon landscapes. A hike opens up the quiet, shimmering world of the high pinyon-juniper desert; carry water and be prepared for intense summer heat. Campgrounds on-site; tourist services nearby. Elevation 4700-7000'. **Fruita, CO 81521; (303) 858-3617.**

4 CURECANTI NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

Three reservoirs — Blue Mesa, Morrow Point and Crystal — stretch for 40 miles along the Gunnison River. On Blue Mesa, the largest lake in Colorado when filled to capacity, the NPS provides campgrounds and free boat-launching ramps. A marina offers rental boats and equipment for fishing, sightseeing and water skiing and docking and mooring. At Cimarron, a historic narrow gauge railroad exhibit rests on a stone and steel trestle built in 1882. In summer, self-guiding tours may be taken of the underground powerplant at 469-foot high Morrow Point Dam. Free tour boat rides are offered daily during the summer on Morrow Point Lake, which lies in a fiord-like canyon. Elevation 6535-9480'. **P. O. Box 1040, Gunnison, CO 81230; (303) 641-0403 (April 15-October 15), 641-2337 (October 16-April 14).**

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5 DINOSAUR NATIONAL MONUMENT

Rivers tumbling through lovely canyons and a world-famous dinosaur fossil quarry make an attractive package here! At the quarry, visitors watch as technicians bring into relief the 140-million year old fossilized bones. And on the Green and Yampa Rivers, whitewater rafting enthusiasts enjoy thrills and occasional spills on two of the finest runs in the west. Free permits required for river-running; numbers strictly limited by advance reservation. Campgrounds in monument; other services nearby. **P. O. Box 210, Dinosaur, CO 81610; (303) 374-2216.**

6 FLORISSANT FOSSIL BEDS NATIONAL MONUMENT

Under the rolling meadows of this inconspicuous valley, 8,200 feet in elevation, lie fossilized impressions of insects and leaves preserved by volcanic ashfalls in an ancient lakebed 34 to 35 million years old. More than 1,100 species of insects and over 140 plant species have been identified, and several can be seen in the visitor center museum. Petrified stumps of giant sequoias, one of them more than 13 feet in diameter, have been excavated nearby. During the summer, an 1875 homestead is open to the public. Day use only. Tourist services available nearby. Area attractions include Pikes Peak and the Gold Rush town of Cripple Creek. **P. O. Box 185, Florissant, CO 80816; (303) 748-3253.**

7 GREAT SAND DUNES NATIONAL MONUMENT

Spectacular sand dunes, shapes ever changing in the winds of the arid, 8,200 foot San Luis Valley, nestle against the base of a gigantic sandtrap, the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. A spring-time stream running adjacent to the dunes and August sunflowers make those times favorites for many. Birding, hiking popular. One four-wheel drive/trail bike road; backcountry rides available summer only. Great backpacking nearby in the Sangre de Cristos. Camping on-site, other services available nearby. **P. O. Box 60, Alamosa, CO 81101; (303) 378-2312.**

8 HOVENWEEP NATIONAL MONUMENT

At Hovenweep, a Ute Indian word meaning "deserted valley," pre-Columbian Pueblo Indians left six groups of ruins, all noted for their square, oval, circular, or D-shaped towers. The farmers and craftsmen who lived here in the San Juan region came as long as 2000 years ago and drifted away during a prolonged drought in the late 1200's. All approach roads are unpaved; inquire locally about conditions. Campground on-site; other services are distant. For further information, contact **Mesa Verde NP.**

9 MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK

Mesa Verde's spectacular 8th through 13th century cliff dwellings and mesa-top pit houses offer the nation's most thoroughly accessible and well-interpreted archaeological sites. Free tickets required for some tours in summer; plan plenty of time. Ruins accessible in summer by combination of car and free shuttle; only Spruce Tree House open in winter. Meals, lodging, bicycle rental available summer only. NPS maintains campground, some trails; most backcountry use restricted. Elevation 7000-8500'. **Mesa Verde National Park, CO 81330; (303) 529-4465.**



10 ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

Rocky Mountain National Park embraces one of the most easily accessible high mountain areas in North America, with elevations ranging from 7800 to 14,255'. Trail Ridge Road, generally open Memorial Day to mid-October, takes you to glacially sculptured valleys, rugged gorges, lakes, and vast areas of alpine tundra. Autumn colors are spectacular. Camping, backpacking, fishing, technical climbing, stables, downhill and X-C skiing. Backcountry permits by mail. Tourist facilities nearby. **Estes Park, CO 80517; (303) 586-2371.**

11 SHADOW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

Bordered by the beautiful and rugged mountains of the Continental Divide, and adjacent to Rocky Mountain National Park, the impounded Granby and Shadow Mountain Lakes are linked by channel to Grand Lake, Colorado's largest natural body of water. Shadow Mountain NRA is the spot for high-intensity recreational activity including varied water-oriented sports, hiking, camping, hunting under State regulations, snowmobiling, X-C skiing. Nearby towns and resorts offer tourist services. Elevation 8400'. For more information, contact **Rocky Mountain NP.**



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12 ARCHES NATIONAL PARK

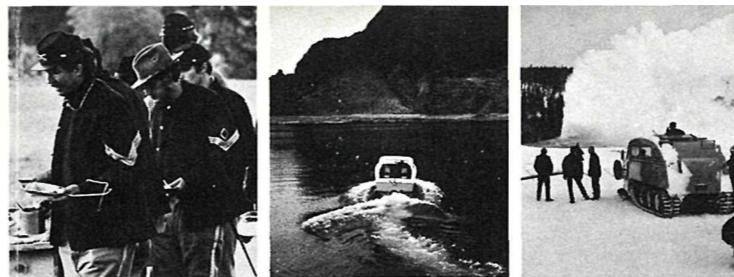
Many arches of 150 million year old Entrada sandstone dot the landscape in this park in southeast Utah's redrock country, more than in any other known section. Sit quietly under one of them when you visit. You'll never forget that sense of awe! Hiking is great; whatever you do, get out of your car. Four-wheel drive roads available; campground year 'round. Tourist facilities handy in nearby Moab. Elevation 4000-5800'. **Moab, UT 84532; (801) 259-7265.**

13 BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK

"... the wildest and most wonderful scene that the eye of man ever beheld..." was one early impression of Bryce Canyon, whose mood varies with weather, season, and sunlight. A winding cliff is bordered by badland topography, all famous for vivid colors and fragile forms. The pinks, reds, and lavenders... can there be so many shades? Try the rim drive, then a hike or a horseback ride into the canyon, or a X-C ski trip in winter. NPS has camping. Concession food and lodging summer only, year 'round nearby. **Bryce Canyon, UT 84717; (801) 834-5322.**

14 CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK

Time and erosion have produced an outstanding variety of form in Canyonlands — fins, pinnacles, arches, and canyon labyrinths — and clothed the landscape in hues of rock and sky that defy everyday experience. A rugged area, most access is by trail or four-wheel drive road; camping and backpacking are popular, as is river-running on the Colorado through Cataract



Canyon (advance permit required). Park has primitive campgrounds, backcountry camping. Tourist services available in adjacent towns. Commercial river trips. Elevation 3800-6500'. **446 South Main Street, Moab, UT 84532; (801) 259-7165.**

15 CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL PARK

Capitol Reef is a water carved land, a geology buff's delight! Dikes, plugs, the monocline of Waterpocket Fold, and layers of sandstone all are there... but if you're not a geologist you'll still enjoy a visit, because it's just plain a pretty place. Capitol Reef also boasts an early Mormon settlement now maintained as a historic district; its orchards still bear fruit that's offered a lift to many a fatigued visitor. Camping, hiking popular; concessioner tours in summer. No commercial facilities in park. **Torrey, UT 84775; (801) 425-3871.**

16 CEDAR BREAKS NATIONAL MONUMENT

At Cedar Breaks the visitor is treated to the redrock badland scenery eroded into the spires and ridges that are so characteristic of southern Utah, along with a portion of the pine, fir, spruce, and aspen highlands from which the ravines were carved. Meadows sparkle with wildflowers in late July. Especially interesting are the Bristlecone pine trees, one dated as old as 1,600 years. Enjoy the rim drive, campground, and trails; tourist support facilities at Cedar City, 23 miles away. Elevation 10,300'. **P. O. Box 749, Cedar City, UT 84720; (801) 586-9451.**

17 GLEN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

The Colorado River behind Glen Canyon Dam has swollen to form the sandstone-rimmed 186 mile-long Lake Powell, with 1,960 miles of canyon-indented shoreline. Water sports are the major activity here, wilderness hiking in canyon country is also popular. Campgrounds, beach, and launching facilities. Boat and equipment rental, motel, restaurant, trailer villages, service stations available scattered through area. Visit Glen Canyon Dam and Rainbow Bridge NM. Lake elevation 3700'. **P. O. Box 1507, Page, AZ 86040; (602) 645-2471.**

18 GOLDEN SPIKE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

At 12:47 p.m., May 10, 1869, the telegraphers' three dots — "DONE," flashed coast to coast from Promontory Summit, Utah: the golden spike was symbolically driven, and rails from east and west for the first time joined. Today, the site features a collection of railroad memorabilia; that last, famous piece of track is reconstructed; vintage engines tickle the imagination; and in summer "Living History" characters recreate the times. Day use only; tourist services nearby. **P. O. Box 394, Brigham, UT 84302; (801) 471-2209.**

19 NATURAL BRIDGES NATIONAL MONUMENT

It's taken nature 225 million years to hollow out these three great natural bridges, but it was worth the waiting. Sipapu... Kachina... Owachomo, stream-eroded bridges with lyrical names that range from 180 to 268 feet in span and 9 to 93 feet in thickness. Prehistoric pictographs and ruins enhance the monument's appeal. Bridge View Drive provides a good look; a

hike under the bridges is especially recommended. Small primitive campground on-site; all other tourist facilities are distant, so be prepared. Elevation 6500'. For more information, contact **Canyonlands NP.**

20 PIPE SPRING NATIONAL MONUMENT

An oasis in the desert, Pipe Spring was an outpost for Mormon settlers and missionaries who vowed to tame this wild portion of the west. Established as both a fort to protect settlers from Indian raids and a ranch to raise their cattle and dairy products, Pipe Spring in the 1860's and 1870's was typical of its era. "Living History" programs during the summer months. Day use only; tourist facilities nearby. **Moccasin, AZ 86022; (602) 643-5505.**

21 RAINBOW BRIDGE NATIONAL MONUMENT

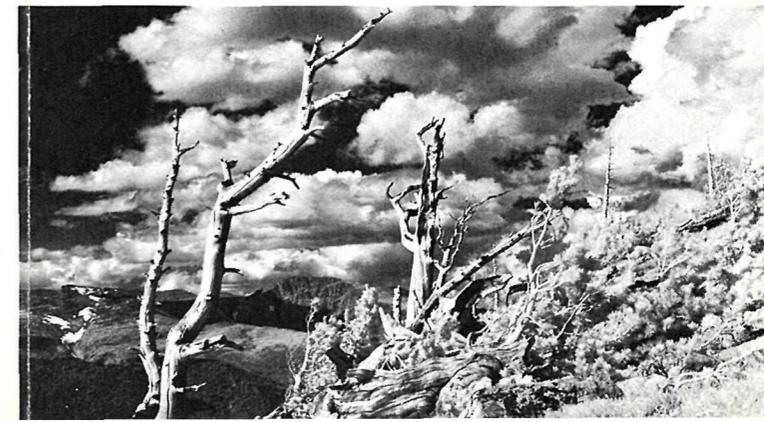
Early Indians held this natural bridge in awe; ancient legends tell it is a rainbow changed to stone. Its salmon-pink sandstone face is streaked with iron oxide and hematite, whose colors become bright in the afternoon sun. The bridge was formed when Bridge Creek cut through a thin rock spur along its meandering course. It is accessible by commercial or private boat from Lake Powell, or by horseback or hiking from the Navajo Indian reservation. For more information, contact **Glen Canyon NRA.**

22 TIMPANOGOS CAVE NATIONAL MONUMENT

Your reward for making the steep 1.5 mile hike up to the entrance to Timpanogos Cave, in addition to great views of the American Fork Canyon, is a trip through an absolute jewel of a cave! Much of the interior of this series of small limestone caverns is covered by a filigree of white translucent crystals which sparkle in a variety of formations. Small tour fee. For less energetic visitors, a nature walk on the lovely canyon floor is great for the sighted and has been adapted for the blind. Summer snack service. Cave closed winter. Day use only; tourist facilities nearby. **Route 2, Box 200, American Fork, UT 84003; (801) 756-4497.**

23 ZION NATIONAL PARK

As the westward-moving Mormon pioneers of the 19th century sought "Zion," an ideal place to settle, they claimed Utah's Great Basin and the surrounding country. At first the colorful Zion Canyon was considered an obstacle, but soon it became a place for retreat and recreation. It's appropriate that the national park that developed here was named Zion, for the towering and beautiful rock formations, domes, and narrow canyons, interspersed with oases of springs and broadleaved trees, cannot be faulted. Camping, hiking, rock climbing, summer nature school for youngsters. Elevation 4000-8000'. Food and lodging in summer only; year 'round facilities nearby. **Springdale, UT 84767; (801) 772-3256.**





33 GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

A ruggedly beautiful wilderness famous for nearly 50 glaciers, lakes, wildflowers, and wildlife, Glacier is a land of sharp, precipitous peaks and knife-edged ridges girdled with evergreen forests and luxuriant meadows. Streams flow northeast to Hudson Bay, southeast to the Gulf of Mexico, west to the Pacific from Triple Peak Divide. Mountain goats, bighorn sheep, bald eagles, and the rarely-seen grizzly bear maintain habitat here. Elevation 3190 to 10,466'. Camping, hiking, fishing (only free park permit is needed), boating, winter activities. Backcountry permits required. Accommodations and full tourist services in summer, including limited bus transport. **West Glacier, MT 59936; (406) 888-5441.**

34 GRANT-KOHR'S RANCH NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Starting in late summer of 1976, you can step into the unique world of Conrad Kohrs, one of Montana's early and most successful cattle ranchers. Visitors will find a complete ranch headquarters of the type operated between 1800 and 1910. The ranch house, filled with Victorian niceties, speaks of the elegant lifestyle of the owners; in contrast are the structures which really made the ranch function, like the bunkhouse, ice house, carriage sheds, graineries. Excellent collection of early ranch implements, wagons, carriages, sleighs. Summer programs recreate late 19th century ranch activities. Day use only; all services nearby. **P. O. Box 799, Deer Lodge, MT 59722; (406) 846-2070.**



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35 FORT UNION TRADING POST NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Though stone foundations are all that remain of Fort Union, it was the largest and most imposing trading post on the Missouri River during the 19th century. Employees of St. Louis trading companies, the fort's inhabitants led a stylish and comfortable life as they bought or bartered for upriver goods, mostly pelts and robes, and shipped them on river steamers that dodged logs and sandbars only as far upriver as the fort. NPS plans reconstruction here; meantime, the authentic setting is preserved. Day use only; visitor center on site. For more information, contact **Theodore Roosevelt NMP.**

36 THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL MEMORIAL PARK

North Dakota badland and prairie scenery is preserved here, where Theodore Roosevelt developed his philosophy of practical conservation on North Dakota cattle ranches during the 1880's. As President (1901-09), his wise stewardship of natural resources in the public interest was a major step in resource management. Notable is Roosevelt's Maltese Cross Cabin. Buffalo plentiful, longhorn steers graze on North Unit. Camping, scenic drives, hiking and horseback trails. Horse rentals in summer, other services nearby. Elevation 2000'-2800'. **Medora, ND 58645; (701) 623-4466.**

south dakota

37 BADLANDS NATIONAL MONUMENT

Look closely at some of the topographic features when you visit Badlands, for when you return, they're likely to have changed! Fins, spires, pinnacles, and saw-tooth ridges take chalky form — and disappear — as clay deposits wash away from beneath their sandstone caps. Bison roam here, sometimes golden eagles; prairie dogs abound. But despite a few oasis-type respites from what early French-Canadian trappers called "bad lands to travel across," it's interesting but inhospitable country. Hiking, camping. Accommodations and meals in summer only, year-round nearby. Elevation about 3000'. **P. O. Box 72, Interior, SD 57750; (605) 433-5361.**

38 JEWEL CAVE NATIONAL MONUMENT

Jewel-like calcite crystals characterize Jewel Cave and the variety of natural colors in the rock . . . browns, reds, oranges, yellows and lavenders . . . is a major claim to fame! Various tours available mid-May through September including one on a lighted and improved trail, another on an unimproved trail using the natural entrance and candlelight, and a "spelunking" tour (strenuous — advance registration required), a hands-and-knees introduction to the sport of caving. Fee charged for each tour. Cave open Memorial Day-Labor Day, visitor center year 'round. Day use only; all services nearby. **Custer, SD, 57730; (605) 673-2288.**

39 MOUNT RUSHMORE NATIONAL MEMORIAL

The faces of four American Presidents carved into the granite of 6,000 foot Mount Rushmore symbolize the nation's first century and a half of growth: Washington, the struggle for independence and the birth of the Republic; Jefferson, the philosophy of representative government; Lincoln, the permanency of the nation and the struggle for equality for all; Theodore Roosevelt, the 20th century need for conservation of natural resources and the emergence of our nation as a world influence. See a display of how sculptor Gutzon Borglum worked. Day use only. Food service on site. All tourist services nearby. **Keystone, SD 57751; (605) 574-2523.**

40 WIND CAVE NATIONAL PARK

About 30 miles of passageways have been explored since its discovery in 1881, but the total extent of Wind Cave is still not known. Explore about 1 1/4 miles on electrically-lighted or candlelight tours, see limestone in the cave's characteristic "box-work" formation and unusual calcite "frostwork" and "popcorn." Half-day spelunking tours also available (by advance registration). Minimal fee for tours. Topside, there's delightful grassland scenery; wildlife includes buffalo, elk, and antelope. Campground open May 15 through September 15, cave tours year 'round, twice daily (1 and 3 p.m.) after Oct. 22; visitor center year 'round. Food service in summer; other services nearby. **Hot Springs, SD 57757; (605) 727-2301.**

wyoming

24 DEVILS TOWER NATIONAL MONUMENT

The tallest rock formation of its kind in the U.S., Devils Tower is an 865' stump-shaped cluster of igneous rock pillars set on a sedimentary base. 1000' across at the base and 275' at the top, it looms above the junction of the pine forests of the Black Hills and the rolling grasslands of northeast Wyoming. First of the country's national monuments, set aside in 1906, the tower has an important role in Indian folklore and was a landmark to westward travelers. Camping in summer, technical rock climbing. Tourist services nearby. **Devils Tower, WY 82714; (307) 467-5370.**

25 FORT LARAMIE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Fort Laramie was a significant prairie way station for the covered-wagon migrations to Oregon and California, a base for a series of Indian campaigns and treaties, and many other pioneer events. Originally a private fur-trading post, it became a military post from 1849 to 1890. The unwallied, scattered group of buildings, many of them restored and refurbished, today stand as a reminder of the struggles and romance of an expanding nation. Summer visitors will find soldiers and civilians performing routine activities of the 1870's. Day use only; tourist services nearby. **Fort Laramie, WY 82212; (307) 837-2704.**

26 FOSSIL BUTTE NATIONAL MONUMENT

You can't fish at Fossil Butte, although fish are here — along with crocodiles, turtles, garfish, sturgeon, snails, shellfish and many more. We're a little late in arriving, though, since all these critters are fossilized in 60 million-year-old layers of shale, the nation's most extensive concentration of fossilized fresh-water fish. Hike, see samples of fossils at visitor center. Day use only. Elevation 6600-8000'. **P. O. Box 527, Kemmerer, WY 83101; (307) 877-3450.**



27 GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK

Among the most majestic of our mountain ranges, the Teton peaks soar more than 7000 feet from the 6400' floor of Jackson Hole, with nary a foothill to diminish the distance or view. Classic glaciated canyons and lakes; beautiful wildflowers; abundant wildlife, including moose, bears, elk, antelope, bald eagles, trumpeter swans. Camping, hiking, technical climbing, rafting on Snake River, boating, fishing, X-C skiing, snowmobiling. Accommodations, trailer village, tour bus service in summer only; all services nearby. **P. O. Drawer 67, Moose, WY 83012; (307) 733-2880.**

28 JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER MEMORIAL PARKWAY

The scenic parkway links Grand Teton and Yellowstone, offers camping, food, lodging. For more information, contact **Grand Teton NP.**

29 YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

The surreal world of Yellowstone, with geysers, mud pots, strange odors, even stranger sounds, and amazing sights, prompted the establishment of the world's first national park here in 1872. In addition to geothermal features, the park offers camping, hiking, fishing (free park permit required), boating, wildlife observation, and winter activities that include snowmobiling and X-C skiing. Full tourist facilities in summer; limited in winter and accessible only by over-snow travel. Roads generally open May to October. Summer trailer village, bus service; winter snow coach. Backcountry permits required. Elevation 5300-11,300'. **Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190; (307) 344-7381.**

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30 BIG HOLE NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD

This peaceful valley, rimmed by the rugged Continental Divide, was the site of a major battle in 1877 between Chief Joseph's fleeing band of Nez Perce Indians and pursuing U. S. Army forces. The remains of rifle pits dug in the heat of battle can still be seen among the lodgepole pine. The visitor center and small museum overlook the scene of this tragic conflict where there were such heavy casualties on both sides. Day use only. **P. O. Box 237, Wisdom, MT 59761; (406) 689-2530.**

31 BIGHORN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

Forested mountains, prairie uplands, deep canyons, broad valleys, and varied wildlife characterize this region where Yellowstone Reservoir and surrounding lands form Bighorn Canyon NRA. In addition to water-oriented sports, visitors enjoy hiking, exploring, geology, prehistoric Indian sites, and recently restored frontier-era ranches. The visitor center at Lovell is the Park Service's first solar-heated building. Camping, boat launch facilities, swim beach, hunting (when and where allowed). Elevation 3200-5600'. **P. O. Box 458, Fort Smith, MT 59035; (406) 666-2412.**

32 CUSTER BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT

This monument in southeastern Montana memorializes one of the last armed efforts of the Northern Plains Indians to preserve their ancestral way of life. Here in the valley of the Little Bighorn River on June 25-26, 1876, more than a third of the some 700 U. S. Army soldiers led by Lt. Col. George A. Custer met death at the hands of several thousand Sioux and Cheyenne warriors under Gall, Crazy Horse, Two Moons and others. Facilities include visitor center, Reno-Bentzen Monument, Last Stand Monument, National Cemetery, Battle Ridge Tour Road and self-guiding trail brochure. Interpretive talks provided Memorial Day through Labor Day. Day use only. Services nearby. **P. O. Box 39, Crow Agency, MT 59022; (406) 638-2622.**

