



National Memorials

A *National Memorial* is commemorative of a historic person or episode; it need not occupy a site historically connected with its subject. These sites commemorate America's greatest individuals, and moments of triumph and tragedy that helped to shape this country. Of the nearly four hundred units of the National Park system located throughout the United States, ten percent are National Memorials, or memorial parks (one third are located in the Washington, D.C. area).

Below is a list of all of the National Memorial parks currently a part of the National Park System. Learn more about these special places that remember the unique characters and events that have contributed to American history.

National Memorial parks throughout the United States



Arkansas Post National Memorial

American Memorial Park

Saipan, MP <http://www.nps.gov/amme/>
American Memorial Park honors the American and Marianas people who gave their lives during the Marianas Campaign of World War II. As a "living memorial", the park offers activities, such as baseball, bicycling, running, tennis, picnicking, and swimming, enjoyed over half a century ago by American service men and women.

Arkansas Post National Memorial

Gillett, AR <http://www.nps.gov/arpo/>
Commemorates the first permanent European settlement in the Lower Mississippi Valley, founded in 1686. Site of both Revolutionary and Civil War battles.

Arlington House, The Robert E. Lee Memorial

Arlington, VA <http://www.nps.gov/arho/>
This antebellum home of the Custis and Lee families overlooks the Potomac River and Washington, D.C. Robert E. Lee lived in this home for more than 30 years.

Cape Henry Memorial

Fort Story, VA <http://www.nps.gov/came/>
After four and a half months crossing storm swept seas, 144 weary Englishmen made land- fall in April, 1607. They built a wooden cross and planted it in the sand naming the place Cape Henry. Administered as part of Colonial National Historical Park

Chamizal National Memorial

El Paso, TX <http://www.nps.gov/cham/>
Commemorates the peaceful settlement of a 100-year boundary dispute between Mexico and the United States through the Chamizal Treaty of 1963.

Coronado National Memorial

Hereford, AZ <http://www.nps.gov/coro/>
Commemorates first European exploration of the SW, by Francisco Vasquez de Coronado (1540- 42), near the point where his expedition entered what is now the US.

David Berger National Memorial

Cleveland Heights, OH <http://www.nps.gov/dabe/>
This site honors the memory of David Berger, an American citizen who was one of the 11 Israeli athletes killed at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich, Germany. The Memorial is dedicated to his memory and to the other athletes whose lives were taken.

De Soto National Memorial

Bradenton, FL <http://www.nps.gov/deso/>
Commemorates Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto, who landed on the southwest Florida coast in 1539.

Father Marquette National Memorial

St. Ignace, MI <http://www.nps.gov/fama/>
Father Jacques Marquette, a French Jesuit missionary, established Michigan's earliest European settlements at Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace in 1668 and 1671. He lived among the Great Lakes Indians from 1666 to his death in 1675. During these nine years, Father Marquette mastered several native languages and helped Louis Jolliet map the Mississippi River. Father Marquette National Memorial and Museum is interpreted in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Federal Hall National Memorial

New York, NY <http://www.nps.gov/feha/>
Seat of New York's colonial government and site of Washington inauguration, John Peter Zenger trial, adoption of Bill of Rights, and meeting place of the Stamp Act Congress.

Flight 93 National Memorial

Somerset County, Pennsylvania
<http://www.nps.gov/flni/>
Commemorates the passengers and crew of Flight 93, who, on September 11, 2001, gave their lives to thwart a planned attack on the Nation's capital. The National Memorial is located at the crash site in Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

Fort Caroline National Memorial

Jacksonville, FL <http://www.nps.gov/foca/>
Two centuries of French and Spanish colonial rivalry in North America began here with the establishment of a French Huguenot settlement in 1564. Located in the Timucuan Ecological & Historic Preserve.

Fort Clatsop National Memorial

Astoria, OR <http://www.nps.gov/focl/>
After the Lewis and Clark Expedition reached the Pacific Ocean, they camped here on Oregon's coastline in the winter of 1805- 06. A 1955 community- built replica of the explorers' 50'x50' Fort Clatsop is the focus of the park.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial

Washington, DC <http://www.nps.gov/fdrm/>
A monument for the 32nd US president features a landscape of four outdoor rooms with granite walls, statuary, inscriptions, waterfalls and thousands of plants, shrubs and trees along the famous cherry tree walk on the Tidal Basin in West Potomac Park.



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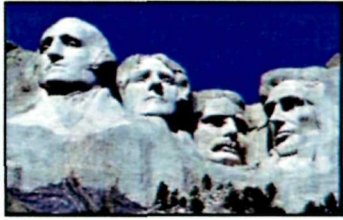
Oklahoma City National Memorial

George Mason Memorial

Washington, DC <http://www.nps.gov/gemm/>
The George Mason Memorial, located in East Potomac Park near the Thomas Jefferson Memorial, commemorates the neglected contributions of an important Founding Father. George Mason was the author of the Virginia Declaration of Rights, which served as an inspiration to Thomas Jefferson while drafting the Declaration of Independence.

General Grant National Memorial

New York, NY <http://www.nps.gov/gegr/>
Popularly known as Grants Tomb, the largest mausoleum in North America (completed in 1897) includes the tombs of General and Mrs. Grant.



Mount Rushmore National Memorial

Hamilton Grange National Memorial

New York, NY <http://www.nps.gov/hagr/>
The Grange, named after his grandfather's estate in Scotland, was the home of Alexander Hamilton, American statesman and first Secretary of the Treasury.

Jefferson National Expansion Memorial

St. Louis, MO <http://www.nps.gov/jeff/>
Located on St. Louis' Mississippi riverfront, park memorializes Jefferson and others who directed territorial advancement as symbolized in the gateway arch.



Jefferson National Expansion Memorial

Johnstown Flood National Memorial

South Fork, PA <http://www.nps.gov/jofl/>
2,209 people died in the Johnstown Flood of 1889 and Clara Barton successfully led the Red Cross in its first disaster relief effort.



USS Arizona Memorial

Korean War Veterans Memorial

Washington, DC <http://www.nps.gov/kowa/>
Includes 19 statues of infantry soldiers, a granite curb listing the 22 UN countries that sent troops or gave medical support, and a black granite wall.

Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial

Lincoln City, IN <http://www.nps.gov/libo/>
Abraham Lincoln lived on this southern Indiana farm from ages 7- 21 (1816- 30). His mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, is buried there.



Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Lincoln Memorial

Washington, DC <http://www.nps.gov/linc/>
A tribute to President Lincoln and the nation during the Civil War. Features a 19- foot- high marble statue by sculptor Daniel Chester French.

Lyndon Baines Johnson Memorial Grove on the Potomac

Arlington, VA <http://www.nps.gov/lyba/>
A living memorial to the 36th President, park overlooks Potomac River vista of the Capital and features 500 white pines and inscriptions on Texas granite.



Lincoln Memorial

For more information on this and other topics, please contact the park:

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Oklahoma City National Memorial

Oklahoma City, OK <http://www.nps.gov/okci/>
Established to commemorate the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, which resulted in the deaths of 168 people.

Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial

Put-in-Bay, OH <http://www.nps.gov/pevi/>
Commodore Oliver H. Perry won the greatest naval battle of the War of 1812 on Lake Erie. Perry's Monument was constructed on South Bass Island, 1912- 15.

Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial

Concord NWS, CA <http://www.nps.gov/poch/>
Port Chicago Naval Magazine was dedicated to honor the courage and commitment of the 320 Sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, Merchant Mariners, and workers killed and injured there during World War II.

Roger Williams National Memorial

Providence, RI <http://www.nps.gov/rowi/>
Commemorates the founder of Rhode Island and the champion of religious freedom.

Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial

Philadelphia, PA <http://www.nps.gov/thko/>
Life and work of Thaddeus Kosciuszko, a military engineer and an 18th century champion of American and Polish freedom, are commemorated here.

Theodore Roosevelt Island

Arlington, VA <http://www.nps.gov/this/>
Wooded island sanctuary on the Potomac River includes trails leading to an imposing statue of Roosevelt, the conservation- minded 26th President.

Thomas Jefferson Memorial

Washington, DC <http://www.nps.gov/thje/>
The circular, colonnaded structure memorializes the political philosopher of the American Revolution and President from 1801- 09.

USS Arizona Memorial

Honolulu, HI <http://www.nps.gov/usar/>
Floating memorial commemorates the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and the sinking of the USS *Arizona* on December 7, 1941.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Washington, DC <http://www.nps.gov/vive/>
The black granite wall is inscribed with the names of more than 58,000 persons who gave their lives or remain missing in the Vietnam War.

Washington Monument

Washington, DC <http://www.nps.gov/wash/>
Designed by Robert Mills, the 555- foot obelisk serves as a memorial to the nation's first president.

Wright Brothers National Memorial

Kill Devil Hills, NC <http://www.nps.gov/wrbr/>
The first successful sustained powered flights in a heavier- than- air machine were made here at Kill Devil Hills by Wilbur and Orville Wright on December 17, 1903.