

**Summary of National Park Service laws in 109<sup>th</sup> Congress,  
January 4, 2005 – December 9, 2006**

**New NPS units created:**

African Burial Ground National Monument – Presidential Proclamation 7984

**Boundary modifications:**

Wind Cave National Park, SD – P.L. 109-71.

Golden Gate National Recreation Area, CA (included in the Yosemite schools funding act) – P.L. 109-131.

Redwood National Park, CA (included in the Yosemite schools funding act) – P.L. 109-131.

**Wilderness:**

Made a technical change to the name of the Gaylord A. Nelson Wilderness at Apostle Island NL, WI – (included in the FY 2006 Agriculture Appropriations Act) – P.L. 109-97.

**Heritage areas:**

Revises the boundary of the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area – P.L. 109-318.

Establishes the following new heritage areas:

Northern Rio Grande, NM

Atchafalaya, LA

Arabia Mountain, GA

Mormon Pioneer, UT

Freedom's Frontier, KS/MO

Upper Housatonic Valley, CT

Champlain Valley, VT

Great Basin, NV/UT

Gullah/Geechee, NC/SC/GA/FL

Crossroads of the American Revolution, NJ

Authorizes studies of the following potential heritage areas:

Western Reserve, OH

St. Croix, VI

Southern Campaign of the Revolution, SC

Amends authorities for the following heritage areas:

Illinois & Michigan Canal, IL

John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley, RI

National Coal, WV

All of these provisions were included in the National Heritage Areas Act of 2006) – P.L. 109-338.

**Trails:**

Authorizes the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Watertrail study (included in the FY 2006 Interior Appropriations Act) – P.L. 109-54.

Extends the authorization of appropriations for the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route (included in the National Heritage Areas Act of 2006) – P.L. 109-338.  
Provides for updating the feasibility and suitability study originally prepared for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail and provide for the inclusion of new trail segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with the trail – P.L. 109-378.  
Designates the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail – P.L. 109-418.

### **Wild and scenic rivers**

Designates a segment of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook, CT for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System – P.L. 109-370.  
Designates segments of the Musconetcong River, NJ in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System – P.L. 109-452.

### **NPS lands issues:**

Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for purposes of establishing the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site – P.L. 109-45.  
Modifies the provision in the FY 2005 Interior Appropriations Act requiring the Park Service to purchase seven specific parcels for the administrative complex at Kenai Fjords National Park by eliminating three of the parcels and by allowing the Alaska Sealife Center to be the recipient of any unused appropriated funds and to use those for purposes that complement the new facility (included in the FY 2006 Interior Appropriations Act) – P.L. 109-54.  
Requires the designation of energy right-of-way corridors on federal lands (included in the Energy Policy Act of 2005) – P.L. 109-58.  
Authorizes the exchange of lands in Rocky Mountain National Park with the MacGregor Trust for the relocation of a trailhead and for construction of new facilities at the trailhead. – P.L. 109-93.  
Authorizes the transfer of Department of Defense land on two islands within Gulf Islands National Seashore to NPS if they are determined to be excess to the needs of the armed forces (included in the FY 2006 Defense Authorization Act) – P.L. 109-163.  
Requires the Secretary of the Interior to allow the continued occupancy and use of certain land within Rocky Mountain National Park – Private Law 109-1.

### **Fee authorities**

Authorizes Yosemite National Park to charge a fee to visitors for a park transportation system (included in the Yosemite schools funding act) – P.L. 109-146.  
Allows Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Lincoln Home National Historic Site to retain 100 percent of the recreation use fees charged by each unit (included in the FY 2006 Interior Appropriations Act) – P.L. 109-54.

**Natural resource authorities:**

- Allows for an adjustment in the number of free roaming horses permitted in Cape Lookout National Seashore, NC – P.L. 109-117.
- Authorizes the Public Land Corps to be used for projects that reduce wildfire risk, and that promote forest restoration, forest health, and forest ecosystem restoration. – P.L. 109-154.
- Authorizes the continuation of commercial surf fishing in Redwood National Park (included in the Northern California Coastal Wild Heritage Wilderness Act – P.L. 109-362.
- Prohibits the extermination of deer and elk on Santa Rosa Island in Channel Islands National Park (included in the FY 2007 Defense Authorization Act) – P.L. 109-364.

**Energy authorities:**

- Authorization of various programs to ensure secure energy supplies – P.L. 109-58.

**Cultural resource authorities:**

- Increases the rehabilitation tax credit for certified historic structures and qualified rehabilitated buildings located in the area affected by Hurricane Katrina (included in the Gulf Opportunity Zone Act of 2005) – P.L. 109-135
- Transfers administrative jurisdiction of certain Forest Service lands in Alaska from the Secretary of Agriculture to the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating and directs the Secretary of the Interior to select an eligible entity under the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act to take custody of the structures and surrounding lands once the Coast Guard has determined the land is excess property - P.L. 109-241
- Reauthorizes the National Historic Preservation Fund and makes permanent the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation – P.L. 109-453.

**Transportation authorities:**

- Provides an extension of the Transportation Equity Act – P.L. 109-14, P.L. 109-20, P.L. 109-35, P.L. 109-37, P.L. 109-40, and P.L. 109-42.
- Authorizes funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs – P.L. 109-59.
- Authorizes continued use of Route 209 by commercial vehicles within the boundary of Delaware Water Gap NRA and authorizes the enlargement of two sections of a pipeline that passes through the park – P.L. 109-156.
- Amends P.L. 109-29 concerning funds authorized for the rehabilitation of the Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier National Park (included in the Pension Protection Act of 2006 – P.L. 109-280.

**Miscellaneous other authorities:**

- Authorizes oil and gas drilling activities at Gulf Islands National Seashore (included in the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Defense) – P.L. 109-13.

Authorizes construction funds to be used for the West Yellowstone Visitor Info Center outside of the park boundary (included in Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Defense) – P.L. 109-13.

Prohibits the National Park Service from accepting donations or services associated with new partnership facilities with a value of more than \$5 million without advance approval of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees (included in the FY 2006 Interior Appropriations Act) – P.L. 109-54.

Provides for the rules concerning snowmobile use at the three units that were published in the November 10, 2004 Federal Register to be in effect for the 2005-2006 winter use season (included in the FY 2006 Interior Appropriations Act) – P.L. 109-54.

Extends the Administration’s “Service-First” initiative to the National Park Service for pilot programs involving federal land management agencies conducting joint projects and programs (included in the FY 2006 Interior Appropriations Act) – P.L. 109-54.

Authorizes supplemental funding and other assistance to schools located within Yosemite National Park and permits construction of park facilities outside Yosemite’s boundary – P.L. 109-131.

Authorizes the Little Rock Central High School Desegregation 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Coin – P.L. 109-146.

Authorizes the establishment of a memorial for the USS Oklahoma as part of the USS Arizona Memorial (included in the FY 2006 Defense Authorization Act) – P.L. 109-163.

Amends the Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial Commemorative Coin Act to make certain technical and clarifying amendments – P.L. 109-232.

Authorizes Great Basin National Park to be eligible for capital improvement funding from the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998 (SNPLMA) – (included in the Tax Relief and Health Care Act) – P.L. 109-432.

Authorizes a portion of revenue from OCS drilling in the Gulf of Mexico to be used for the state-side grants of the Land and Water Conservation Act (included in the Tax Relief and Health Care Act) – P.L. 109-432.

**Grants passed through the National Park Service:**

Authorizes appropriations for the restoration of the Angel Island Immigration Station, CA – P.L. 109-119.

Authorizes grants for the rehabilitation of the Franklin Memorial and the development of an interpretive exhibit relating to the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Franklin’s birth – P.L. 109-153.

Authorizes grants to be made for the preservation of Japanese American confinement sites – P.L. 109-441.

**Studies:**

Directs the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study on certain sites in Williamson County, TN, related to the Battle of Franklin – P.L. 109-120.

Directs the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study on the Castle Nugent Farms in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands – P.L. 109-317.

Directs the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study on sites in St. Genevieve County, MO – P.L. 109-319.

Directs the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of Delaware coastal areas (included in the National Heritage Areas Act) – P.L. 109-338.

Directs the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites within the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor (included in the National Heritage Areas Act) – P.L. 109-338.

Directs the Secretary to conduct a special resource study of Michigan’s lighthouse and maritime heritage – P.L. 109-436.

Directs the Secretary to evaluate the significance of the Colonel James Barrett Farm, MA and the suitability and feasibility part of the Minute Man National Historical Park – P.L. 109-419.

Directs the Secretary to conduct a special resource study on sites in Monroe County, MI, relating to the Battles of the River Raisin during the War of 1812 – P.L. 109-429.

**D.C. Parks and Memorials:**

Authorizes appropriations for FY 2006 and thereafter to be used to maintain Jackson Place, Madison Place, and Pennsylvania Avenue between 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Streets, N.W. (included in the FY 2006 Interior Appropriations Act) – P.L. 109-54.

Requires the conveyance of 15 acres of NPS lands to DC for use as an educational institution (included in the FY 2006 Transportation Appropriations Act) – P.L. 109-115.

Approving the location of the commemorative work in the District of Columbia honoring former President Dwight D. Eisenhower – P.L. 109-220.

Authorizes a memorial in the District of Columbia to commemorate the Ukraine Famine – P.L. 109-340.

Authorizes the transfer of balances in the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund – P.L. 109-314.

Authorizes the transfer of lands between the federal government and the District of Columbia – P.L. 109-396.

**Appropriations:**

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Defense – P.L. 109-13.

FY 2006 Interior Appropriations Act – P.L. 109-54.

FY 2006 Department of Defense, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act – P.L. 109-148.

FY 2006 Agriculture Appropriations Act – P.L. 109-97.

FY 2006 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations – P.L. 109-234.

**Presidential Proclamations**

African Burial Ground National Monument – Presidential Proclamation – 7984

Establishment of the Northwest Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument – 8031

**Executive Orders**

Amendments to EO 13285, Relating to the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation – E.O. 13371

Continuance of Certain Federal Advisory Committees and Amendments to and  
Revocation of Other Executive Orders – E.O. 13385  
Responsibilities of Federal Departments and Agencies with Respect to Volunteer  
Community Service – E.O. 13401  
Protecting Property Rights of the American People – E.O. 13406