



NPS Women Cartes de Visite Collection



Marguerite Lindsley, ca. 1927-1931 NPS Photo.

Marguerite "Peg" Lindsley Arnold
Yellowstone National Park
Park Ranger & Naturalist, 1921-1931

- Born Jane Marguerite Lindsley on October 2, 1901 in Mammoth Hot Springs, Wyoming.
- Grew up in Yellowstone, as her father worked at the park in several different capacities, including acting superintendent in 1916.
- Her mother taught her at home until 8th grade.
- Attended preparatory school at Montana State College at age 13.
- In 1921 became a temporary park ranger, the third woman in that position at Yellowstone.
- Earned a B.S. in Bacteriology from Montana State College in 1922.
- Continued as a temporary park ranger in the summers of 1922 and 1923, working in the museum and information bureau, as well as conducting guided walks and lectures.
- Earned her Master's in Bacteriology from the University of Pennsylvania in 1923.
- Worked in clinical research in Philadelphia but returned to Wyoming in 1924 by way of a 17-day, cross country motorcycle trip.
- Worked for her father (then Yellowstone's postmaster) and served as a licensed guide in the park from 1924-1925.
- In December 1925, selected for a permanent park ranger position, making her the first permanent women ranger at Yellowstone and in the NPS.
- Married fellow ranger Everett LeRoy Arnold in 1928 and gave up her permanent position.
- Worked as a temporary ranger-naturalist from 1929 until she resigned in 1931.
- Died in 1952.

This research was made possible in part by a grant from the National Park Foundation.