National Park Service Turns 100

Summer is here and we hope your plans include visiting one or more of the 411 national parks, monuments, battlefields, military parks, historical parks, historic sites, lakeshores, seashores, recreation areas, scenic rivers and trails in the National Park System. If you can’t make it to one of the locations found in every state, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands – join the National Archives online to celebrate the records of the National Park Service.
Transcribe!
Transcribing the digitized records in the National Archives Catalog is an important way to improve search results and increase accessibility to these historical records.

Letter from Frederick Harvey, Superintendent of the Grand Canyon National Park

New to transcription? Learn how to get started.

Are you ready to transcribe? Jump right in and select the National Parks Transcription Mission.

Tag!
Tagging is a fun and easy way for you to help make National Archives records more discoverable online. By adding keywords, terms, and labels to a record, you can do your part to help the next person discover that record. Take a look at these photographs from the National Parks and add keywords that describe what you see.

Watch!
In the 1930s the Department of Interior made a series of films on the nation's growing park system, from trails blazed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in Yosemite, California, all the way up to Minnesota's 10,000 lakes. Now you can see what your local parks looked like during the Great Depression, a time when many old parks were upgraded and many new parks were created.

View highlights from the National Archives' collection of films from the National Park Service.

Now go and #FindYourPark!

New and interesting records in the Catalog

Department of State: Domestic Letters, 1784-1906
Consists principally of copies of letters sent by the Department of State to
persons other than U.S. and foreign diplomatic and consular officers, although it contains some letters, ca. 1789-1828, to those officers.

The Adjutant General's Office: Carded Records Showing Military Service of Soldiers Who Fought in Confederate Organizations, 1903-1927

Jackets containing cards documenting the military service of officers, non-commissioned officers, and enlisted men who served in Confederate organizations during the American Civil War. We've been adding to this series incrementally. States we've uploaded records for thus far include Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky, Missouri, and Tennessee.
The Adjutant General's Office: Compiled Service Records of Soldiers Who Served in the American Army During the Revolutionary War, 1894 - ca. 1912

Compiled military service records consisting of a jacket-envelope for each soldier, labeled with his name, his rank, and the unit or organization in which he served.