

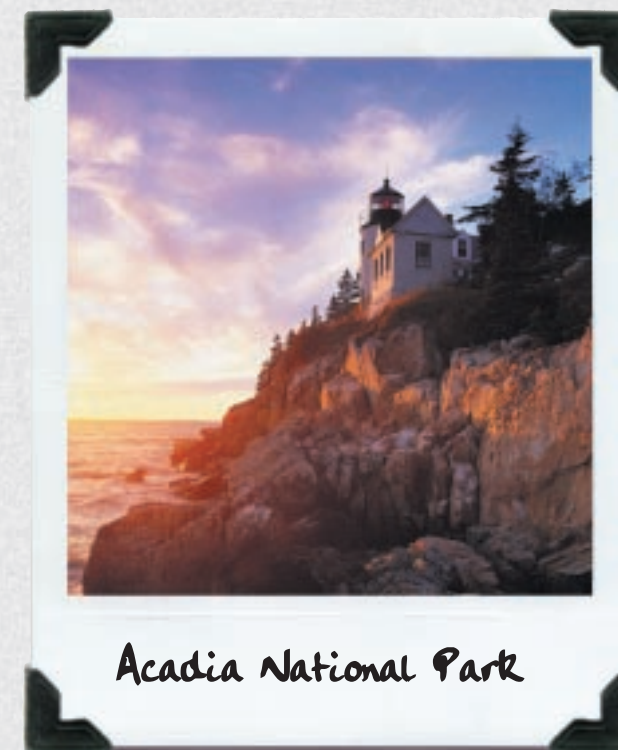
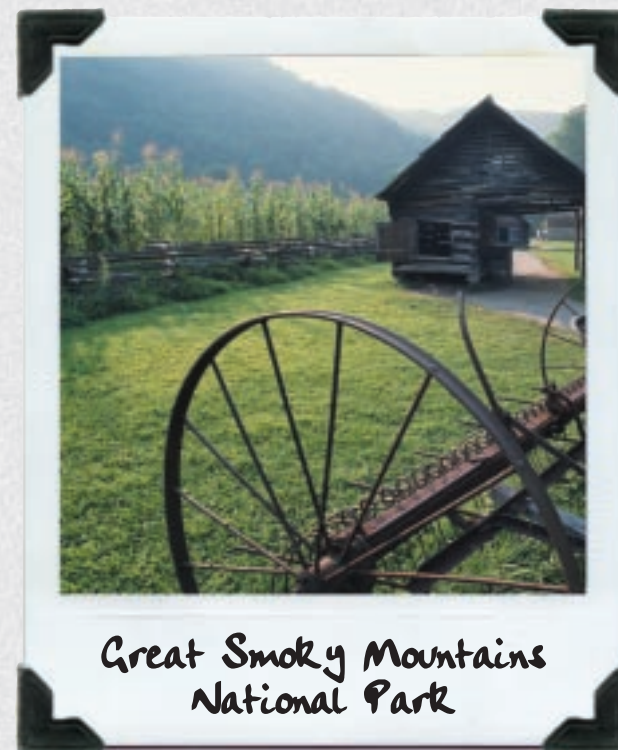
AMERICANS FOR
NATIONAL PARKS

Because there's just too much to lose.



“Every celebration of the national park idea that has been published in the last twenty years has ended with a few cautionary words about storm clouds on the horizon. Those clouds have now arrived, and it is no longer possible to dismiss the challenges facing our national parks in a few paragraphs.”

Stewart L. Udall, Former Secretary of the Interior, with James R. Udall, environmentalist, *National Parks of America*



Remember your last visit to a national park, historic site, or monument? Do you remember that special moment you spent in silent appreciation of the beauty and majesty of the experience—when words stopped coming because nothing more needed to be said? What if the next time you visited a national park, the beauty and majesty of the experience was missing? Or worse, it was lost forever. If you think it can't happen, read this brochure. Not only for what you could gain, but...*Because there's just too much to lose.*



America's national parks are in peril.

Surprised? You shouldn't be. While Congress has regularly increased funding to protect the parks, the budget of the Park Service has failed to keep pace with growing pressures from increased visitation, pollution, motorized use, and over-development adjacent to the parks. As a result, plant and wildlife species are disappearing. Important museum artifacts are not being preserved. Education programs are being reduced. Irreplaceable historic structures are crumbling.

Unless funding for national parks increases, things will get worse.

Research has shown that the Park Service's annual operations budget falls at least \$600 million, or a third short of what is needed. Help us secure the necessary funding to meet the annual needs of the national parks...today!



Everglades National Park



Our family trip to Utah

The impact of insufficient funding is widespread.



Here today...



The Mexican black bear is disappearing from Big Bend National Park. And, once the species is gone, they'll be gone for good. At Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, more than one thousand archaeological sites of several Indian cultures lie unexamined by archaeologists and historians and unknown to visitors. The Cascades frog is steadily disappearing from Lassen Volcanic National Park, but the Park Service has insufficient staff to monitor the species and in fact, lacks data on most of the park's native wildlife species. Only six

percent of Yellowstone National Park's 2.8 million annual visitors leave with a ranger-led educational experience. The Civil War battlefield protected by Shiloh National Military Park is often subject to poaching, vandalism, and relic hunting because of a shortage of law enforcement officers to adequately patrol and protect the 4,000-acre park. And the list continues.

**Our national parks need your help.
And they need it now.**



You can help make sure the parks get the *right* kind of help.

President Bush has already proposed to address the park's escalating problems by providing \$4.9 billion for the national parks over the next five years. This commitment could alleviate many of the threats that plague the parks, but only if the money is distributed in a way that satisfies diverse park needs including science, resource protection, and education, in addition to park infrastructure repair and enhancement.



Write President Bush and ensure the diverse needs of the parks get funded.

Remind President Bush about the importance of funding the diverse annual needs of our national parks. Take the time to sign and mail the postcard attached to this brochure. It's an investment well worth your time and stamp.



Because the threat is so real, the solutions must be just as real.

We can no longer take for granted that our national parks will always “be there” for us to enjoy and appreciate in the same ways we have in the past. They need our help and they need it now. If we care, we must act.

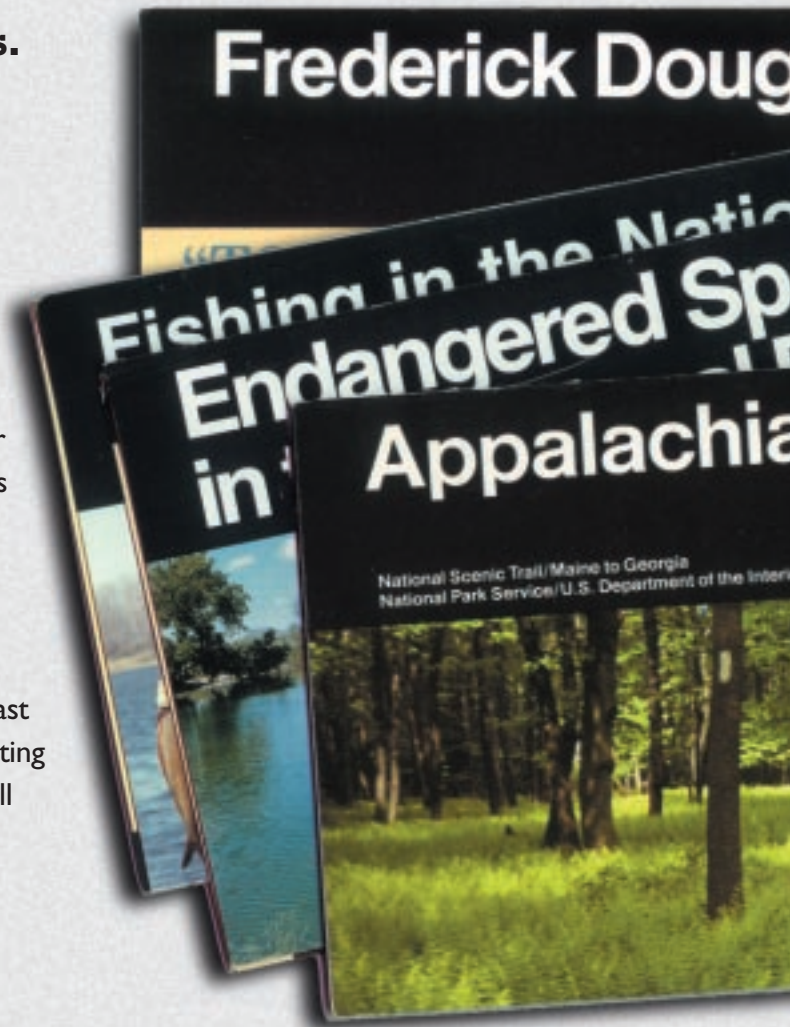
**Join Americans for National Parks.
Be informed and stay involved.**



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Americans for National Parks is a growing coalition of nonprofit organizations, businesses, trade associations, individuals, and other supporters of the national parks, working to encourage Congress and the administration to address the full needs of the National Park System.

Americans for National Parks is working with the administration to direct the majority of the president's \$4.9 billion parks pledge toward resource protection and visitor education, including at least a \$600-million increase over the next five years for annual operating needs. A bipartisan group of influential members of Congress will work alongside the coalition to help preserve and protect the National Park System.



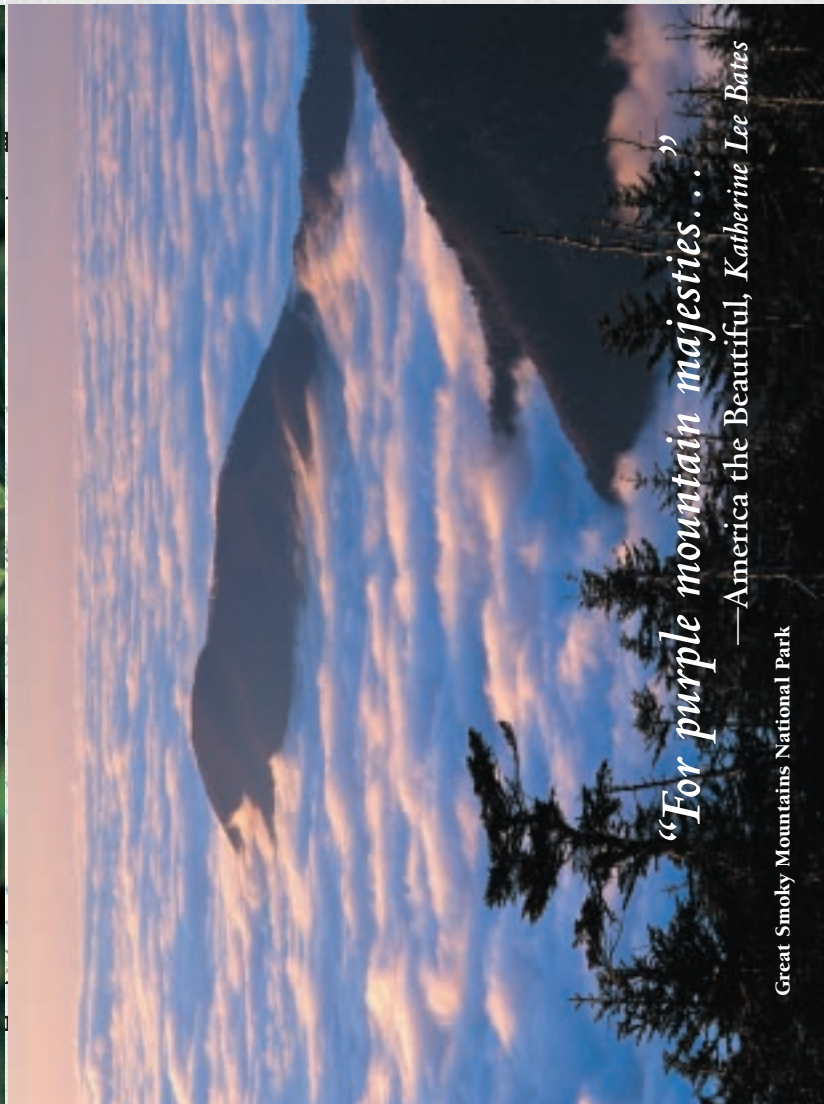
***“Never believe that a few caring people can’t change the world.
For, indeed, that’s all who ever have.”*** — Margaret Mead

**We often wonder, “what can one person do?”
The answer, quite simply, is a lot!**

- 🌲 Take the time to sign and mail the attached postcard to President Bush in support of increased funding for the national parks.
- 🌲 Subscribe to our free weekly electronic newsletter, National ParkLines, to stay informed about the latest news and action items on important national park issues.
- 🌲 Visit our website at www.americansfornationalparks.com.
- 🌲 Write a letter to your Congressperson.
- 🌲 Tell a friend.
- 🌲 Speak out.
- 🌲 ***Change the world.***



From a flower to a bush



“For purple mountain majesties...”

—America the Beautiful, Katherine Lee Bates



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Dear President Bush:

On behalf of all the flowers and other wonderful things in America's National Park System, I want to thank you for your leadership in preserving and protecting America's National Park System. But there's more to do.

Please increase the annual operating budget of the national parks by \$600 million within five years to fully support their diverse needs. Because there's just too much to lose.

Sincerely,

name _____
address _____

President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

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Dear Americans for National Parks,

Please sign me up!

I would like to receive your free, weekly electronic newsletter, National ParkLines, to stay informed about the latest news and action items on important national park issues.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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There are 385 awe-inspiring reasons to get involved.
They're called our national parks.



Location of the national parks in the United States