

# Pew Charitable Trusts National Parks Survey

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*This telephone survey (landline and cell) was conducted for The Pew Charitable Trusts by SSRS, an independent research company. Interviews were conducted from Oct. 30 to Nov. 4, 2018, among a representative sample of 1,004 total respondents. The margin of error with design effect for the total respondents is plus or minus 3.8 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level.*

## Based on Total Respondents

PARK1. The National Park System has over 400 sites, which includes 28,000 buildings and 18,000 miles of trails. Many of our park facilities are deteriorating. I'm going to read you some specific repair needs and would like you to just tell me if you think it is a very important, somewhat important, or not very important priority for the National Park Service. (Items a through d were randomized)

- a. Maintaining the hiking trails in good condition

	Total
<b>Important (net)</b>	<b>93%</b>
Very important	59%
Somewhat important	35%
Not very important	6%
Don't know	*
Refused	*

Note: Asterisks indicate percentages lower than 0.5.

- b. Preserving historic buildings and landmarks

	Total
<b>Important (net)</b>	<b>94%</b>
Very important	68%
Somewhat important	26%
Not very important	5%
Don't know	1%
Refused	*

Note: Asterisk indicates a percentage lower than 0.5.

- c. Making sure roads are safe and can accommodate modern vehicles and RVs

	Total
<b>Important (net)</b>	<b>95%</b>
Very important	69%
Somewhat important	27%
Not very important	4%
Don't know	*
Refused	*

Note: Asterisks indicate percentages lower than 0.5.

- d. Updating visitor facilities like campgrounds and bathrooms

	Total
<b>Important (net)</b>	<b>94%</b>
Very important	60%
Somewhat important	34%
Not very important	5%
Don't know	*

Note: Asterisk indicates a percentage lower than 0.5.

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**PARK2.** The estimated cost to address the current backlog of repairs in the National Park System is over \$11 billion. Oil and gas companies now operate on some federal lands and waters, and pay fees to the government for this. There is a proposal before Congress to dedicate \$1.3 billion each year for five years from this money to pay for maintenance and repairs at national parks. Would you (favor) or (oppose) this?

	Total
<b>Favor (net)</b>	<b>76%</b>
Strongly favor	42%
Somewhat favor	34%
<b>Oppose (net)</b>	<b>21%</b>
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	10%
Don't know	3%
Refused	*

Note: Asterisk indicates a percentage lower than 0.5.