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U.S. Department of the Interior  
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# Public Use Statistics Office

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The National Park System  
Caring for the American Legacy  
Mission Statement

"...to promote and regulate the use of the...national parks...which purpose is to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

National Park Service Organic Act, 16 U.S.C.1.

# Enjoyment in the NPS



Yosemite NP



Cape Hatteras NS

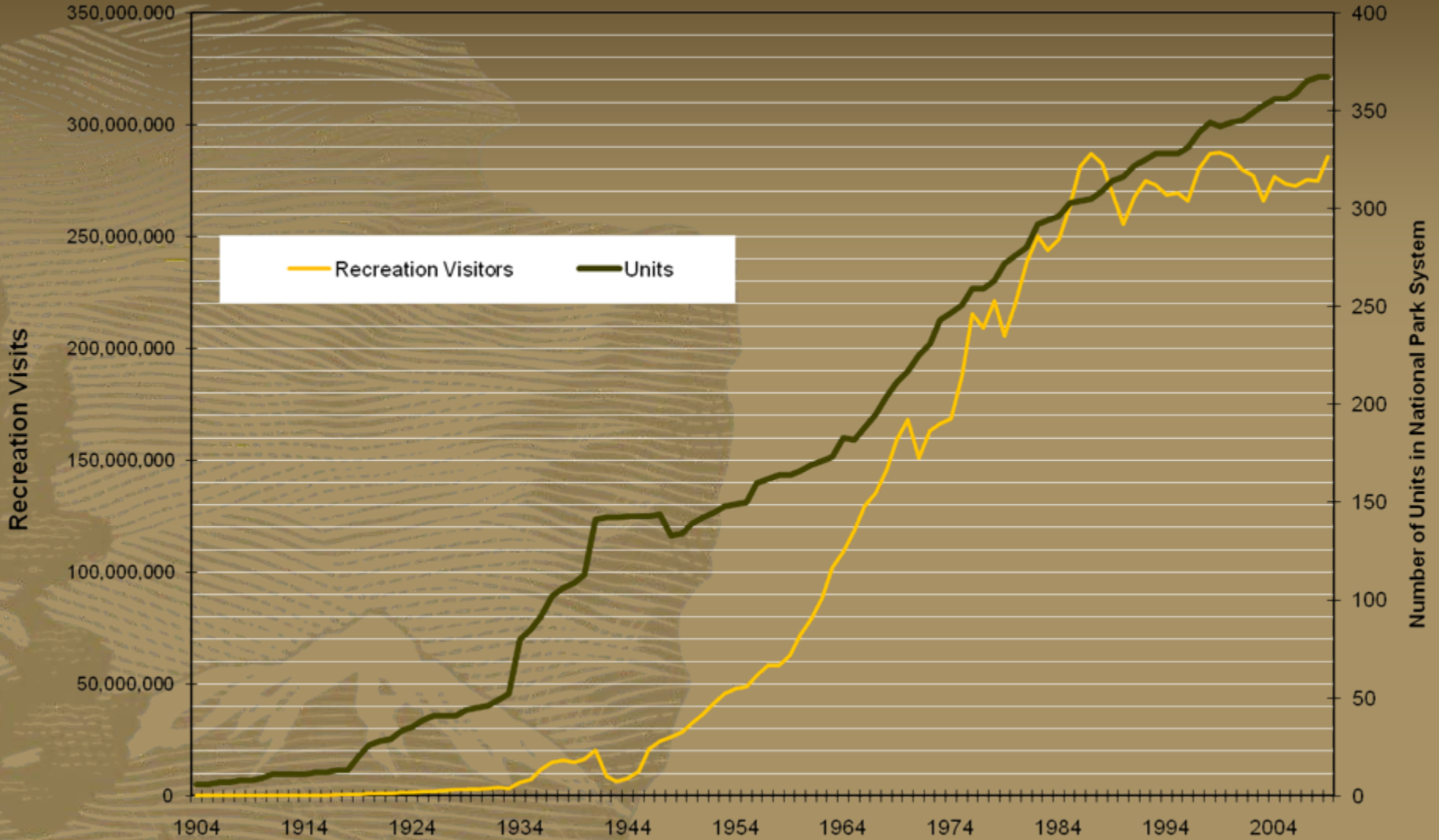
It's hard to tell which visitor is getting the most enjoyment out of their visit.

# NPS Overview

- Manages 392 Units
  - 122 Historical Sites
  - 74 Monuments
  - 58 National Parks
  - 24 Battlefields
  - 20 Preserves and Reserves
  - 18 Recreation Areas
  - 10 Seashores
  - 4 Parkways
  - 4 Lakeshores

Yellowstone NP was the first park in 1872 and  
Port Chicago Naval Magazine NMEM is the newest

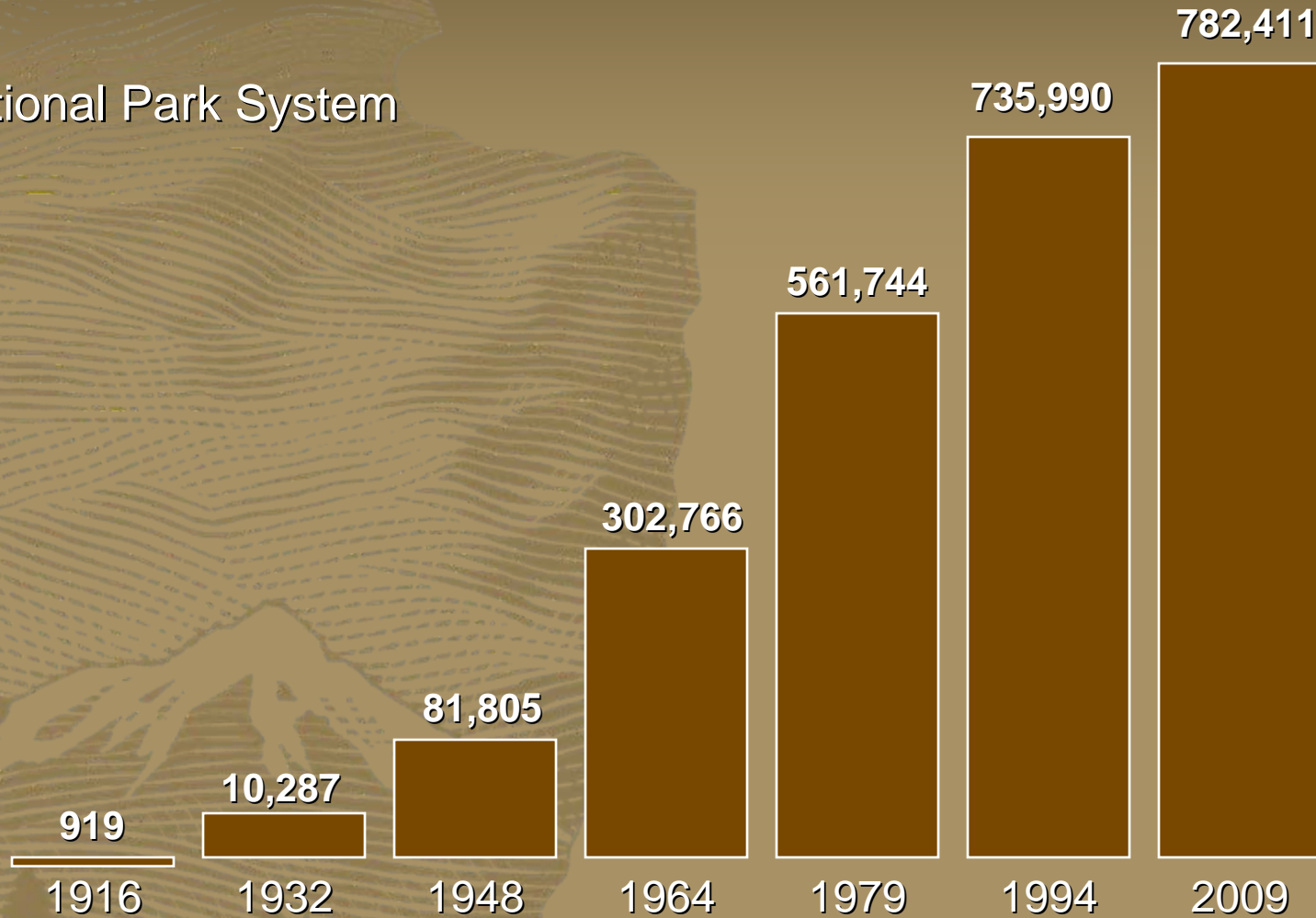
# Recreation Visitors and Number of Reporting Units 1904-2009



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# Recreational Visitors per Day

National Park System



# Multimodal Transportation System Characteristics

- 8,500 miles of roads
  - 5,456 paved
  - 1,510 permanent count stations
- 1,736 bridges and 67 tunnels
- 54,100 miles of trails in the National Trail System
- 110 Alternative Transportation Systems in 96 park units
- In 2009, 110,250,000 vehicles entered the parks for recreation use and another 218,342,000 as commuter vehicles (non-recreation use).



Most of our traffic counters are located at main entrance(s)  
Salinas Pueblo 1933

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# What and How We Count

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# We Count Cars



Canyonlands (Elephant Hill)



Yosemite Valley

# Bicyclists



George Washington MP has about 413,000 bicyclists and walkers a year

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# Vessels



Glacier Bay NP



Niobrara NSR

# People



Yosemite Valley



George Washington MP

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# Lots of People



2009 Obama Inauguration (1.5 Million)

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**And anything else that crosses a counter**



Jean Lafitte NHP & Preserve

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# How is Data Reported by Parks

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# Congaree NP

## Edit Visitor Data

Reporting Period: **January, 2010**

[Printable Form](#)

ENTER TRAFFIC COUNT AT MAIN ENTRANCE

BUSES

BUS  
PASSENGERS

ENTER THE NUMBER OF BUSES/BUS PASSENGERS

ENTER THE TRAFFIC COUNT AT CEDAR CREEK BOAT LANDING

ENTER THE TRAFFIC COUNT AT BANNISTER'S BRIDGE

ENTER THE NUMBER OF BACKCOUNTRY OVERNIGHT STAYS

ENTER THE NUMBER OF OVERNIGHT STAYS IN GROUP CAMPING AREA

ENTER THE NUMBER OF CAMPING PERMITS ISSUED

ENTER THE NUMBER OF GUIDED WALKS

ENTER THE NUMBER OF VISITORS TAKING GUIDED WALKS

ENTER THE NUMBER OF GUIDED CANOE TRIPS

ENTER THE NUMBER OF VISITORS TAKING GUIDED CANOE TRIPS

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# How Data is Reported to the Public

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# NPS Stats

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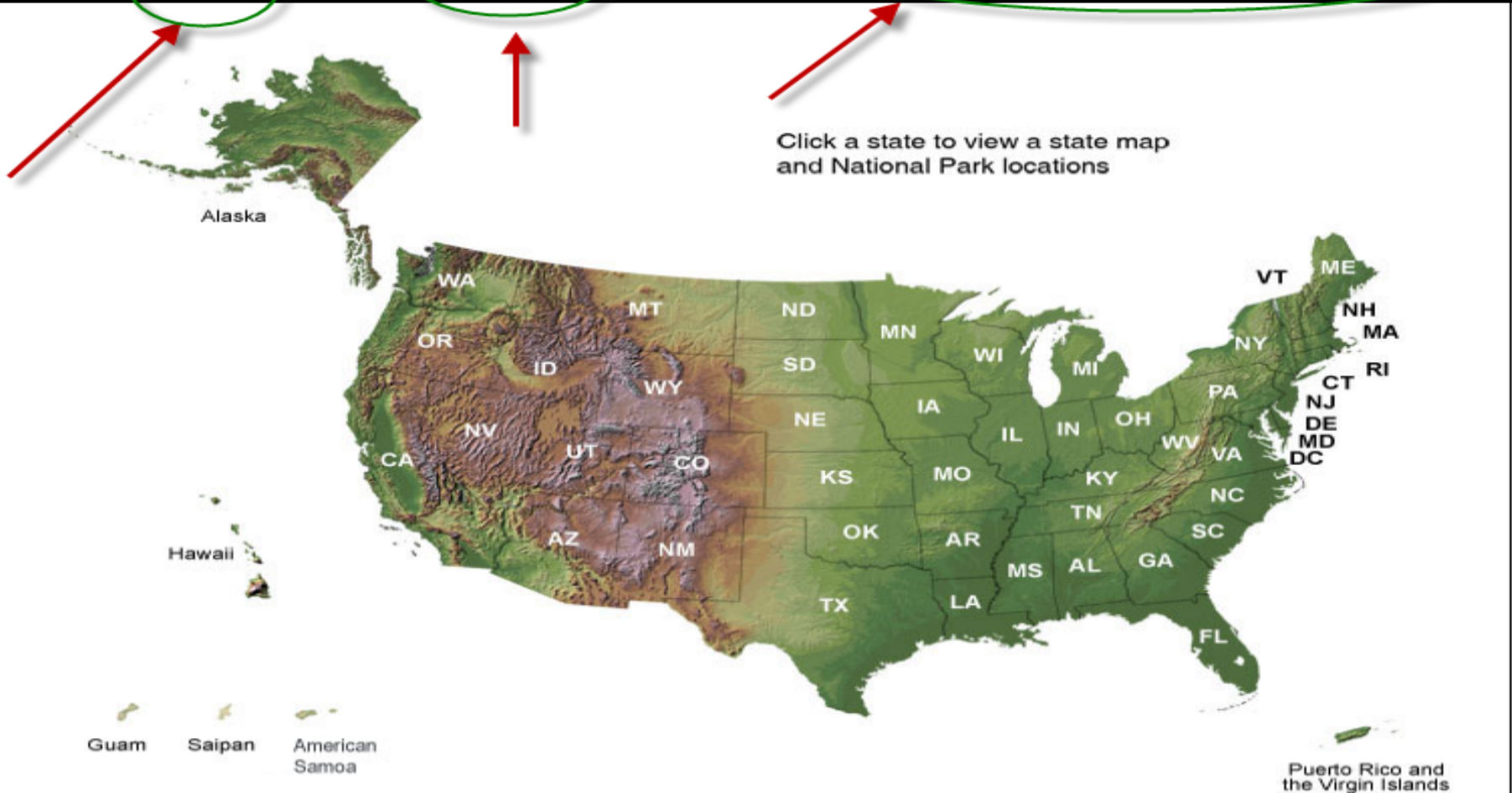
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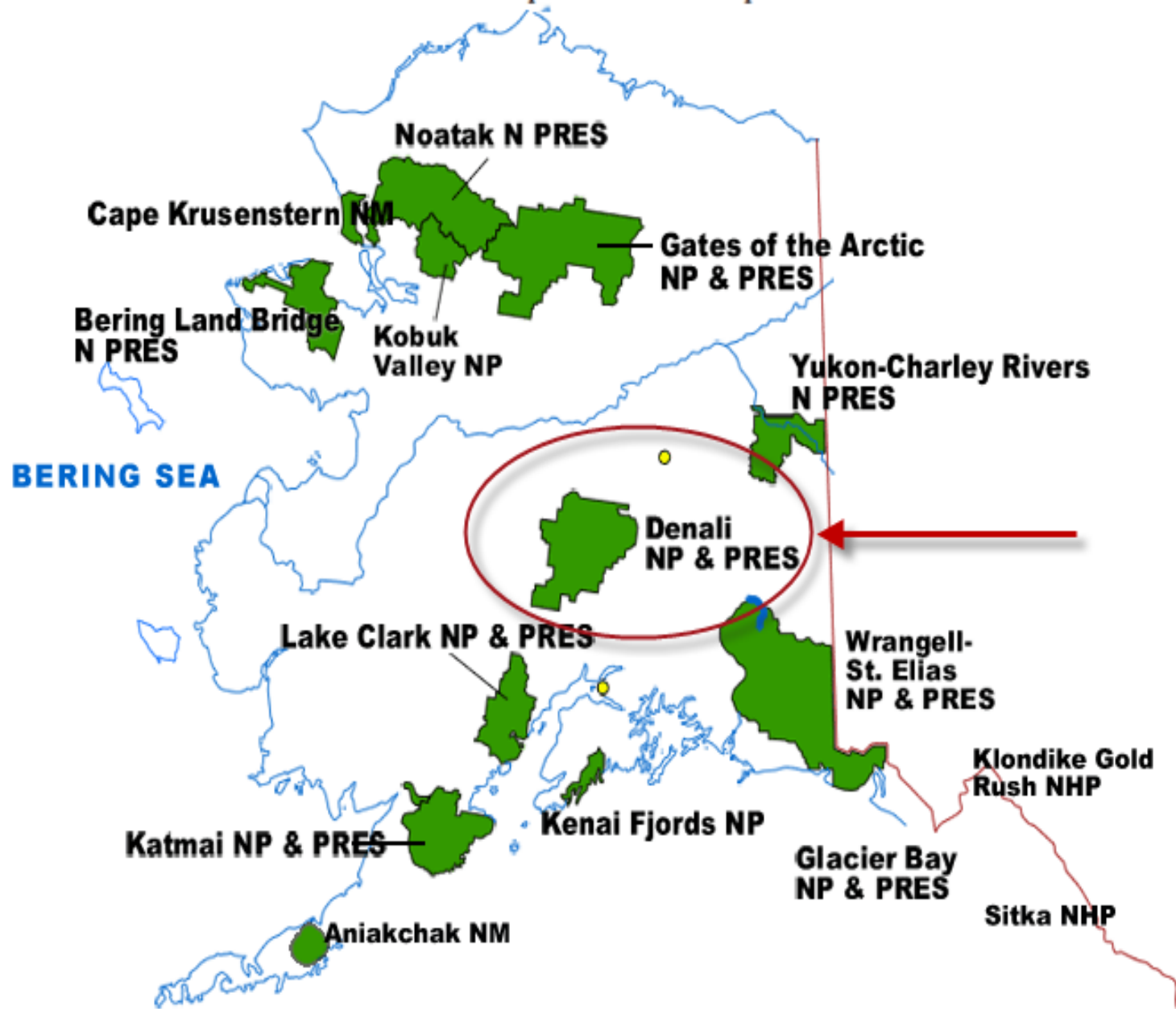


Click a state to view a state map  
and National Park locations



How much gas will you need for your trip?

Click on a park for statistical reports.



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## Denali NP & PRES Reports

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  - Traffic Counts By Location
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**Denali NP & PRES**  
**Report Date: July 2009**

<b>Overnight Stays</b>	<b>Visits This Month</b>	<b>Same Month Last Year</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>This Year YTD</b>	<b>Last Year YTD</b>	<b>% Change YTD</b>	<b>Fiscal YTD</b>
Registered BC O/N's South Side	444	710	- 37.5	6,478	6,958	- 6.9	6,478
Permitted BC O/N Stays North Side	2,272	2,577	- 11.8	4,064	4,903	- 17.1	4,064
SUP Mountain Climbers O/N's	222	355	- 37.5	3,239	3,479	- 6.9	3,239
Guided Hunters	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
Savage Group CG	330	491	- 32.8	554	1,115	- 50.3	554
Tent Campers at Riley Creek CG	2,521	4,286	- 41.2	5,323	8,516	- 37.5	5,323
RV Campers at Riley Creek CG	7,381	5,726	28.9	14,338	11,535	24.3	14,338
Tent Campers at Savage River CG	771	1,420	- 45.7	1,744	2,131	- 18.2	1,744
RV Campers at Savage River CG	1,966	1,699	15.7	4,170	3,944	5.7	4,170
Tent Campers at Wonder Lake CG	1,468	1,728	- 15.0	2,446	2,813	- 13.0	2,446
Tent Campers at Sanctuary CG	73	167	- 56.3	141	357	- 60.5	141
Tent Campers at Igloo CG	156	172	- 9.3	390	383	1.8	390
Tent Campers at Teklanika CG	773	856	- 9.7	1,665	856	94.5	1,665
RV Campers at Teklanika CG	3,124	2,361	32.3	6,508	2,361	175.6	6,508
<b>Overnight Stay Summary</b>							
Total Tent Campers	5,762	8,629	- 33.2	11,709	15,056	- 22.2	11,709
Total RV Campers	12,471	9,786	27.4	25,016	17,840	40.2	25,016
Total Backcountry Campers	3,375	4,124	- 18.2	26,563	28,654	- 7.3	26,563
Total Group Campers	330	491	- 32.8	554	1,115	- 50.3	554

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**Denali NP & PRES**  
**Report Date: July 2009**

	Visits This Month	Same Month Last Year	% Change	This Year YTD	Last Year YTD	% Change YTD	Fiscal YTD
Visitors on NPS Shuttle Bus(Green)	23,024	27,624	- 16.7	43,436	53,207	- 18.4	43,436
Visitors on NPS Shuttle Bus from Teklanika	1,105	1,005	10.0	2,110	1,366	54.5	2,110
Visitors on Natural History Tour Bus(Short)	21,060	21,663	- 2.8	46,886	46,725	0.3	46,886
Visitors on VTS Kantishna Tour	0	7,562	- 100.0	0	13,390	- 100.0	0
Visitors on Tundra Wildlife Tours	25,999	36,011	- 27.8	54,538	77,141	- 29.3	54,538
Pass's on Denali Bctry Lodge Buses	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
Pass's on KANT Roadhouse Buses	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
Pass's on Camp Denali Buses	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
Total Inholder Bus Passengers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Visitors attending Dog Sled Kennals	13,418	14,345	- 6.5	27,332	28,946	- 5.6	27,332
Visitors using Road Lottery Permits	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
Visitors using handicap permits	12	1	1100.0	36	25	44.0	36
Visitors arriving by Train	36,283	45,237	- 19.8	83,105	106,535	- 22.0	83,105
SUP Mountain Climbers	127	190	- 33.2	1,668	1,797	- 7.2	1,668
Visitors arriving via Aircraft	-158	3,096	- 105.1	-2,066	5,962	- 134.7	-2,066
Registered B/C Visitors at Talkeetna	62	94	- 34.0	796	822	- 3.2	796
Visitors at Talkeetna Ranger Station	7,958	8,772	- 9.3	21,134	22,361	- 5.5	21,134
Permitted B/C Visitors on North Side	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
Visitors at North Side Visitor Center	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
Pro Photographers	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
Visitors on Tour Road (MP 13)(Winter Use)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Recreation Visitors	102,834	129,762	- 20.8	219,598	276,353	- 20.5	220,390

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### Report Options

Multiple Years may be selected

- 2009
- 2008
- 2007
- 2006
- 2005
- 2004

Display: OnScreen  Excel

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## Arches NP

### TRAFFIC COUNT AT MAIN ENTRANCE

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2010	3,597	4,915	20,990	34,256	50,642							
2009	4,844	6,421	24,486	32,857	49,325	49,771	47,830	47,253	45,615	34,475	13,016	5,445
2008	3,774	5,565	24,414	32,667	46,821	43,908	42,694	45,206	42,400	31,536	12,080	5,478
2007	4,362	6,347	23,338	32,662	39,837	38,419	39,472	36,840	41,417	30,790	12,552	5,197
2006	5,299	8,508	24,777	30,669	39,259	36,021	35,798	37,575	38,485	28,389	11,544	5,579
2005	4,080	6,659	23,048	26,202	39,507	39,389	37,983	36,790	30,119	25,161	10,494	5,371
2004	4,748	4,713	21,443	28,411	40,256	33,606	33,469	29,634	33,261	23,321	8,745	4,879
2003	5,489	5,609	18,214	25,588	37,786	36,542	34,191	35,570	35,315	29,215	8,804	4,992
2002	4,132	7,138	20,936	27,800	39,125	36,383	34,851	35,274	34,609	27,178	9,514	5,882
2001	4,321	5,284	20,075	26,561	39,686	35,534	36,276	35,375	33,491	24,458	10,883	3,992
2000	4,775	5,905	19,112	27,988	38,062	37,364	39,240	37,313	36,132	26,200	8,069	4,968
1999	4,916	6,310	22,626	24,983	42,470	41,933	42,168	44,336	41,520	28,139	10,559	5,537
1998	4,347	5,072	19,054	27,216	42,600	41,509	40,555	42,989	40,560	27,542	8,884	4,386
1997	3,900	5,505	23,393	25,314	40,802	40,231	43,840	46,551	41,252	26,732	8,013	4,757
1996	3,332	5,902	21,327	28,439	41,121	39,612	42,552	45,695	42,581	25,454	8,074	5,694
1995	4,599	6,520	19,297	27,947	39,313	41,834	48,918	45,499	42,352	26,425	7,396	2,087
1994	4,100	5,096	19,528	26,800	36,983	35,079	39,275	41,045	38,676	24,538	6,849	4,913
1993	2,515	3,547	16,124	27,047	37,099	36,611	42,061	42,138	39,525	24,231	7,764	3,366
1992	2,810	4,431	14,551	24,585	33,783	33,915	37,064	36,142	35,679	24,638	6,932	2,609

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3	<b>TRAFFIC COUNT AT MAIN ENTRANCE</b>												
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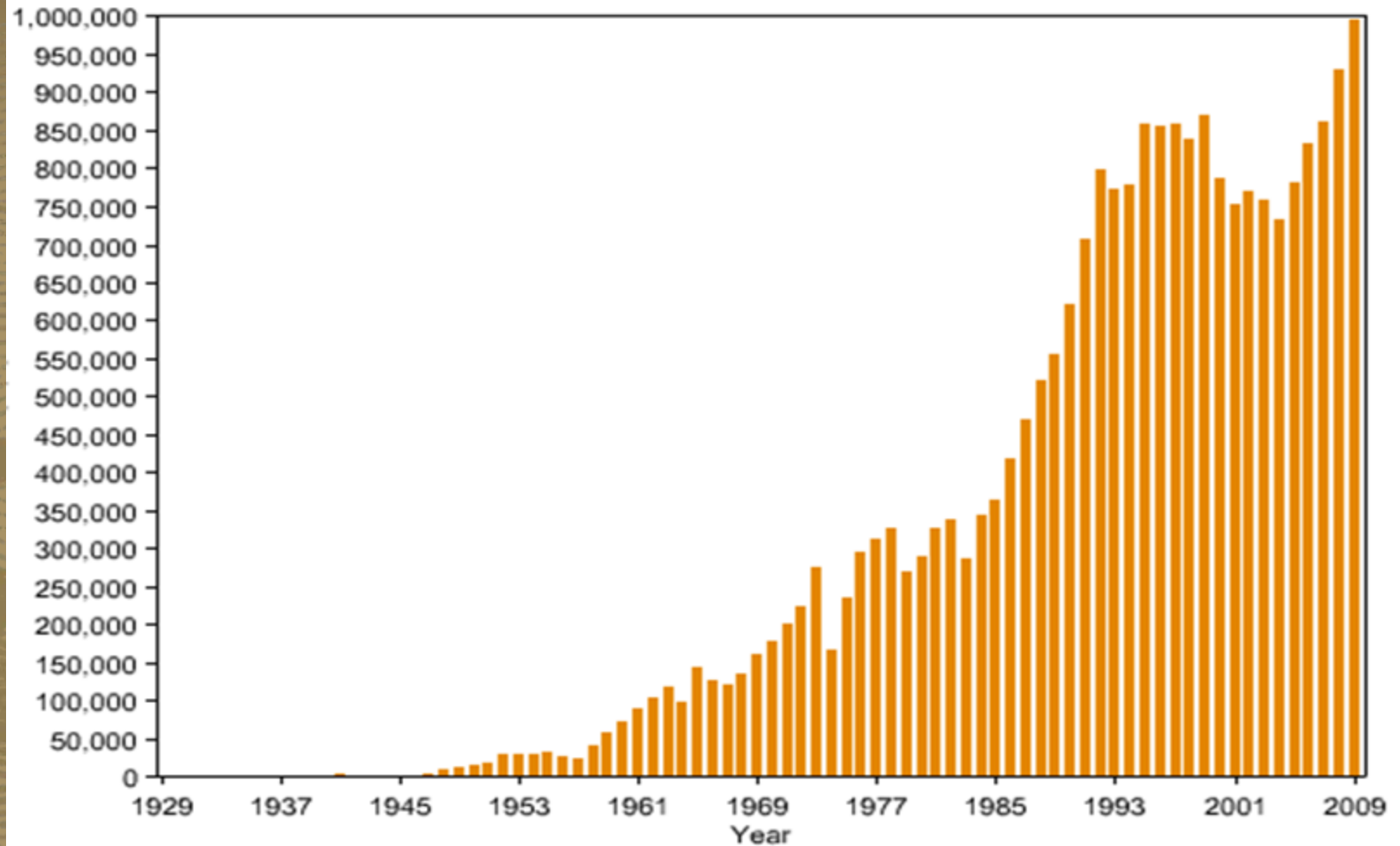
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# Total Recreation Visitors



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**National Park Service Visitor Summary Report  
Total Recreation Visits for May, 2010**

<b>Park</b>	<b>MAY 2009</b>	<b>MAY 2010</b>	<b>DIFF</b>	<b>YTD 2009</b>	<b>YTD 2010</b>	<b>DIFF</b>
Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHP	23,776	19,290	-4,486	70,409	54,567	-15,842
Acadia NP	129,885	169,898	40,013	227,537	277,878	50,341
Adams NHP	27,989	11,155	-16,834	50,475	15,175	-35,300
Agate Fossil Beds NM	1,390	1,479	89	2,353	2,406	53
Alibates Flint Quarries NM	855	942	87	1,340	1,730	390
Allegheny Portage Railroad NHS	11,915	11,168	-747	40,523	27,312	-13,211
Amistad NRA	328,730	168,604	-160,126	1,363,297	726,306	-636,991
Andersonville NHS	20,190	16,437	-3,753	61,898	59,099	-2,799
Andrew Johnson NHS	8,043	7,251	-792	27,483	22,213	-5,270
Aniakchak NM & PRES	1	1	0	1	1	0
Antietam NB	40,177	41,925	1,748	106,979	110,660	3,681
Apostle Islands NL	7,629	7,878	249	23,325	21,765	-1,560
Appomattox Court House NHP	28,245	27,693	-552	67,908	80,992	13,084
Arches NP	139,332	143,780	4,448	324,516	316,168	-8,348
Arkansas Post NMEM	4,341	5,264	923	14,875	14,883	8
Arlington House The R.E. Lee MEM	89,323	81,169	-8,154	246,230	243,179	-3,051
Assateague Island NS	192,994	192,994	0	444,479	461,644	17,165
Aztec Ruins NM	4,784	4,757	-27	12,598	12,015	-583
Badlands NP	69,831	71,908	2,077	122,588	116,501	-6,087
Bandelier NM	28,243	29,875	1,632	67,496	73,595	6,099
Bent's Old Fort NHS	4,004	3,591	-413	8,671	8,465	-206
Bering Land Bridge NPRES	43	43	0	195	679	484
Big Bend NP	26,176	30,595	4,419	194,415	200,338	5,923
Big Cypress NPRES	48,844	48,844	0	456,001	587,586	131,585



## NPS 5 Year Annual Recreation Visits Report

Park	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Average
Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHP	190,809	200,054	202,950	200,404	221,111	203,066
Acadia NP	2,051,484	2,083,588	2,202,228	2,075,857	2,227,698	2,128,171
Adams NHP	220,467	225,318	224,880	241,536	253,656	233,171
Agate Fossil Beds NM	14,209	13,521	12,997	12,425	12,694	13,169
Alibates Flint Quarries NM	2,919	1,882	4,028	2,297	2,918	2,809
Allegheny Portage Railroad NHS	115,357	121,009	123,215	113,991	118,931	118,501
Amistad NRA	1,399,852	1,599,271	1,734,200	1,980,717	2,573,966	1,857,601
Andersonville NHS	132,466	132,153	153,686	159,592	136,267	142,833
Andrew Johnson NHS	48,552	50,701	43,456	69,433	63,296	55,088
Aniakchak NM & PRES	285	60	26	10	14	79
Antietam NB	295,309	282,676	337,569	352,548	378,966	329,414
Apostle Islands NL	175,245	189,051	182,396	162,871	170,202	175,953
Appomattox Court House NHP	136,827	145,804	149,255	178,748	185,443	159,215
Arches NP	781,670	833,049	860,181	928,795	996,312	880,001
Arkansas Post NMEM	37,740	36,665	37,230	43,137	32,160	37,386
Arlington House The R.E. Lee MEM	498,553	509,522	466,690	518,515	603,773	519,411
Assateague Island NS	1,996,502	1,932,817	2,110,918	2,011,438	2,129,658	2,036,267
Aztec Ruins NM	44,050	40,779	39,538	38,709	38,234	40,262
Badlands NP	909,146	840,118	886,654	845,734	933,918	883,114
Bandelier NM	250,161	243,765	224,134	207,656	212,544	227,652
Bent's Old Fort NHS	27,760	26,483	23,952	25,001	28,131	26,265
Bering Land Bridge NPRES	2,428	1,265	796	1,019	1,054	1,312

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### Table 9. 2010 and 2011 Forecast of Recreation Visits

Park Name	2009 Visits	2010 Forecast	% Change	2011 Forecast	% Change
Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHP <sup>1</sup>	221,111	<b>221,352</b>	0.1%	<b>227,447</b>	2.8%
Acadia NP	2,227,698	<b>2,231,580</b>	0.2%	<b>2,266,050</b>	1.5%
Adams NHP	253,656	<b>257,950</b>	1.7%	<b>266,210</b>	3.2%
Agate Fossil Beds NM	12,694	<b>11,931</b>	-6.0%	<b>11,519</b>	-3.5%
Alibates Flint Quarries NM	2,918	<b>2,918</b>	0.0%	<b>2,918</b>	0.0%
Allegheny Portage Railroad NHS	118,931	<b>118,540</b>	-0.3%	<b>118,553</b>	0.0%
Amistad NRA	2,573,966	<b>2,676,503</b>	4.0%	<b>2,949,471</b>	10.2%
Andersonville NHS	136,267	<b>153,345</b>	12.5%	<b>156,849</b>	2.3%
Andrew Johnson NHS	63,296	<b>69,554</b>	9.9%	<b>74,376</b>	6.9%
Aniakchak NM & PRES	14	<b>14</b>	0.0%	<b>14</b>	0.0%
Antietam NB	378,966	<b>400,569</b>	5.7%	<b>424,288</b>	5.9%
Apostle Islands NL	170,202	<b>165,073</b>	-3.0%	<b>161,447</b>	-2.2%
Appomattox Court House NHP	185,443	<b>198,268</b>	6.9%	<b>211,286</b>	6.6%
Arches NP	996,312	<b>1,037,510</b>	4.1%	<b>1,090,013</b>	5.1%
Arkansas Post NMEM	32,160	<b>35,980</b>	11.9%	<b>35,511</b>	-1.3%
Arlington House The R.E. Lee MEM	603,773	<b>585,241</b>	-3.1%	<b>607,184</b>	3.7%
Assateague Island NS	2,129,658	<b>2,139,747</b>	0.5%	<b>2,174,240</b>	1.6%
Aztec Ruins NM	38,234	<b>36,151</b>	-5.4%	<b>34,781</b>	-3.8%
Badlands NP	933,918	<b>899,662</b>	-3.7%	<b>905,178</b>	0.6%
Bandelier NM	212,544	<b>194,249</b>	-8.6%	<b>183,115</b>	-5.7%
Bent's Old Fort NHS	28,131	<b>26,043</b>	-7.4%	<b>25,969</b>	-0.3%
Bering Land Bridge NPRES	1,054	<b>1,054</b>	0.0%	<b>1,054</b>	0.0%

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