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INHP Celebrates National Public Lands Day on September 29 With Art in the Park

The volunteer drive for the 14th annual coast-to-coast effort to clean up public lands is now underway

The largest hands-on volunteer effort to preserve America's lands, the 14th annual National Public Lands Day, will take place Saturday, September 29, 2007. In addition to the usual facility clean ups and repairs, this year Independence National Historical Park will have a new focus on arts and culture and its place in the park.

Registration for National Public Lands Day will start at 9:30 am on Independence Mall at 6th and Market Streets. This year's events will include an exhibition of art work featuring scenes of Independence National Historical Park created by artists who have signed on as volunteers in the park. The art exhibit will be open to the public from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and volunteer activities will take place from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm around the park. The Independence Park Institute will also offer fun, educational activities for children. All activities will start from the Independence Visitor Center lawn.

What: Art exhibit, volunteer activities, educational activities
Where: Outside the Independence Visitor Center, 6th and Market Streets
When: Saturday, September 29, starting at 9:30 am

Anyone who volunteers on National Public Lands Day will receive a free one day pass valid for future use at any National Park Service site.

"America's public lands showcase the country's spectacular beauty and fascinating history," said National Park Service Director Mary A. Bomar. "I encourage everyone to take advantage of this fee free day to explore a national park or lend a hand to help the land."

Nine federal agencies, 125 state and local partners, dozens of non-profit organizations, tens of thousands of individuals, and national sponsor Toyota Motor Sales, USA are expected to participate in more than a thousand volunteer projects across the country. Please visit <http://www.publiclandsday.org> for more information.

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One third of the land in the United States has been set aside as open space. 600 million acres of parks, refuges, forests, wetlands, cultural sites, and other shared areas provide a variety of public resources.

National Public Lands Day is the only time that entrance fees are waived systematically on public lands throughout the country. Normally, 147 of the country's 391 National Park Service sites charge entrance fees ranging from \$3 to \$25. The other 244 areas do not have entrance fees. U.S. Veterans are admitted to national parks for free each year on Veteran's Day.

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