How many employees are in the National Park Service?
Approximately 20,000 Permanent, Temporary, and Seasonal diverse professionals and 125,000 Volunteers in Parks

What is the origin of the National Park Service Arrowhead?
The arrowhead was authorized as the official National Park Service emblem by the Secretary of the Interior on July 20, 1951. The Sequoia tree and bison represent vegetation and wildlife, the mountains and water represent scenic and recreational values, and the arrowhead represents historical and archeological values. It was registered Feb. 9, 1965, by the U.S. Patent Office as the official emblem of the NPS. Further information on the Arrowhead, including definitions, uses, powers to revoke uses, and penalties for wrongful use can be found in Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations 11.1-4.

What is the Smallest National Park?
Smallest - Thaddeus Kosciusko National Memorial, Pennsylvania - 0.02 acres
http://www.nps.gov/thko/

How do I make reservations for camping/lodging in the National Parks?
For campground reservations visit http://www.recreation.gov/. Not all parks participate in this service, many campgrounds are first come, first serve. For more information on specific camping and lodging services offered at the park(s) of your interest, please visit http://www.nps.gov/.

How many areas are there in the National Park system?
The National Park System comprises 390 areas covering more than 84 million acres in every state (except Delaware), the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. These areas include national parks, monuments, battlefields, military parks, historical parks, historic sites, lakeshores, seashores, recreation areas, scenic rivers and trails, and the White House.

What is the Largest National Park?
Largest - Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve, Alaska - 13.2 million acres
http://www.nps.gov/wrst/

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National Park System Time Line

National Park System Visitation

10 Million Visitors

Stephen T. Mather, May 15, 1917 - January 8, 1929
Stephen T. Mather was appointed to the National Park Service by Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane in January 1915 as special assistant to Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane. Mather was a friend of Lane's and had served as a friend and political supporter for the early twenty years. Lane proposed to create the National Park Service and Mather was the man for the job. Mather was a self-made millionaire, borax king, and a dynamic, charismatic leader. Mather was able to convince Congress to give parks from the Department of Interior, and he was able to convince Congress to create the National Park Service. Mather was able to convince the public and the Congress that the parks were worth protecting and that the parks were worthy of funding