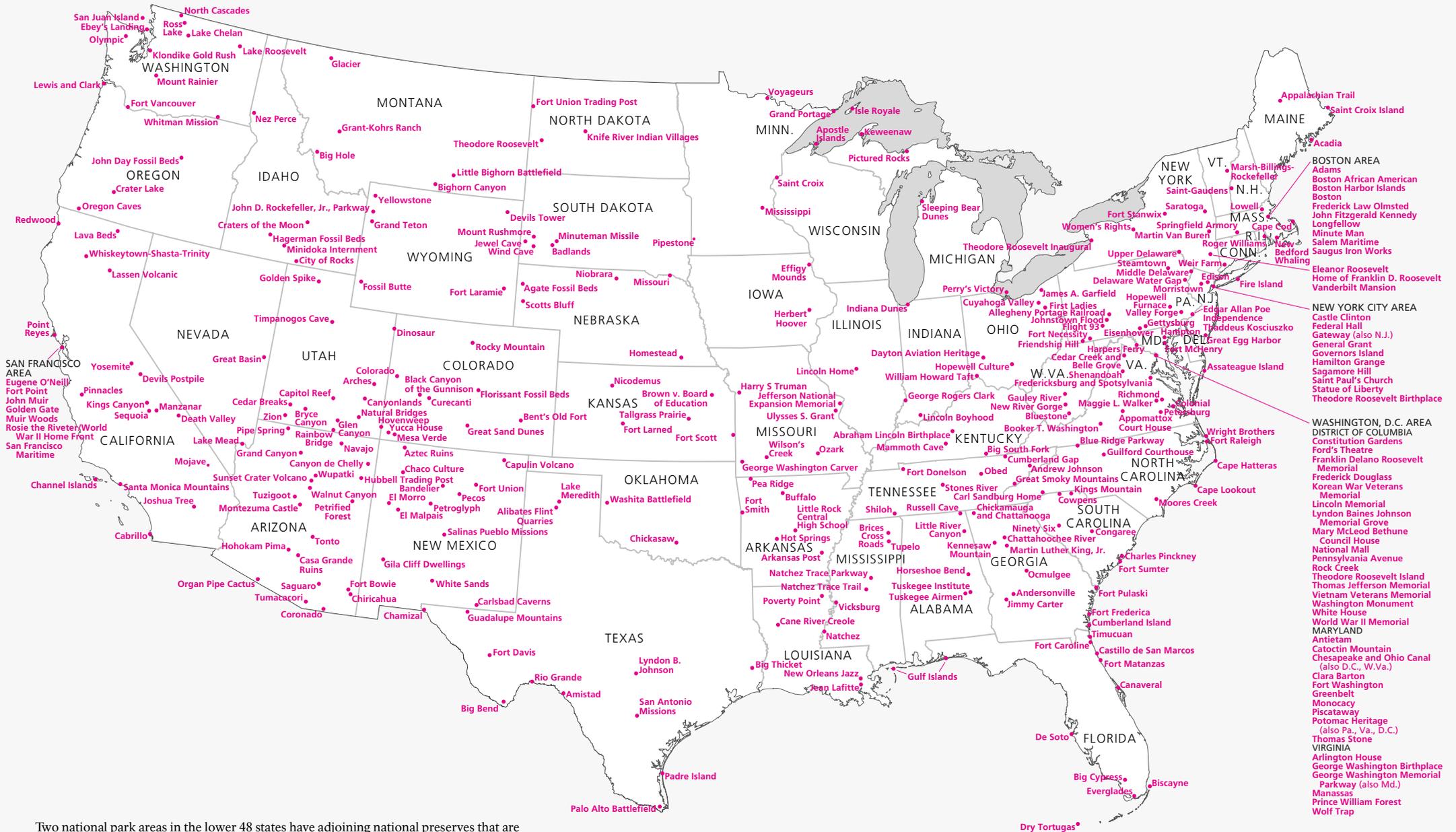
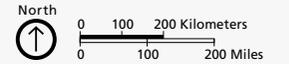




Visitors at Crater Lake National Park, Oregon, 1938.

National Park System as of December 31, 2004



Two national park areas in the lower 48 states have adjoining national preserves that are separate units of the National Park System but managed jointly. They are Great Sand Dunes and Craters of the Moon.

The National Park System (continued)



Seven national park areas in Alaska have adjoining national preserves that are separate units of the National Park System but managed jointly. They are Aniakchak, Denali, Gates of the Arctic, Glacier Bay, Katmai, Lake Clark, and Wrangell-St. Elias.



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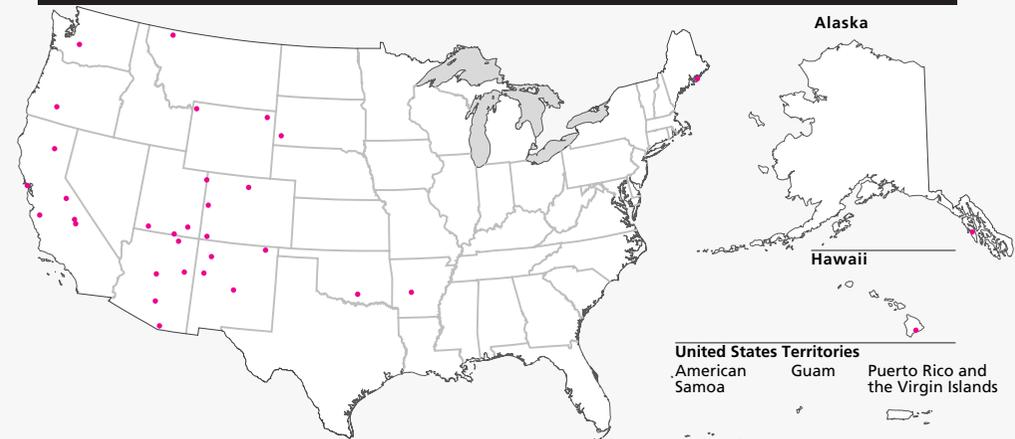
About These Maps

As of December 31, 2004, the National Park System comprised 388 separate park areas in the United States and territories. These areas include national parks, national monuments, national battlefields, national historic sites, national recreation areas, national preserves, and a number of other designations. Complete lists of designations are shown below the charts at the end of the chapters.

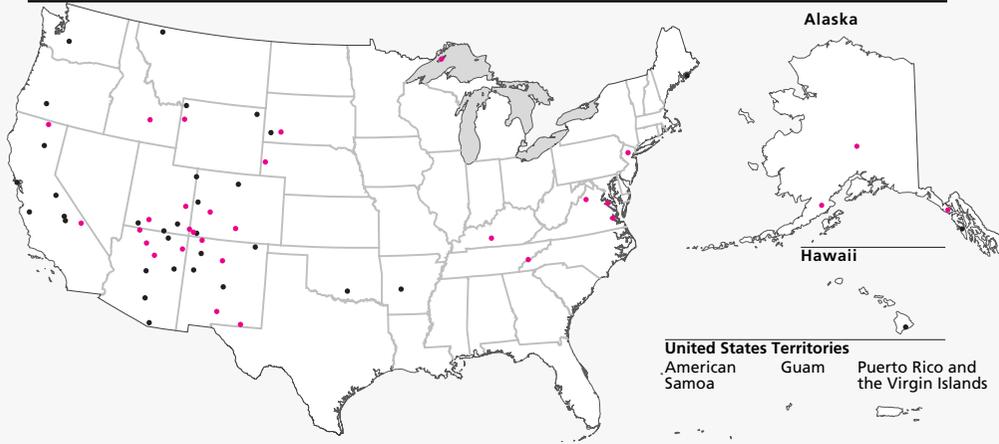
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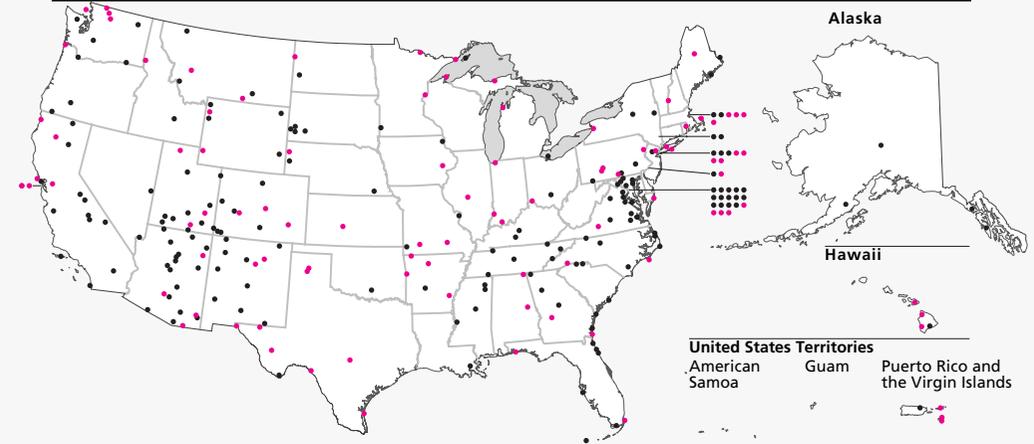
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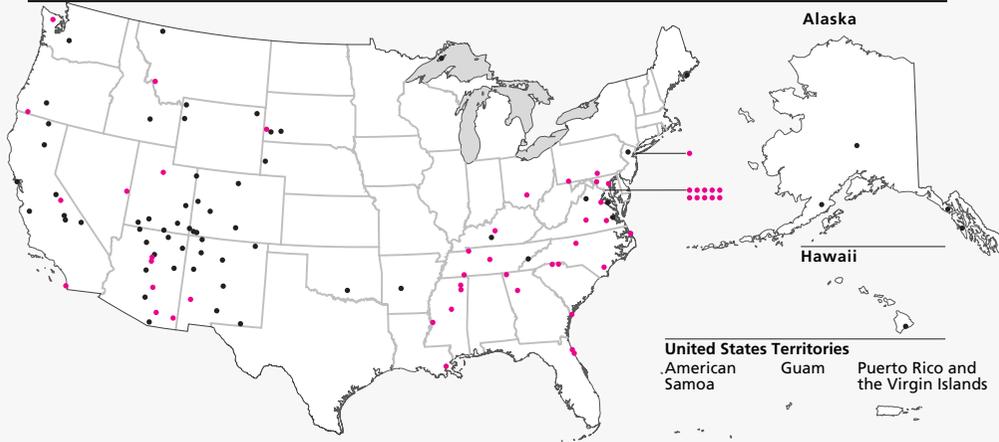
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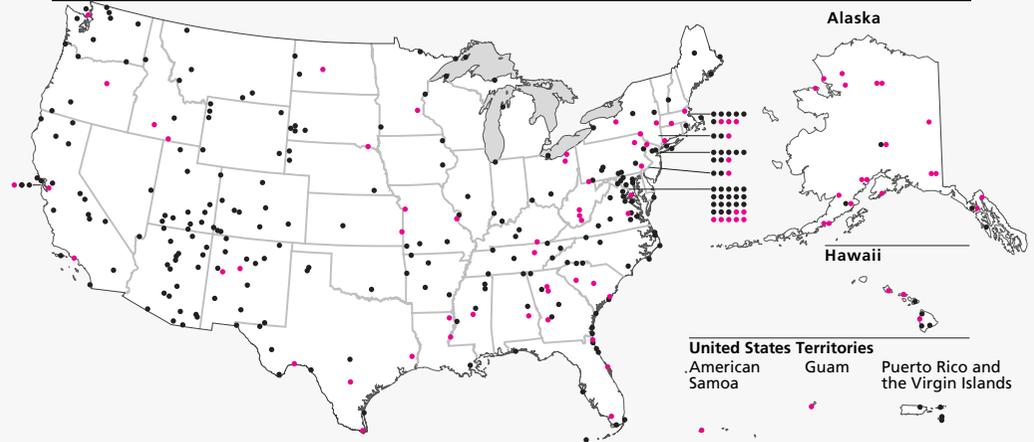
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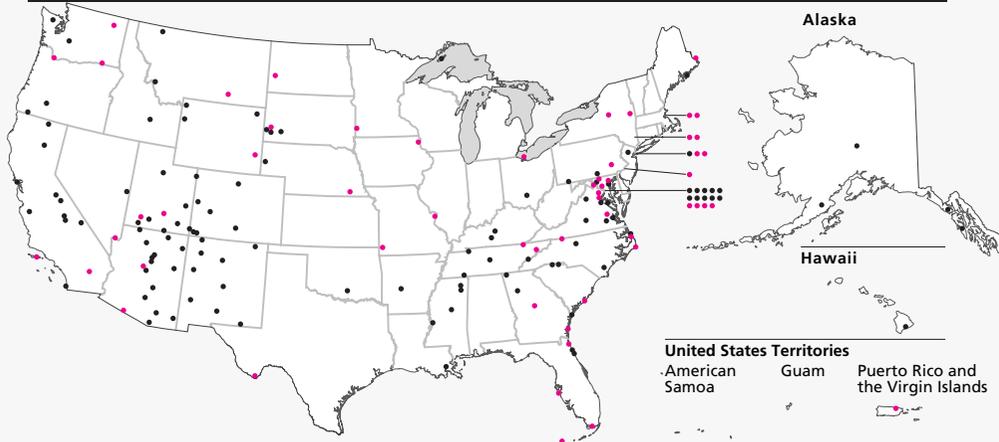
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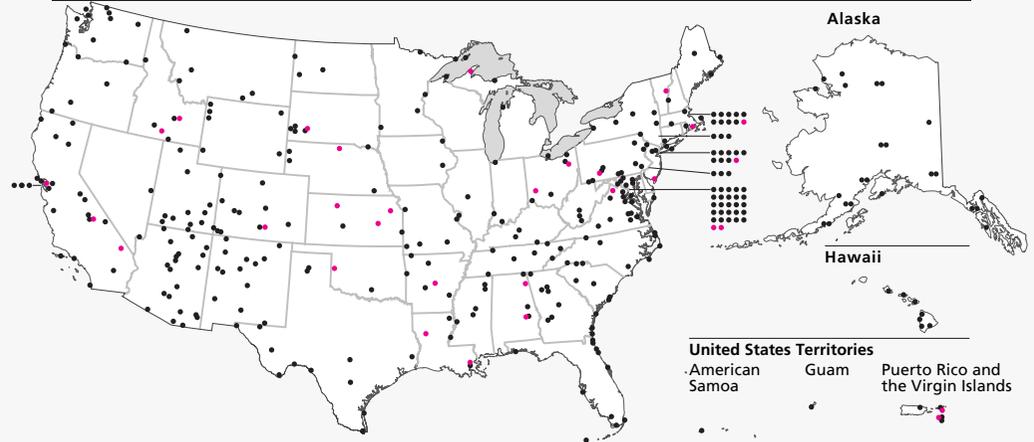
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Stephen T. Mather	May 16, 1917 - January 8, 1929
Horace M. Albright	January 12, 1929 - August 9, 1933
Arno B. Cammerer	August 10, 1933 - August 9, 1940
Newton B. Drury	August 20, 1940 - March 31, 1951
Arthur E. Demaray	April 1, 1951 - December 8, 1951
Conrad L. Wirth	December 9, 1951 - January 7, 1964
George B. Hartzog, Jr.	January 9, 1964 - December 31, 1972
Ronald H. Walker	January 7, 1973 - January 3, 1975
Gary Everhardt	January 13, 1975 - May 27, 1977
William J. Whalen	July 5, 1977 - May 13, 1980
Russell E. Dickenson	May 15, 1980 - March 3, 1985
William Penn Mott, Jr.	May 17, 1985 - April 16, 1989
James M. Ridenour	April 17, 1989 - January 20, 1993
Roger G. Kennedy	June 1, 1993 - March 29, 1997
Robert G. Stanton	August 4, 1997 - January 20, 2001
Fran P. Mainella	July 18, 2001 -

Horace M. Albright (*left*) and Stephen T. Mather, Los Angeles, California, 1928. Mather was the first director of the National Park Service; Albright was the second.





George Wright, ca. 1929



Freeman Tilden, 1969



Frederick Law Olmsted, ca. 1900

The national parks you visit today owe much to individuals who worked from both inside and outside the System to shape its landscape and philosophy. Among these were Frederick Law Olmsted, George Wright, and Freeman Tilden.

Frederick Law Olmsted (1822–1903) is the acknowledged father of landscape architecture in the United States. Well known for his naturalistic design for New York City’s Central Park and many other urban parks, Olmsted was instrumental in the setting aside of Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa sequoia grove as the nation’s first natural reservation in 1864. Yosemite became a national park in 1890. Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site in Brookline, Massachusetts, honors his life and work.

Working as a naturalist in Yosemite National Park in the 1920s, George Melendez Wright became increasingly concerned about the impact of humans on wildlife. As the Service’s first chief of its wildlife division, he instituted formal studies of wild species, evaluating threats and proposing solutions for endangered species. In 1936 Wright died in an automobile accident at age 32. His holistic view of park management—that parklands are inseparable from the world around them—lives on through the George Wright Society.

Born in 1883 near Boston, Massachusetts, Freeman Tilden was a prolific writer from a young age. In the 1940s, at the urging of NPS director Newton Drury, Tilden began to write about national parks and their value to America’s heritage. His focus soon shifted to the presentation of a park’s story to visitors; he advocated not just a recitation of facts but the forging of a connection between the visitor and the park. Tilden’s 1957 book *Interpreting Our Heritage* sets forth the guiding principles for how the National Park Service shapes the visitors’ experience. Tilden died in 1980.

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Decals on the windshield of this car in 1922 reveal a love of travel through the American West.

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Shaping the Arrowhead

For much of its history the National Park Service was represented by a sequoia cone (*figure 1*). In 1949 a contest was held to develop an official logo. The winner of the contest, Dudley Baliss, was awarded a \$50 prize, but his “modern type” design was never used (*figure 2*). Shortly after the contest, National Park Service historian Aubrey Neasham suggested in a letter to Director Newton Drury that the Service needed an emblem that expressed its primary function, “like an arrowhead, or a tree, or a buffalo.” With his letter Neasham included a rough sketch of an elongated arrowhead with a pine tree appearing within it (*figure 3*). When Conrad Wirth became director in 1951, he turned Neasham’s design over to Herbert Maier, then assistant director of what is now the Pacific West Region. Maier’s staff helped develop the arrowhead that was first used in 1952 (*figure 4*). In 1954 minor modifications were made to the logo, strengthening the bison and refining the edge of the arrowhead form (*figure 5*). In 2001 additional modifications were made by Harpers Ferry Center, digitizing the artwork, and making the arrowhead suitable for a wider range of media (*front cover*).

