

Tule Elk Docent Program
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“The History of the National Park Service”

Q. Which president, in 1864, signed a law that turned federally controlled lands in Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Big Tree Grove over to California, provided that the state set these lands aside "for public use, resort, and recreation . . . inalienable for all time."?

Q. In what year was the National Park Service Organic Act signed by President Woodrow Wilson?

Q. What are the two goals, according to the National Park Service Organic Act, of the National Park Service?

Q. On which of the two National Park Service goals did Mather and Albright focus?

Q. How many new sites were transferred to the National Park Service under the Reorganization Act of 1933?

Q. These new sites were primarily (a) natural or (b) historical in nature.

Q. What is the name of the 10-year program initiated by NPS Director Conrad Wirth to prepare the NPS for its 50th anniversary in 1966?

Q. The various areas managed by the NPS—like parkways, recreation areas, and national seashores—are all an equal part of the park system. (True or false)

Q. The NPS may allow activities counter to a park's enabling legislation—the law that created the park and outlines its purpose. (True or false)

Q. A hierarchy of parks exists within the NPS where parks are more or less significant than others. (True or false)

Q. Which act nearly doubled the total size of the national park system?

Q. In what ways has the NPS mission as defined in the year 2000 expanded beyond the National Park Service Organic Act?