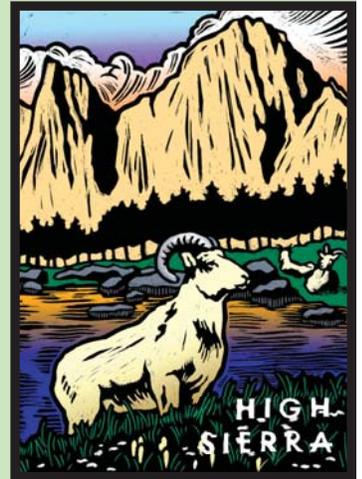
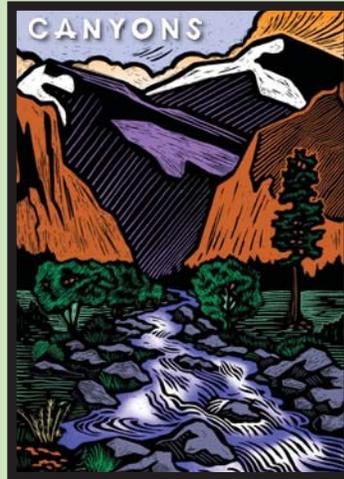


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Spring tidings, summer celebrations

• **California's drought** challenges all of us to conserve water—and to not be surprised if it runs short in places. After three very dry years, limited water may affect availability of some park facilities during the course of the summer. Your help in reducing water waste—in campgrounds, lodgings, RVs, and showers—can make a big difference. Thank you for your efforts.

• **Celebrate Wilderness!** Like national parks, wilderness areas are part of our heritage, held in trust for us and for our descendants. These landscapes protect natural and cultural treasures, dark skies and untamed sounds, wildlife and its wild habitat. In wilderness lives America's frontier past, side by side with a future that still has room for nature, wide open spaces, challenge, and exploration.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act. The result of this law, the National Wilderness Preservation System, preserves lands where "man himself is a visitor who does not

remain." It adds, even within places like these parks, an important layer of protection to the wildest array of the national terrain.

• **Dark Sky Festival** - Speaking of wilderness, join us July 25th through 27th to revel in the wild spaces overhead. Seeing millions of stars wheeling

in a sky free of unnatural light stands as one of the great experiences in large, natural parks such as these. A week-end of events designed to inform and delight includes meeting astronomers, using large telescopes for deep sky viewing, making solar observations, and more. See www.sequoiahistory.org for details, and plan to visit then!



Heaven, by Daniel Jeffcoach: One of the winners of the parks' annual Facebook photo contest, this image captures the sense of vastness, solitude, and self-reliance available in wilderness.

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