American Latino Heritage

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This brochure highlights projects undertaken by National Park Service parks and programs as part of the American Latino Heritage initiative. Projects vary from increased interpretation, collaboration with community organizations, and the production of scholarly publications.

Recognizing Latino Heritage

National Historic Landmarks Program

A National Historic Landmark is a privately or publically owned building, site, structure, or district that represents an outstanding aspect of American history, culture, architecture, science, or engineering. Landmarks are owned by governments and the private sector with identifying and evaluating Landmark sites for the National Register of Historic Places. The NPS will also use this theme study to examine whether some sites should be reconsidered for National Historic Landmark designation, as well as to add with the broader interpretation of the American Latino experience of its national parks. The American Latino Theme Study can be found at www.nps.gov/latino.

Preserving Latino Heritage

Interpreting Latino Heritage

Cabrillo National Monument, California

Exploring Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo

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Documenting Latino Heritage

El Morro National Monument, New Mexico

El Morro National Monument is conducting an archeological investigation of the Wupatki National Park. El Morro National Monument is a written history of Forty Acres, a site significant for its association with the productive career of César Chávez.

What You Can Do

Contact your State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to find out how you can nominate important places to the National Register of Historic Places. Visit your SHPO here: http://www.ncshpo.org/

For more information on how to support the American Latino Heritage Fund, please visit www.americanlatinoheritage.org.

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Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area

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