



NPS Focus | Digital Library & Research Station

NPS Focus Digital Library & Research Station is a 'one-stop' information service for searching and finding digital resources by and about the National Park Service.

The **Focus Digital Library** component of system launches the NPS enterprise image management server and makes available a growing collection of digital content, including photos, reports, drawings, maps, and GIS images.

The **Focus Research Station** component provides searching across diverse categories of information resources (library catalogs, image databases, GIS, websites) distributed on multiple platforms managed by different system owners.

Features

- Search from one point across a choice of NPS and partner systems
- Users may browse digital content by subject or park
- Image Server manages reports, drawings, pictures, maps, GIS imagery
- Users can zoom, pan, change image size and format on the fly or download an image to high resolution TIFF for printing and publication
- Images are very fast-loading and require low bandwidth since they are compressed and served with client-server caching
- Records can be selected and exported as bibliographies or Excel files
- Public view of sensitive information may be applied at the record level
- Upload and attach images to enhance budget requests
- Users may discover and download images for presentations or management and interpretive reports

Technical Specifications

NPS Focus integrates two systems: Blue Angel Technologies MetaStar for handling metadata management and search gateway functions; and, LizardTech Inc. ExpressServer for image management. Both components are state-of-the-art and based on open standards including all national metadata standards, XML, XSL, ANSI Z39.50, and SOAP Messaging.

Benefit to the Service and Public

From one place on the Web, NPS staff and public can access park or program information across multiple systems using a common search interface.



- Search and use text and images to develop management reports and interpretive presentations
- Display Civil War Monuments and National Register of Historic Places images and documents.
- Documenting disasters – before & after images

NPS Focus search targets

NPS Digital Library collections:

Civil War Heritage Collection
Facilities Management Assets
Fire Management Program Ctr
HABS-HAER Historic Buildings
Public Affairs Image Library
Social Science Program reports
Spanish/Indian Mission Records
Submerged Resources Center

(+ non-NPS image collections)

NPS citation databases:

NPS Civil War Bibliography
NPS Cultural Resources Bibliogr
NPS-DSC Technical Info Ctr
NPS-GIS data sets & imagery
NPS NatureBib
NPS Journal Indexes (Courier)
NPS Voyager Library Catalog

(+ non-NPS library catalogs)

Websites (more to come):

Nps.gov (public website)
InsideNPS (NPS Intranet)
State Park websites

NPS Focus is managed by the Digital Information Services Program, National Information Systems Center (NISC), Office of the Chief Information Officer

<http://npsfocus.nps.gov>
<http://focus.inside.nps.gov>

Contact:

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The National Park Service (NPS) Library Information Center



NPS VOYAGER Online Library Catalog (<http://www.library.nps.gov>) DID YOU KNOW?

- Implemented with state-of-the-art Voyager library software (also used by Library of Congress, etc.)
- Over a third of NPS regional office, service center and park libraries have contributed record sets *
- Currently contains catalog records for **199,075** distinct titles, representing **345,798** library holdings
- Can also be searched alongside myriad other NPS databases & Web resources via NPS Focus system
- Supported by the OCIO-National Information Systems Center (NISC), NPS Library Program

[* to view participating libraries, click SET SEARCH LIMITS button on the BASIC search page, open LOCATION picklist]

Web-based Reference Services (<http://www.library.nps.gov>) DID YOU KNOW?

- **Request research assistance** from NPS librarians using the Ask-a-Librarian (QuestionPoint) service
- **Submit interlibrary loan requests** to DSC, HFC, regional and selected park libraries (limited to those with professional librarians on staff, e.g., GLAC, GRCA, SAFR, YELL) using Ask-a-Librarian service
- **Search across multiple information resources and formats** from one place using one interface using the NPS Focus Digital Library & Research Station (separate public and staff versions available)
- Link to websites and more research databases hosted by NPS regional, service center & park libraries
- For an overview of all NPS Library Program products and services, see <http://inside.nps.gov/library>



TECHNICAL INFORMATION CENTER (TIC)

- supports park infrastructure
 - *rehabilitation*
 - *maintenance*
 - *replacement*
- provides information
 - *manage park resources*
 - *maintains archival record*
- preservation
 - *disaster recovery*
- allows easy access
 - *database index record*
 - *digital image*

CENTRAL REPOSITORY

- *planning documents*
- *design and construction documents*
- *technical reports*

DELIVERY OPTIONS

- *FTP electronic file*
- *DVD*
- *CD-ROM*
- *paper copy*



INFORMATION ON FILE

- 2,000,000 digital images
- 1,000,000 engineering/architectural drawing sets
- 300,000 photographs and slides
- 85,000 technical reports
- 2,000 aerial photos
- electronic files—CAD, GIS, PDF, TIFF
- videos and film
- bibliographic database (printouts or electronic files provided of park records as requested)

HOW TIC INFORMATION IS USED

- identify NPS plans for use as models or standards for new projects
- discover ideas used to solve similar planning and design problems
- obtain NPS concessionaire information and plans
- develop descriptions of the cultural and natural context of a site, e.g., cultural landscapes
- aid in disaster recovery—e.g., rebuilding a damaged structure or landscape
- familiarize an NPS customer with a facility under consideration for lease
- increase public understanding of NPS resources
- provide research material to professional and amateur writers
- furnish plans to builders of scale models
- supply historical information to readers of history
- help legal researchers obtain documentation of how things were done in the past
- provide general research for resource management and park planning

HOW TO CONTACT TIC

Mailing address:

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National Park Service, DSC
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Denver, Colorado 80225-0287

Location:

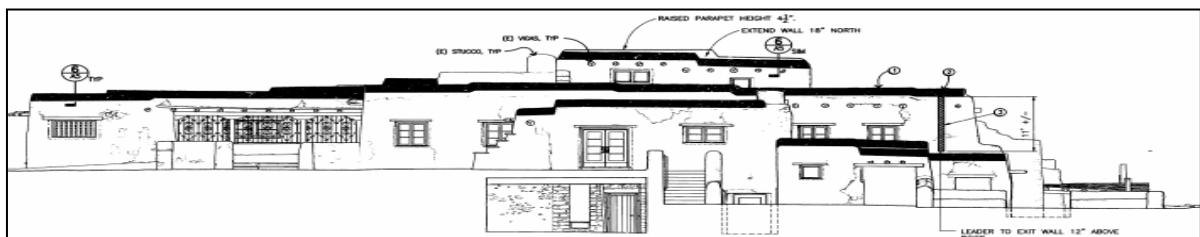
12795 W. Alameda Parkway
Lakewood, Colorado 80228

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Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00-5:30



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The National Park Service cares for
special places saved by
the American people
so that all may experience
our heritage.



- Yellowstone, established in 1872, is the first National Park in the world
- National Parks are called America's best idea
- The National Park Service was created in 1916
- One of the 8 Bureaus of the Department of the Interior

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...the National Park Service cares for 389 National Parks in 49 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, American Samoa, Puerto Rico & the Virgin Islands...



While the National Park Service is perhaps best known for Park Rangers...



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...and caring for western wilderness parks where millions of Americans and international visitors head for memorable family vacations...

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Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming

Places where you can walk
the battlefield that changed
the tide of the Civil War...

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Gettysburg National Military Park, Pennsylvania

...or learn about the man who made civil rights a reality.

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Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site, Georgia

Places that help
us remember
the pain...



Andersonville National Historic Site, Georgia

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...the people...



Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D.C.

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...and the places that forged
the American character.

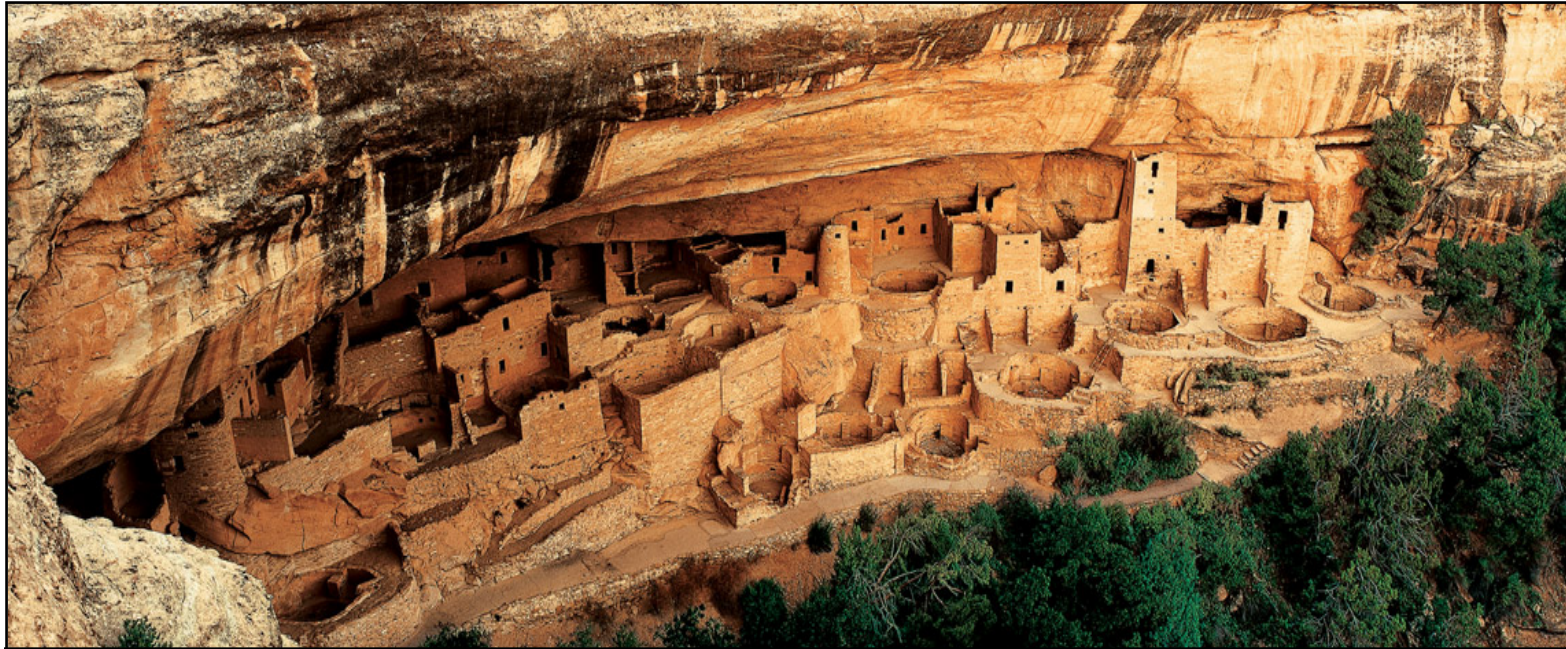
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Fort Clatsop National Memorial, Oregon

Places that help us learn from ancient civilizations...

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Mesa Verde National Park, Colorado

...and get away from civilization altogether.



Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona

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Places with faces –
historical,
curious
and furious...



Mount Rushmore National Memorial, South Dakota



Channel Islands National Park, California



Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming

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...and wide open spaces.



Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Tennessee & North Carolina

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Places that inspire us...



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...and places that give us stories to tell.



Virgin Islands National Park, Virgin Islands

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Places in big cities...



Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial
Washington, D.C.



Jefferson National Expansion Memorial,
St. Louis, Missouri

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...and small towns.



Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site,
Cornish, New Hampshire



Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site,
Elverson, Pennsylvania

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The National Park System

389 National Parks that preserve the authentic places where real things happened

- Over 78+ million acres

Where visitors – and virtual visitors – can create meaningful experiences

- 272+ million recreation visits in 2006
- 1,000,000 Web visits daily to NPS.gov

Where the National Park Service guarantees these places and opportunities are here today and in the future

- 20,000 permanent, temporary & seasonal employees and 125,000 volunteers working to protect this heritage for the people of the US

So What does the National Park Service have that people want...what do they contact us for?

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341+ park brochures and handbooks currently in print

Exploring the National Park Service via

www.nps.gov

Website averages about 1 million visits a day

One of the more popular Federal websites

The most popular NPS website and sometimes the most visited Federal website is the Old Faithful Webcam at Yellowstone National Park



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Use Advanced "Find A Park" Search Tool

Select a state ...

WA, MT, ND, MN, WI, MI, NY, ME, VT, NH, MA, RI, CT, NJ, MD, DE, DC, CA, NV, UT, CO, KS, MO, IA, IL, IN, OH, WV, VA, PA, NC, SC, GA, AL, MS, AR, OK, TX, LA, AZ, MN, NM, WA, AK, HI, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands

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Individual Park Webpages

www.nps.gov/romo

Smallest:
Thaddeus
Kosciuszko
NMem, PA –
.02 acre

Largest:
Wrangell-St. Elias
NPark &
Preserve, AK –
13.3 million acres

The screenshot shows the Rocky Mountain National Park website. At the top, it displays "nps.gov (home)" and "National Park Service U.S. Department of the Interior" with the NPS logo. A search bar is on the left, and a large landscape image of a mountain range is on the right. Below the search bar is a navigation menu with links like "PARK HOME", "PLAN YOUR VISIT", "PHOTOS & MULTIMEDIA", "HISTORY & CULTURE", "NATURE & SCIENCE", "FOR TEACHERS", "FOR KIDS", "NEWS", "MANAGEMENT", and "SUPPORT YOUR PARK". The main content area includes "QUICKLINKS" with links for "Directions", "Operating Hours & Seasons", "Fees & Reservations", "Things To Do", "Volunteer", "Road Conditions and Closures", and "Elk Management Plan Briefing". There are also sections for "ROAD CONSTRUCTION" and "Research".

QUICKLINKS:

- [Directions](#)
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- [Elk Management Plan Briefing](#)

ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Extensive work on Trail Ridge Road is slated for Summer 2007. Click the link below for information.
[more...](#)

From lush valleys to craggy peaks

This living showcase of the grandeur of the Rocky Mountains, with elevations ranging from 8,000 feet in the wet, grassy valleys to 14,259 feet at the weather-ravaged top of Longs Peak, provides visitors with opportunities for countless breathtaking experiences and adventures.

Research

Rocky Mountain National Park, for all its grand beauty and sense of wildness, is embedded in a human environment that creates special challenges. Nitrogen deposition, growing elk populations, and fragile ecosystems are major management concerns. Managers need the best scientific information available to juggle these many conflicting interests.
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For Teachers, students and life-long learners

www.nps.gov/learn/home.htm

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LearnNPS

A Place for Teachers and Learners to explore their National Parks



CONNECTING LEARNERS TO THEIR NATIONAL PARKS

If you are a teacher searching for classroom materials, a student doing research, or a person looking for a place to spend some time, have some fun and learn in the process, LearnNPS is for you.

Here you'll find curriculum, fun and games, a guide to park Junior Ranger programs and a host of other fun and educational media created by the National Park Service and our partners.

Come on in and experience your America in a new way.

[Explore the Past!](#)

ARCHEOLOGY

for kids



Do you like to dig in the dirt? Find things that are lost? Put pieces together? Figure out stories from clues? Learn about the past? These are all things archeologists do—maybe you're one, too!

Archeology is tons of dirt-digging, story-telling, mystery-solving fun. Like you, many archeologists caught the archeology bug as kids. Dig through our site to start. Next, find an adult and join a dig together or visit a museum. Archeology awaits you!

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- FOR TEACHERS**
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For Children and the young at heart

www.nps.gov/webangers



The screenshot shows the homepage of the National Park Service's WebRangers website. At the top, there is a dark green header with the text "WebRangers" in white, accompanied by a tan ranger hat icon. To the right of the header, it says "National Park Service U.S. Department of the Interior" and features the National Park Service arrowhead logo. Below the header is a green banner with a row of five diverse children's faces. On the left side of the main content area, there is a portrait of a smiling male ranger in a green uniform and hat. The main heading is "Welcome to WebRangers!" in a bold green font. To the right of this heading are two links: "Skip Introduction" and "En Español". Below the heading is a paragraph of text: "This is the National Park Service's site for kids of all ages. If you love our National Parks, Monuments and Historic Sites, this site is for you." A prominent green banner with a dark green background and a yellow arrow pointing right contains the text "Now! - A New, Even Better WebRangers Website!". To the left of this banner is a small illustration of a ranger's desk. The banner lists three bullet points: "Track your progress", "Easily find activities that interest you", and "Share your stories and pictures....". The yellow arrow contains the word "ENTER" in black. Below this banner is a line of text: "Enter the [NEW SITE](#) | Enter the [old site](#) (for a limited time)". At the bottom of the page, there is a horizontal line followed by a row of links: "Kid Safe Web", "Parents", "Privacy", "U.S. Department of the Interior", and "Junior Ranger Program".

WebRangers

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History is everywhere
In nearly 400 national parks and every hometown. It covers everything from the **remnants of ancient civilizations** to the **boyhood homes of U.S. Presidents** to the stirring sagas of **hard-fought wars** to the reverberations of one woman **refusing to give up her seat** on a bus. History is a part of who we were, who we are, and who we will be.

As you explore these pages, we hope you find what you are looking for – but even more importantly, we hope you discover something that surprises you. We invite you to learn more about history and how the National Park Service works to preserve it.

150th Anniversary of Dred Scott Decision
On March 6, 1857, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against Dred and Harriet Scott in their quest for freedom from slavery. Public outrage over the decision hastened the start of the Civil War. Learn more about this historic case..

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Natural Resources

www.nature.nps.gov

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- NPS.gov

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- Air
- Biology
- Geology
- Natural Sounds
- Water

Explore Topics:

- Critical Issues
- Fire Management
- Global Conservation
- Hazards & Safety
- Help Your Parks
- Laws & Regulations
- Partnerships
- Policies & Guidance
- Protecting & Restoring
- Publications
- Science & Research
- Social Science
- Sounds & Images
- Students & Teachers

Parks: Nature & Science

- National Park Service Science in the 21st Century
- National Park System Advisory Board:
 - 2004 Report (PDF 242 kb)
 - Addendum (PDF 22 kb)

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GEOLOGY
SOUNDS
WATER

PROTECTING OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

The Canon National Parks Science Scholars Program is pleased to announce its 2007 competition. The program is a collaboration among Canon, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the US National Park Service. [more »](#)

[past features »](#)

NATURAL RESOURCE CHALLENGE

The Natural Resource Challenge represents a major effort to address the challenges of caring for our country's natural heritage within the complexities of today's modern landscapes. [more »](#)

Planning, Environment & Public Comment (PEPC)

The PEPC system is an on-line collaborative tool designed to facilitate conservation planning and environmental impact analysis. It provides you access to all current park plans and environmental documents open for public review. You can even submit your comments on-line through this easy-to-use website. [more »](#)

Headlines

- ▷ (03/27/2007) [Paleontological Theft Investigation at Badlands National Park](#)
- ▷ (03/27/2007) [\(PRESS RELEASE\) - 2006 Director's Natural Resource Awards Announced](#)
- ▷ [additional releases »](#)

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National Park Service Press Releases

Servicewide press releases distributed by the Office of Communications.

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Park News

Go to a park's page to read their latest news releases.

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Morning Report

Daily visitor resource protection issues, prepared by Visitor Resource Protection, WASO, with the cooperation and support of Delaware Water Gap NRA.

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Fire News

News relating to active and archived fire information at the parks.

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Media Room

Quick links to National Park Service news and information.

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NPS Digest

Daily NPS News and other information

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www.nps.gov/news/index.htm

Library Services

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CATALOG QUICKSEARCH

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