

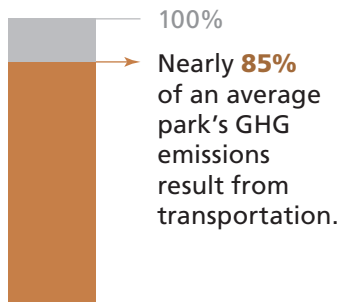
# Travel Choices Matter

## Leave your Car, Find your Park

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior



Transportation causes greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, which contribute to climate change that affects the national parks.



The NPS has **294 million** visitors annually



The NPS operates approximately **11,000 vehicles**.



Many parks offer shuttles, bicycling, hiking, walking and even paddling options for visitors to get around and experience the parks.

Pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> saved if a single park visitor or employee:



Rode a shuttle for 10 miles **3**



Biked 5 miles **5**



Walked 2 miles **2**



Pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> saved if all park visitors and employees did the same.

**882**  
Million

Altogether, this equals **2.9 billion** lbs of CO<sub>2</sub>, which translates into **147 million** gallons of gasoline or **26 million** trees

**1,470**  
Million

**580**  
Million



### What We Can Do Together

- **Drive sensibly:** Reduce idling, observe the speed limit, turn off engines when parked, park to take pictures, and avoid rapid acceleration.
- **Park the Car:** Take park buses and shuttles, or other transit systems. Bicycle, hike, walk, and paddle when available.
- **Go Alternative:** Drive advanced vehicles or use alternative fuels if they are compatible with your vehicle.



### How We All Benefit

- Experience less traffic congestion, better air quality
- Make better memories by exploring natural and historical sites more closely
- Spend time outside, be healthier, and get more exercise
- Save fuel and money, plus create fewer GHG emissions
- Help preserve National Parks for future generations.



Please join the National Park Service in cutting fuel use and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and improving air quality and the quality of your park experience—*leave the car, find your park*. For more information, visit [www.nps.gov/subjects/climatechange/getinvolved.htm](http://www.nps.gov/subjects/climatechange/getinvolved.htm). To find your park, visit [www.findyourpark.com](http://www.findyourpark.com)