

# National Parks to Know



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## National Parks



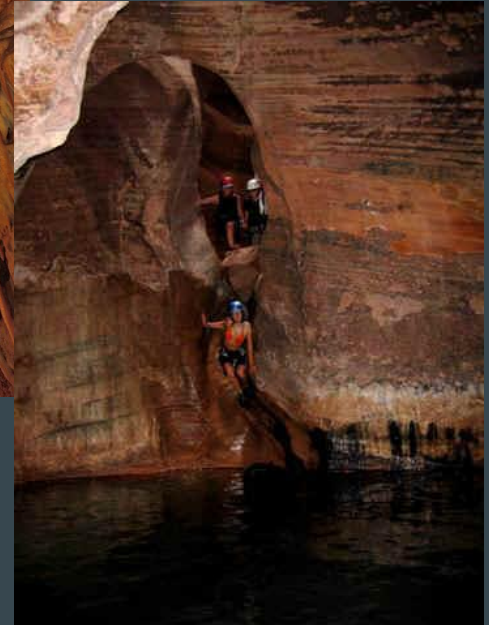
# Carlsbad Caverns

- Established 1930 in Southern NM
- Over 119 caves (only three open to public)
- Lechuguilla Cave, known for its delicate speleothems
- Carlsbad Cavern is over 1000 feet deep and has 30 miles of unmapped passages!



# Mammoth Cave

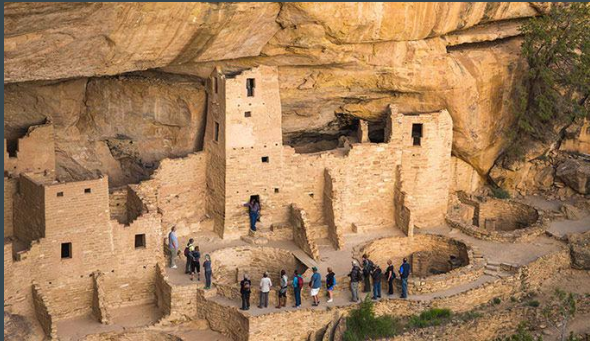
- Est. 1941 in Kentucky
- Limestone strata, covered by a layer of sandstone
- Rotunda Room
- Grand Avenue
- Frozen Niagara
- Fat Man's Misery





# Mesa Verde

- Est. 1906 in SW CO, nearest town, Cortez
- Ancestral Puebloans' cliff dwellings, c. 550 - 1300 AD
- Cliff Palace
- Balcony House



# Badlands National Park

- Est. 1939 in Western SD, near Wall (Wall Drug)
- Formed by combination of deposition and erosion; layers composed of sediments (sand, silt, and clay), cemented together into sedimentary rocks





# Acadia

- Est. 1916, Maine Seashore
- Sand Beach
- Little Moose Island
- Bubble Rock (a glacial erratic)



# Everglades

- Est. 1947, near FL's Southern tip
- Mangrove and Cypress trees
- Hardwood hammock
- Pinelands





# The Top Eight National Parks in America

*According to US News and World Report...*

## #8 Rocky Mountain National Park



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- Est. 1915 near Estes Park, CO
- Bear Lake
- Trail Ridge Road and Old Fall River Road
- The Stanley Hotel (The Shining, 1980)



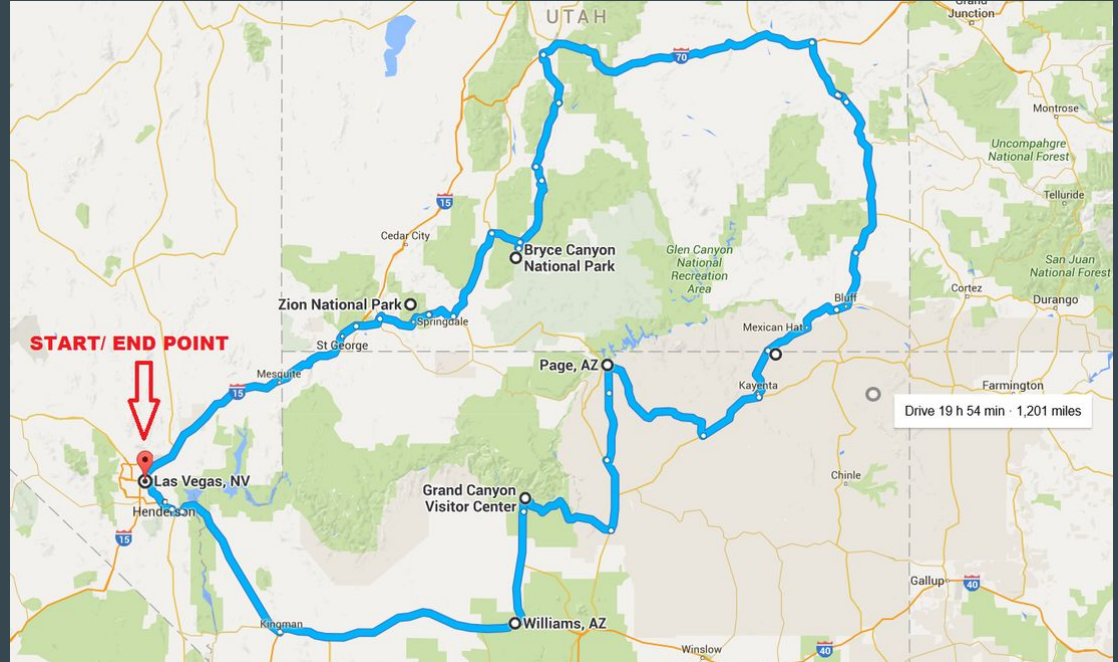


# #7 Arches National Park



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- Est. 1929 in Eastern UT, near Moab
- Delicate Arch
- Landscape Arch, wider than a football field
- Balanced Rock



## #6 Zion National Park





# Zion National Park

- Est. 1919 in Southern UT
- Virgin River
- Kolob Canyon
- The “Subway”
- Court of the Patriarchs Trail: three peaks named for Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob



# #5 Grand Teton National Park



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- Est. 1929 in NW Wyoming
- Jenny Lake
- Snake River
- French trappers named South, Middle, and Grand Teton, “Les Trois Tetons,” or “The Three Breasts.” The Grand Teton literally means “the big tit.”





# #4 Grand Canyon National Park



# Grand Canyon National Park

- Est. 1919 in Northern AZ
- North and South Rim
- Colorado River
- Havasu Falls
- Bright Angel Trail



# #3 Glacier National Park





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- Est. 1910 in NW MT
- Lake MacDonald
- Going to the Sun Road
- Logan Pass

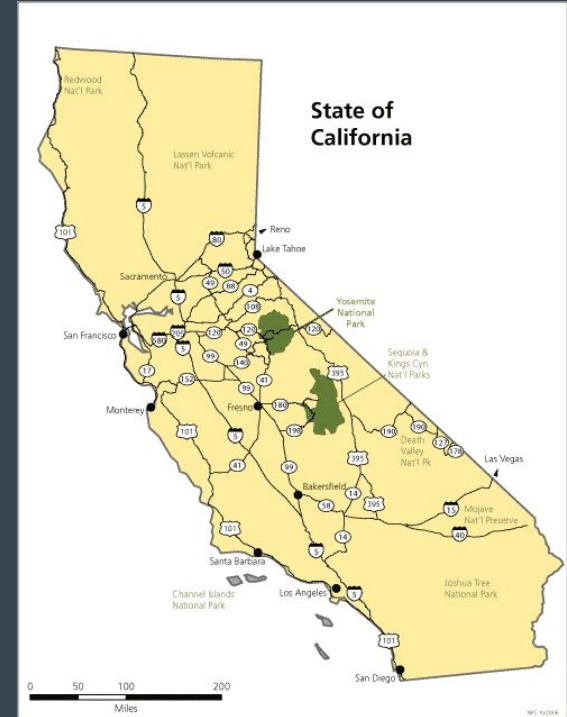


## #2 Yosemite National Park



# Yosemite National Park

- Est. 1890 in East-Central CA
- Huge granite that withstood glaciers
- Glacier Point
- Half Dome: about 8,800 feet over Yosemite Valley!
- El Capitan
- Merced River





# #1 Yellowstone National Park



# Yellowstone National Park

- The first National Park, 1872!
- In WY, MT, ID
- Figure 8
- Hot Springs
- Geysers
- Reintroduction of wolves
- Falls of Yellowstone
- Mud pits
- Thermophiles

