

National Parks in the Northeast Region

“The nation behaves well if it treats the natural resources as assets which it must turn over to the next generation increased, and not impaired in value”

—THEODORE ROOSEVELT
President of the United States
1901-1909



Key

- HA Heritage Area
- IHS International Historic Site
- IP International Park
- NB National Battlefield
- NBP National Battlefield Park
- NC National Corridor
- NCam National Cemetery
- NHA National Heritage Area
- NHC National Heritage Corridor
- NHL National Historic Landmark
- NHLD National Historic Landmark District
- NHP National Historical Park
- NHS National Historic Site
- NM National Monument
- NMem National Memorial
- NNL National Natural Landmark
- NMP National Military Park
- NP National Park
- NR National Reserve
- NRA National Recreation Area
- NS National Seashore
- NSR National Scenic River
- NST National Scenic Trail
- NW&SR National Wild & Scenic River
- S&RR Scenic & Recreational River

- National Park Units
- Units, Affiliated Areas, and Other Associated Areas Managed by Others

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CONNECTICUT

Weir Farm NHS
Weir Farm, the Connecticut farm of American Impressionist painter J. Alden Weir, illustrates how environment can influence creativity. The gentle rolling hills, rocky pastures, people, and animals of the 153-acre farm provided Weir, visiting friends, and succeeding generations of artists and sculptors with the means to explore their impressions of nature.

MAINE

Acadia NP
Acadia National Park, the first national park east of the Mississippi, includes granite-domed mountains, woodlands, lakes, ponds, and ocean shoreline making it a haven for wildlife and plants amidst striking scenery. Entwined in Acadia's natural diversity are human stories of native peoples, explorers, European settlers, artists, tourists, and conservationists.

Saint Croix Island IHS
Saint Croix Island International Historic Site is a monument to beginnings. This 1604 outpost was one of the earliest European settlements in North America, and the first attempt by the French at year-round colonization. The colony taught much about North America, served as a base for exploration, and formed the foundation for an enduring French presence. The site has units in the NPS and Parks Canada.

MARYLAND

Assateague Island NS (MD, VA)
Storm tossed seas and gentle breezes shape Assateague Island, a place of constant movement and change. Wild horses roam freely. Plants and native animals adapt to lives of sand, salt, and wind in a world shaped by forces larger than our own. Human stories of surf rescues and dashed dreams of summer resorts are entwined with the ebb and flow of this island poised at the ocean's edge.

Fort McHenry NM & Historic Shrine

The stubborn defense of Fort McHenry, poised strategically on Baltimore's harbor, inspired Francis Scott Key to write the words of the national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner." The defenders of the star-shaped fort who withstood bombardment and stopped the British attack, helped preserve the United States during the War of 1812.

Hampton NHS

Hampton National Historic Site reflects changing national aspirations, values, and moral choices. It is not only the story of a seven-generation family business but also the stories of the people—enslaved African Americans, indentured servants, hired industrial and agricultural workers, and estate owners—who made Hampton's lifestyle possible.

Thomas Stone NM

In 1776 the world of country lawyer Thomas Stone changed forever. By signing the Declaration of Independence, Stone literally wrote himself into history and opened the door to years of additional public service. Independence, once achieved, reordered not only personal and political lives, but also reshaped the dialogue on the use of enslaved labor in the U.S.

MASSACHUSETTS

Adams NHP

Adams National Historical Park explores and interprets the personal and public lives of a family famously dedicated to national service. Over the span of five generations (from 1720 to 1927), the Adams family produced two U.S. presidents and first ladies, three U.S. ministers, historians, and writers.

Boston NHP

A revolutionary generation of Bostonians blazed the trail from colonialism to independence, and Boston National Historical Park gives visitors a coherent view of the city's role in early national history. Sites throughout the city interpret the ideals of self-determination, the freedoms of speech and religion, and the military sacrifices necessary to win and protect independence.

Boston African American NHS

Located in the heart of Beacon Hill, Boston African American National Historic Site interprets the history of the city's 19th-century African American community. The site's 15 pre-Civil War structures include the oldest standing African American church and Augustus Saint-Gaudens' memorial to the first all-Black regiment recruited in the North during the Civil War.



Gateway NRA

John Fitzgerald Kennedy NHS

John Fitzgerald Kennedy National Historic Site preserves the birthplace and boyhood home of the 35th president of the U.S. The first home shared by the president's father and mother, Joseph and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, it represents the beginnings of one of America's prominent political families, and reflects the lifestyle, pursuits, and interests of Kennedy family members.

Boston Harbor Islands NRA

The Boston Harbor Islands form a transition between open ocean and settled coast. They are a physical entrance to Boston and a gateway to the region's geological past and the continual effect of natural processes on habitats and land use. These islands literally and symbolically offer a vantage point for contemplating metropolitan growth and ecosystem revival.

Cape Cod NS

Cape Cod sits along the eastern edge of America. A place of special qualities, it reflects the power of nature and the resilience of the human spirit. It offers many opportunities—shorelines, marshes, ponds, and uplands, lighthouses, life-saving station, dune shacks, and folkways born of sand and sea—to enjoy the land, sea, and sky, to marvel at a storm-driven ocean, to reenergize.



Frederick Law Olmsted NHS

Frederick Law Olmsted founded American landscape architecture and remains the nation's foremost parkmaker. His home doubled as the world's first, full-scale professional office for the practice of landscape design. Over more than a century, the Olmsted office created many treasured landscapes including the Capitol and White House grounds, several national parks, and New York's Central Park.

Minute Man NHP

Minute Man National Historical Park brings to life "that famous day and year" when colonial militia defended liberty and, by firing the "shot heard 'round the world" and harassing British soldiers as they marched back to the safety along "battle road," touched off the American Revolution.

Saugus Iron Works NHS

Saugus is the site of the first integrated iron works in North America (1646-1668), and illustrates the critical role that iron making played in 17th-century settlement and trade. Iron making provided the infrastructure for the rise of other colonial industries, and Saugus served as a training ground for skilled ironworkers for what would become America's iron and steel industry.

Longfellow NHS

For almost half a century (1837-1882), Longfellow House was the home of one of the world's foremost poets, scholars, and educators, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. He and his immediate and extended family and friends played a central role in the intellectual and artistic life of 19th-century America, and are credited with shaping a distinctly American identity and culture.

Lowell NHP

Lowell National Historical Park commemorates America's Industrial Revolution and the generations of workers who imagined, designed, built, and operated Lowell's mills. It follows the transition of American life from farm to factory, chronicles labor and immigration history, and traces the evolution of industrial technology.



Springfield Armory NHS

Springfield Armory, the first national armory in the U.S., began manufacturing muskets in 1794. Within decades the armory perfected pioneering manufacturing methods critical to American industrialization. Until it closed (1968), the armory designed and produced rifles and muskets used in every war in U.S. history, and now houses the world's largest collection of American military firearms.



Longfellow NHS

New Bedford Whaling NHP

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park commemorates the heritage of the world's pre-eminent 19th-century whaling port. A variety of cultural landscapes, historic buildings, museum collections, and archives preserve this history and recount stories of the contributions that whaling made to America's economic and political vitality.

Salem Maritime NHS

Salem Maritime National Historic Site preserves and interprets the maritime history of New England and the U.S. It documents the development of the Atlantic triangular trade during the colonial period, the role of privateering during the American Revolution, and the international maritime trade, especially with the Far East, which established America's post-revolution economic independence.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Saint-Gaudens NHS

Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site includes the home, gardens, and studios of Augustus Saint-Gaudens, one of America's foremost sculptors. The site reflects America's "Gilded Age" (1878-1880), when new wealth generated by industrial expansion nurtured art, culture, and lavish spending, and elevated artists like Saint-Gaudens to arbiters of architectural and artistic expression.

NEW JERSEY

Delaware Water Gap NRA (NJ, PA)

The Delaware River glides between low, forested mountains, then swerves left and right to cut through mountains across its path. The Delaware Water Gap formed by the river's flow is justly famous for its depth, width, and scenic beauty. River

Gateway NRA (NJ, NY)

Gateway NRA extends through three New York City boroughs and into northern New Jersey. It includes the entrance to the New York/New Jersey estuary and the physical gateway to New York Harbor, and provides access to recreational opportunities and historical sites for residents and visitors in the most densely populated metropolitan area in the eastern U.S.

Morristown NHP

During two critical winters of the American Revolution (1777 and 1779-80), Morristown sheltered the encamped Continental Army and served as the headquarters of commander-in-chief George Washington. The park reflects the hardships faced by American soldiers, recalls the impact of war on civilians, and interprets Washington's ability to lead and preserve the army.

NEW YORK

African Burial Ground NM

Rediscovery of the African Burial Ground altered what was known about the African Diaspora, the scope of efforts to enslave Africans, the nature of resistance, and the roles of Africans and African descendants in building New York City and shaping its culture. Embedded in this struggle for human rights is a basic lesson—by returning to the past it is possible to prepare for the future.

Castle Clinton NM

Overlooking New York Harbor, in Manhattan's Battery Park, Castle Clinton has evolved along with the great metropolis that surrounds it. Built as a fort just before the War of 1812, the site also has housed a restaurant and entertainment center, an opera house and theater, an immigrant landing depot, the New York City Aquarium, and now an NPS museum.

Eleanor Roosevelt NHS

Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site includes Val-Kill, the home of Eleanor Roosevelt and the only national historic site dedicated to a first lady. It commemorates Mrs. Roosevelt's promotion of humanitarian causes and human rights, and interprets her life as first lady, goodwill ambassador, elder stateswoman of the Democratic Party, columnist, and lecturer.

Ellis Island NM

Between 1892 and 1954, approximately 12 million steerage and third class steamship passengers entered the United States through the port of New York and the sprawling inspection facilities at Ellis Island. This mass migration of humanity from around the globe transformed the United States.

Federal Hall NMem

Landmark events on the site of Federal Hall laid a foundation on which succeeding generations have joined the Founders in building an evolving framework of government. Precedents established while New York was the national capital include George Washington's first inauguration, creation of the federal judiciary, and recognition of individual rights and limited government in the Bill of Rights.

Fire Island NS

Fire Island National Seashore preserves 26 miles of a dynamic barrier island with unspoiled beaches, desolate dunes, glimpses of wildlife, an ancient maritime forest, legacies of lighthouse keepers, island communities, and the estate of William Floyd (signer of the Declaration of Independence). Without hard-surfaced roads, it offers a rare opportunity to leave the car behind.

Fort Stanwix NM

The colonial outpost at Fort Stanwix controlled a principal route from the Hudson River to Lake Ontario. During the American Revolution, American and Indian resistance, supported by the garrison at Fort Stanwix, played a major role in repulsing a British invasion from Canada, and directly contributed to the American victory at Saratoga.



Salem Maritime NHS (below)

General Grant NMem

It is no accident that this mausoleum, designed by John Duncan and the largest in North America, honors General Grant. Twice elected president, Ulysses Grant is better known for his tenacity and boldness on the battlefield than his tenure as chief executive. It was Grant who accepted Robert E. Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House.

Governors Island NM

Governors Island has been a mystery to most observers, or perhaps overshadowed by the commanding vista dominated by nearby Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and Manhattan. But from 1776 to 1996, the military installations on the island protected the harbor, the city, the nation, the ideals symbolized by the statue, and the way of life vibrantly on display in the surrounding metropolis.

Gateway to the American Experience

The National Park System in our 13 Northeastern states serves as a gateway to the American experience for 55 million visitors a year. Stretching from where the sun first touches North America to the far reaches of the Ohio River, the region encompasses America's largest number of national heritage areas and national historic landmarks, its richest national park museum collections, and its most visited urban national parks. The Northeast Region also is defined by the sheer numbers of people with whom we cooperate and collaborate in the service of conservation.

“There is nothing so American as our national parks.”

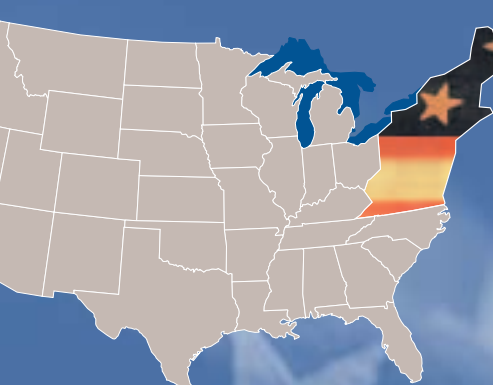
—JOHN F. KENNEDY
President of the United States
1961-1963

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Where a country was born and a nation came of age



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Acadia NP



Steamtown NHS



Gettysburg NHP



Statue of Liberty NM (right)

