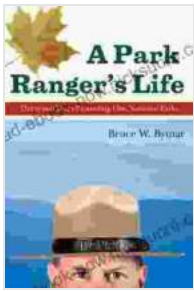


Thirty-Two Years Protecting Our National Parks: A Legacy of Conservation and Stewardship



The National Park Service (NPS) has been protecting America's natural and cultural treasures for over a century. Established in 1916, the NPS manages over 400 units, including national parks, monuments, historic sites, and recreation areas. These lands encompass some of the most iconic landscapes in the United States, from the towering peaks of the Rocky Mountains to the pristine beaches of the Everglades. The NPS also protects cultural resources, such as battlefields, historic buildings, and archaeological sites.



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The mission of the NPS is to preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The NPS carries out this mission through a variety of programs, including resource management, visitor services, and interpretation. The NPS also works in partnership with other agencies, organizations, and individuals to protect the national parks.

Resource Management

The NPS manages the national parks to protect their natural and cultural resources. This includes managing wildlife, vegetation, water resources, and air quality. The NPS also protects the parks from threats such as pollution, climate change, and invasive species. The NPS uses a variety of tools to manage the national parks, including science, education, and regulation.

One of the most important tools that the NPS uses to manage the national parks is science. The NPS conducts scientific research on the parks' natural and cultural resources. This research helps the NPS to understand how the parks are changing and to develop strategies to protect them. The NPS also uses education to teach visitors about the parks and how to protect them. The NPS offers a variety of educational programs, including ranger-led hikes, talks, and exhibits.

The NPS also uses regulation to protect the national parks. The NPS has regulations that protect the parks from activities that could damage their natural and cultural resources. These regulations include restrictions on hunting, fishing, camping, and off-road vehicle use. The NPS also has regulations that protect the parks from pollution and other threats.

Visitor Services

The NPS provides a variety of visitor services to make the national parks accessible and enjoyable for all. These services include visitor centers, campgrounds, trails, and transportation. The NPS also offers a variety of programs and activities for visitors, such as ranger-led hikes, talks, and exhibits.

Visitor centers are the main point of contact for visitors to the national parks. Visitor centers provide information about the parks, including their history, natural resources, and cultural significance. Visitor centers also offer a variety of services, such as maps, brochures, and guided tours.

Campgrounds are available in many national parks. Campgrounds offer a variety of camping options, from primitive campsites to RV hookups.

Campgrounds are a great way to experience the national parks and enjoy the outdoors.

Trails are one of the best ways to explore the national parks. The NPS maintains a variety of trails, from short, easy trails to long, challenging trails. Trails are a great way to get exercise, enjoy the scenery, and see wildlife.

Transportation is available in many national parks. The NPS offers a variety of transportation options, such as shuttle buses, trams, and boats.

Transportation is a great way to get around the national parks and see the sights.

Interpretation

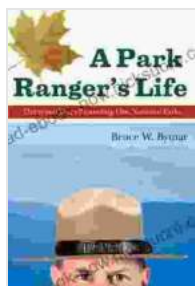
The NPS interprets the national parks for visitors. Interpretation is the process of communicating the meaning and significance of the parks' natural and cultural resources. The NPS uses a variety of interpretive techniques, such as ranger-led hikes, talks, and exhibits.

Ranger-led hikes are a great way to learn about the national parks.

Rangers are experts on the parks' natural and cultural resources. They can lead you to the best viewpoints, tell you about the history of the parks, and answer your questions.

Talks are another great way to learn about the national parks. The NPS offers a variety of talks, including talks on the parks' natural resources, cultural history, and management. Talks are typically given by rangers or other experts.

Exhibits are also a great way to learn about the national parks. The NPS offers a variety of exhibits, including exhibits on the parks



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