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## Abstract

Every year, the U.S. National Parks Service (NPS) compiles and releases a report on the previous year's visitor statistics. The NPS Social Science Program is tasked with coordinating and reporting these statistics. Program and park staff work together to collect, report, and provide this public data. This coordination ensures consistent, reliable information throughout every park in the U.S. National Park System.

This report is a detailed summary of recreational visits to parks in the U.S. National Park system in 2019. It describes the methods used to gather visitor data and the results of the data in terms of recreational visits by park, park type, and park location. In 2019, there were more recreational visits than in 2018, but not near as many visitors – 230 million -- as the park's centennial high-water mark set in 2016.

## Introduction

Since 1916, the National Park Service has worked to protect and preserve the cultural, historical, and natural gems of the American landscape. With their core mission being “to protect park resources and values and to provide for the enjoyment of parks by this and future generations”, the NPS depends on reliable visitor information to ensure proper management. This good management depends on accurate *Visitor Use Statistics* including how many people visit at a time, what they do when visiting, how long they typically stay, and other characteristics of the typical visitor.

*Visitor Use Statistics* references the formal set of NPS statistics on the number of people visiting the parks and their length of stay. Typically, this set includes recreational visit counts, recreational visit hours, non-recreational visit counts, non-recreational visit hours, and overnight stays by category. This report only concerns recreational visit counts by park.

*Recreational Visits* (RVs) are the most tangible statistic for the NPS. A *recreational visit* “occurs when one person enters onto lands or waters administered by the NPS for any recreational purpose”.

In 2019, the NPS recorded 327,516,619 recreational visits. Of the 419 national parks in the system, 378 parks recorded recreational visits.

While National Parks like Yellowstone and the Great Smoky Mountains illustrate the ideal park for the typical visitor, the NPS boasts 19 different park designations. These include:

- National Historic Sites
- National Historical Parks
- National Preserves
- National Military Parks
- National Lakeshores
- National Trails
- International Historic Sites
- National Monuments
- National Parks
- National Recreation Areas
- National Rivers
- National Reserves
- National Wild and Scenic Rivers and Riverways
- National Battlefields
- National Memorial
- National Seashores
- National Parkways
- National Battlefield Parks

## Method

### Collecting Data

For this report, a *recreation visit* occurs and is counted when “one person enters onto lands or waters administered by the NPS except as defined above for non-reportable and non-recreation visits”. The rule is that “one entrance per individual per day is countable”.

A *reportable non-recreation visit* occurs when a person travels to and from inholdings – privately owned land within a national park, when a person uses a service-administered road or waterway through a park for convenience, when a tradesperson has business in the park, when a person is pursuing gainful occupation – e.g. guides – within a park, when a government employee has business in the park, when a person uses NPS buildings for civic or local government business, or when outside researchers are pursuing work independent from NPS legislated interest – e.g. for meteorological research.

A *non-reportable visit* occurs whenever an NPS employee, an NPS employee’s family member, concession employees, member of cooperating associations, NPS contractors, or service personnel enter the park.

Examples of non-reportable visits include NPS employees assigned to the park or visiting the park regarding a duty assignment, household members of personnel residing in the park, private tenants – inholders -- within NPS boundaries, persons engaged in pursuit of specific legal rights of use like subsistence hunting and fishing.

### Representing Data

Once the data representing 2019 recreation visits is collected it is arranged into a table. See Table 1.

Table 1 ranks each park by total recreation visits. It also illustrates the parks location, designation, and percentage of park recreation visits in comparison to 2019’s total recreation visits.

From the data represented in Table 1, four charts were created. Each chart represents important information implicit in Table 1.

Chart 1, represented as a pie chart, illustrates the relationship between recreational visits and park type.

Chart 2, represented as another pie chart, illustrates the relationship between the amount of a certain park type amid all 19 park designations.

Chart 3, represented as a map, illustrates the relationship between recreational visits and their state of occurrence.

Note – The map does not include information on recreational visits to parks in Washington DC, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, or the US Virgin Islands. Applicable and important notes on parks and recreational visits will be provided with the chart.

Chart 4, also represented as a map, illustrates the relationship between states and the national park members they host.

Note – The map does not include information on recreational visits to parks in Washington DC, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, or the US Virgin Islands. Applicable and important notes on parks and recreational visits will be provided with the chart.

### Further Notes

Table 1 illustrates Recreational Visits by park, park designation, park location, and percentage. In this table, sometimes two parks are represented by a single entry.

For example, Aniakchak National Monument and Aniakchak National Preserve are represented by the single-entry of 1000 recreational visits. While the NPS records Aniakchak National Preserve and Aniakchak National Monument as two separate parks, their RV data is recorded as a single entry.

## Results

Table 1

For ease and readability, Table 1 has been divided into 9 sections. Each section illustrates 50 entries. Table 1 illustrates the list of parks – 378 in total – that recorded recreational visitors in 2019. Entries are ranked by total recreational visits

2019 Recreational Visits to U.S. National Parks					
Ranking	Name	Designation	State	Recreation Visits	% of Total
1	Golden Gate NRA	National Recreation Area	CA	15,002,227	4.58%
2	Blue Ridge Parkway	National Parkway	NC, VA	14,976,085	4.57%
3	Great Smoky Mountains NP	National Park	NC, TN	12,547,743	3.83%
4	Gateway NRA	National Recreation Area	NJ, NY	9,405,622	2.87%
5	Lincoln Memorial	National Memorial	DC	7,808,182	2.38%
6	Lake Mead NRA	National Recreation Area	AZ, NV	7,499,049	2.29%
7	George Washington Memorial Parkway	National Parkway	DC, MD, VA	7,487,265	2.29%
8	Natchez Trace Parkway	National Parkway	MS	6,296,041	1.92%
9	Grand Canyon NP	National Park	AZ	5,974,411	1.82%
10	Gulf Islands NS	National Seashore	FL, MS	5,600,240	1.71%
11	Chesapeake & Ohio Canal NHP	National Historical Park	DC, MD, WV	5,116,787	1.56%
12	World War II Memorial	National Memorial	DC	4,831,327	1.48%
13	Rocky Mountain NP	National Park	CO	4,670,053	1.43%
14	Vietnam Veterans MEM	National Memorial	DC	4,580,587	1.40%
15	Independence NHP	National Historical Park	PA	4,532,459	1.38%
16	Zion NP	National Park	UT	4,488,268	1.37%
17	Yosemite NP	National Park	CA	4,422,861	1.35%
18	Castle Clinton NM	National Monument	NY	4,361,034	1.33%
19	Glen Canyon NRA	National Recreation Area	AZ, UT	4,330,563	1.32%
20	Statue of Liberty NM	National Monument	NJ, NY	4,240,461	1.29%
21	Cape Cod NS	National Seashore	MA	4,096,104	1.25%
22	Yellowstone NP	National Park	ID, MT, WY	4,020,288	1.23%
23	San Francisco Maritime NHP	National Historical Park	CA	4,016,598	1.23%
24	Korean War Veterans MEM	National Memorial	DC	3,841,633	1.17%
25	Martin Luther King Jr, MEM	National Memorial	DC	3,667,562	1.12%
26	Acadia NP	National Park	ME	3,437,286	1.05%
27	Grand Teton NP	National Park	WY	3,405,614	1.04%
28	Chattahoochee River NRA	National Recreation Area	GA	3,393,133	1.04%
29	Delaware Water Gap NRA	National Recreation Area	NJ, PA	3,374,865	1.03%
30	Colonial NHP	National Historical Park	VA	3,327,268	1.02%
31	Franklin Delano Roosevelt MEM	National Memorial	DC	3,303,573	1.01%
32	Olympic NP	National Park	WA	3,245,806	0.99%
33	Boston NHP	National Historical Park	MA	3,201,834	0.98%
34	Thomas Jefferson MEM	National Memorial	DC	3,096,895	0.95%
35	Glacier NP	National Park	MT	3,049,839	0.93%
36	Joshua Tree NP	National Park	CA	2,988,547	0.91%
37	Kennesaw Mountain NBP	National Battlefield Park	GA	2,621,050	0.80%
38	Cape Hatteras NS	National Seashore	NC	2,606,632	0.80%
39	Bryce Canyon NP	National Park	UT	2,594,904	0.79%
40	Rock Creek Park	Other Designation	DC	2,416,232	0.74%
41	Assateague Island NS	National Seashore	MD, VA	2,344,536	0.72%
42	Point Reyes NS	National Seashore	CA	2,265,301	0.69%
43	Valley Forge NHP	National Historical Park	PA	2,259,944	0.69%
44	Cuyahoga Valley NP	National Park	OH	2,237,997	0.68%
45	Indiana Dunes NP	National Park	IN	2,134,285	0.65%
46	Stonewall NM	National Monument	NY	2,088,929	0.64%
47	Gateway Arch NP	National Park	MO, IL	2,055,309	0.63%
48	Mount Rushmore NMEM	National Memorial	SD	1,963,540	0.60%
49	Canaveral NS	National Seashore	FL	1,884,122	0.58%
50	National Capital Parks Central (a.k.a. National Mall and Memorial Parks)	Other Designation	DC	1,770,794	0.54%

Table 1.1 – 2019 US NPS Parks by Recreational Visit

51	Death Valley NP	National Park	CA, NV	1,740,945	0.53%
52	Pearl Harbor NMEM	National Memorial	HI	1,716,535	0.52%
53	Arches NP	National Park	UT	1,659,702	0.51%
54	Sleeping Bear Dunes NL	National Lakeshore	MI	1,570,001	0.48%
55	Mount Ranier NP	National Park	WA	1,501,621	0.46%
56	Hot Springs NP	National Park	AR	1,467,153	0.45%
57	John D. Rockefeller, Jr. MEM PKWY	National Parkway	WY	1,426,666	0.44%
58	Shenandoah NP	National Park	VA	1,425,507	0.44%
59	Chickasaw NRA	National Recreation Area	OK	1,422,612	0.43%
60	Fort Point NHS	National Historic Site	CA	1,421,349	0.43%
61	Hawaii Volcanoes NP	National Park	HI	1,368,376	0.42%
62	Lake Roosevelt NRA	National Recreation Area	WA	1,358,818	0.41%
63	Lake Meredith NRA	National Recreation Area	TX	1,328,340	0.41%
64	Buffalo NR	National River	AR	1,326,282	0.40%
65	San Antonio Missions NHP	National Historical Park	TX	1,281,121	0.39%
66	Amistad NRA	National Recreation Area	TX	1,267,900	0.39%
67	Sequoia NP	National Park	CA	1,246,053	0.38%
68	Capitol Reef NP	National Park	UT	1,226,519	0.37%
69	Ozark NSR	National River	MO	1,221,489	0.37%
70	National Capital Parks East	Other Designation	DC	1,210,641	0.37%
71	Timucuan EHP	National Preserve	FL	1,205,065	0.37%
72	San Juan NHS	National Historic Site	PR	1,197,345	0.37%
73	New River Gorge NR	National River	WV	1,195,721	0.37%
74	Everglades NP	National Park	FL	1,118,300	0.34%
75	Klondike Gold Rush NHP Alaska	National Historical Park	AK	1,116,161	0.34%
76	Ross Lake NRA	National Recreation Area	WA	1,088,528	0.33%
77	Saguaro NP	National Park	AZ	1,020,226	0.31%
78	Fort Vancouver NHS	National Historic Site	WA	1,018,214	0.31%
79	Minute Man NHP	National Historical Park	MA	1,017,326	0.31%
80	Big Cypress NPRES	National Preserve	FL	1,007,471	0.31%
81	Haleakala NP	National Park	HI	994,394	0.30%
82	Chickamauga & Chattanooga NMP	National Military Park	GA, TN	977,158	0.30%
83	Badlands NP	National Park	SD	970,998	0.30%
84	Gettysburg NMP	National Military Park	PA	925,117	0.28%
85	Fredericksburg & Spottsylvania NMP	National Military Park	VA	906,800	0.28%
86	Fort Sumter & Fort Moultrie NHP	National Historical Park	SC	877,894	0.27%
87	Pictured Rocks NL	National Lakeshore	MI	858,715	0.26%
88	Mojave NPRES	National Preserve	CA	841,516	0.26%
89	Curecanti NRA	National Recreation Area	CO	836,034	0.26%
90	Muir Woods NM	National Monument	CA	812,073	0.25%
91	Martin Luther King, Jr. NHP	National Historical Park	GA	761,650	0.23%
92	Cabrillo NM	National Monument	CA	761,485	0.23%
93	Big South Fork NRRRA	National River	KY, TN	750,494	0.23%
94	Canyonlands NP	National Park	UT	733,996	0.22%
95	President's Park	Other Designation	DC	715,911	0.22%
96	Biscayne NP	National Park	FL	708,522	0.22%
97	Santa Monica Mountains NRA	National Recreation Area	CA	707,566	0.22%
98	Cumberland Gap NHP	National Historical Park	KY, TN, VA	704,598	0.22%
99	Crater Lake NP	National Park	OR	704,512	0.22%
100	Theodore Roosevelt NP	National Park	ND	691,658	0.21%

Table 1.2 – 2019 US NPS Parks by Recreational Visit



101	Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity NRA	National Recreation Area	CA	687,159	0.21%
102	Castillo de San Marcos NM	National Monument	FL	673,395	0.21%
103	Glacier Bay NP & PRES	National Park, National Preserve	AK	672,087	0.21%
104	Little River Canyon NPRES	National Preserve	AL	649,986	0.20%
105	Petrified Forest NP	National Park	AZ	643,588	0.20%
106	Saint Croix NSR	National Wild and Scenic Rivers and Riverways	MN, WI	638,258	0.19%
107	Kings Canyon NP	National Park	CA	632,110	0.19%
108	Wind Cave NP	National Park	SD	615,350	0.19%
109	White Sands NP	National Park	NM	608,785	0.19%
110	Denali NP & PRES	National Park, National Preserve	AK	601,152	0.18%
111	Fort Matanzas NM	National Monument	FL	593,788	0.18%
112	Governors Island NM	National Monument	NY	590,993	0.18%
113	Jean Lafitte NHP & PRES	National Historical Park	LA	590,329	0.18%
114	Cedar Breaks NM	National Monument	UT	579,861	0.18%
115	Vicksburg NMP	National Military Park	LA, MS	576,456	0.18%
116	Padre Island NS	National Seashore	TX	576,299	0.18%
117	Ford's Theatre NHS	National Historic Site	DC	572,373	0.17%
118	Mesa Verde NP	National Park	CO	556,203	0.17%
119	Mammoth Cave NP	National Park	KY	551,590	0.17%
120	Great Sand Dunes NP & PRES	National Park, National Preserve	CO	527,546	0.16%
121	Lassen Volcanic NP	National Park	CA	517,039	0.16%
122	Manassas NBP	National Battlefield Park	VA	510,427	0.16%
123	Redwood NP	National Park	CA	504,722	0.15%
124	Lowell NHP	National Historical Park	MA	481,536	0.15%
125	Big Bend NP	National Park	TX	463,832	0.14%
126	Canyon de Chelly NM	National Monument	AZ	460,757	0.14%
127	Cape Lookout NS	National Seashore	NC	455,526	0.14%
128	White House	Other Designation	DC	454,117	0.14%
129	Devil's Tower NM	National Monument	WY	450,785	0.14%
130	Carlsbad Caverns NP	National Park	NM	440,691	0.13%
131	Black Canyon of the Gunnison NP	National Park	CO	432,818	0.13%
132	War in the Pacific NHP	National Historical Park	GU	432,213	0.13%
133	Fort Washington Park	Other Designation	MD	423,868	0.13%
134	Boston African American NHS	National Historic Site	MA	419,585	0.13%
135	Fort McHenry NM & Historic Shrine	National Monument	MD	419,545	0.13%
136	Pu'uhonua o Honaunau NHP	National Historical Park	HI	414,410	0.13%
137	Flight 93 NMEM	National Memorial	PA	411,226	0.13%
138	Channel Islands NP	National Park	CA	409,630	0.13%
139	Wolf Trap NP for the Performing Arts	Other Designation	VA	402,580	0.12%
140	Wright Brothers NMEM	National Memorial	NC	400,135	0.12%
141	Colorado NM	National Monument	CO	397,032	0.12%
142	Fire Island NS	National Seashore	NY	391,311	0.12%
143	Montezuma Castle NM	National Monument	AZ	376,254	0.11%
144	Mississippi NRRRA	National River & Recreational Area	MN	374,682	0.11%
145	Fort Pulaski NM	National Monument	GA	374,290	0.11%
146	Shiloh NMP	National Military Park	TN	360,989	0.11%
147	Kenai Fjords NP	National Park	AK	356,601	0.11%
148	Prince William Forest Park	Other Designation	VA	339,693	0.10%
149	Salem Maritime NHS	National Historic Site	MA	339,238	0.10%
150	Piscataway Park	Other Designation	MD	329,729	0.10%

Table 1.3 – 2019 US NPS Parks by Recreational Visit

151	Vanderbilt Mansion NHS	National Historic Site	NY	326,822	0.10%
152	Fort Necessity NB	National Battlefield	PA	312,104	0.10%
153	Harpers Ferry NHP	National Historical Park	MD, VA, WV	299,577	0.09%
154	Dinosaur NM	National Monument	CO, UT	298,965	0.09%
155	Catoctin Mountain Park	Other Designation	MD	296,846	0.09%
156	Petroglyph NM	National Monument	NM	293,957	0.09%
157	San Juan Island NHP	National Historical Park	WA	292,507	0.09%
158	Antietam NB	National Battlefield	MD	287,343	0.09%
159	Stones River NB	National Battlefield	TN	284,516	0.09%
160	Paterson Great Falls NHP	National Historical Park	NJ	276,985	0.08%
161	Craters of the Moon NM & PRES	National Monument, National Preserve	ID	272,224	0.08%
162	Morristown NHP	National Historical Park	NJ	271,330	0.08%
163	Lewis & Clark NHP	National Historical Park	OR, WA	270,993	0.08%
164	Federal Hall NMEM	National Memorial	NY	264,849	0.08%
165	Organ Pipe Cactus NM	National Monument	AZ	263,186	0.08%
166	Kings Mountain NMP	National Military Park	SC	262,031	0.08%
167	Big Thicket NPRES	National Preserve	TX	255,926	0.08%
168	Fort Donnellson NB	National Battlefield	KY, TN	254,431	0.08%
169	Bighorn Canyon NRA	National Recreation Area	MT, WY	249,659	0.08%
170	Fort Raleigh NHS	National Historic Site	NC	248,139	0.08%
171	LBJ Memorial Grove on the Potomac	National Memorial	DC	244,246	0.07%
172	Little Bighorn Battlefield NM	National Monument	MT	241,304	0.07%
173	Apostle Islands NL	National Lakeshore	WI	240,613	0.07%
174	Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHP	National Historical Park	KY	238,226	0.07%
175	Petersburg NB	National Battlefield	VA	235,691	0.07%
176	Voyageurs NP	National Park	MN	232,974	0.07%
177	Kaloko Honokohau NHP	National Historical Park	HI	232,921	0.07%
178	Sitka NHP	National Historical Park	AK	232,876	0.07%
179	Wilson's Creek NB	National Battlefield	MO	232,838	0.07%
180	River Raisin NBP	National Battlefield Park	MI	226,354	0.07%
181	Guilford Courthouse NMP	National Military Park	NC	223,900	0.07%
182	Cowpens NB	National Battlefield	SC	223,413	0.07%
183	Obed W&SR	National Wild and Scenic Rivers and Riverways	TN	221,301	0.07%
184	Nez Perce NHP	National Historical Park	ID, MT, OR, WA	216,068	0.07%
185	Upper Delaware S&RR	National Wild and Scenic Rivers and Riverways	NY, PA	215,537	0.07%
186	Fort Frederica NM	National Monument	GA	212,330	0.06%
187	Bandelier NM	National Monument	NM	200,741	0.06%
188	Lincoln Home NHS	National Historic Site	IL	197,816	0.06%
189	Richmond NBP	National Battlefield Park	VA	197,242	0.06%
190	John Day Fossil Beds NM	National Monument	OR	197,091	0.06%
191	Allegheny Portage Railroad NHS	National Historic Site	PA	189,189	0.06%
192	Gaudelupe Mountains NP	National Park	TX	188,833	0.06%
193	De Soto NMEM	National Memorial	FL	187,880	0.06%
194	Fort Caroline NMEM	National Memorial	FL	187,658	0.06%
195	Adams NHP	National Historical Park	MA	187,400	0.06%
196	Wupatki NM	National Monument	AZ	187,059	0.06%
197	Johnstown Flood NMEM	National Memorial	PA	183,143	0.06%
198	Natchez NHP	National Historical Park	MS	182,123	0.06%
199	Pinnacles NP	National Park	CA	177,224	0.05%
200	Little Rock Central High School NHS	National Historic Site	AR	168,918	0.05%

Table 1.4 – 2019 US NPS Parks by Recreational Visit

201	Scotts Bluff NM	National Monument	NE	166,007	0.05%
202	Congaree NP	National Park	SC	159,445	0.05%
203	El Malpais NM	National Monument	NM	158,924	0.05%
204	Walnut Canyon NM	National Monument	AZ	152,333	0.05%
205	Theodore Roosevelt Island	National Memorial	DC	151,500	0.05%
206	Palo Alto Battlefield NHP	National Historical Park	TX	149,733	0.05%
207	Devils Postpile NM	National Monument	CA	147,864	0.05%
208	Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt NHS	National Historic Site	NY	147,109	0.04%
209	Ocmulgee Mounds NHP	National Historical Park	GA	146,925	0.04%
210	Saratoga NHP	National Historical Park	NY	145,118	0.04%
211	Monocacy NB	National Battlefield	MD	144,969	0.04%
212	New Bedford Whaling NHP	National Historical Park	MA	143,427	0.04%
213	George Rogers Clark NHP	National Historical Park	IN	140,130	0.04%
214	George Washington Birthplace NM	National Monument	VA	139,666	0.04%
215	Lincoln Boyhood NMEM	National Memorial	IN	138,714	0.04%
216	Pu'ukohola Heiau NHS	National Historic Site	HI	133,573	0.04%
217	Virgin Islands NP	National Park	VI	133,398	0.04%
218	Great Basin NP	National Park	NV	131,802	0.04%
219	Coronado NMEM	National Memorial	CO	130,328	0.04%
220	Missouri NRR	National Wild and Scenic Rivers and Riverways	NE, SD	129,280	0.04%
221	Greenbelt Park	Other Designation	MD	128,702	0.04%
222	Minuteman Missile NHS	National Historic Site	SD	125,776	0.04%
223	Herbert Hoover NHS	National Historic Site	IA	125,688	0.04%
224	Fort Smith NHS	National Historic Site	AR, OK	125,500	0.04%
225	Pennsylvania Avenue NHS	National Historic Site	DC	125,035	0.04%
226	Jewel Cave NM	National Monument	SD	123,489	0.04%
227	Perry's Victory & Intl Peace Mem	National Memorial	OH	121,325	0.04%
228	Gauley River NRA	National Recreation Area	WV	119,282	0.04%
229	Rainbow Bridge NM	National Monument	UT	115,108	0.04%
230	General Grant NMEM	National Memorial	NY	113,852	0.03%
231	Lyndon B. Johnson NHP	National Historical Park	TX	111,972	0.03%
232	Waco Mammoth NM	National Monument	TX	111,331	0.03%
233	Klondike Gold Rush NHP Seattle	National Historical Park	WA	109,799	0.03%
234	Lava Beds NM	National Monument	CA	109,630	0.03%
235	Washington Monument	National Monument	DC	108,410	0.03%
236	Sunset Crater Volcano NM	National Monument	AZ	108,379	0.03%
237	Golden Spike NHP	National Historical Park	UT	108,154	0.03%
238	Steamtown NHS	National Historic Site	PA	105,403	0.03%
239	Andersonville NHS	National Historic Site	GA	103,635	0.03%
240	Christiansted NHS	National Historic Site	VI	103,594	0.03%
241	Timpanogos Cave NM	National Monument	UT	103,512	0.03%
242	Pea Ridge NMP	National Military Park	AR	102,753	0.03%
243	Appomattox Courthouse NHP	National Historical Park	VA	102,397	0.03%
244	City of Rocks NRES	National Reserve	ID	99,311	0.03%
245	Tuzigoot NM	National Monument	AZ	98,538	0.03%
246	Fort Stanwix NM	National Monument	NY	97,412	0.03%
247	Manzanar NHS	National Historic Site	CA	97,380	0.03%
248	Ninety Six NHS	National Historic Site	SC	97,295	0.03%
249	Grand Portage NM	National Monument	MN	94,985	0.03%
250	Dayton Aviation Heritage NHP	National Historical Park	OH	94,709	0.03%

Table 1.5 – 2019 US NPS Parks by Recreational Visit

251	Natural Bridges NM	National Monument	UT	88,090	0.03%
252	Katmai NP & PRES	National Park, National Preserve	AK	84,167	0.03%
253	Capulin Volcano NM	National Monument	NM	81,617	0.02%
254	Manhattan Project NHP	National Historical Park	NM, TN, WA	79,870	0.02%
255	Dry Tortugas NP	National Park	FL	79,200	0.02%
256	Carl Sandburg Home NHS	National Historic Site	NC	78,144	0.02%
257	Pipestone NM	National Monument	NM	77,508	0.02%
258	Florissant Fossil Beds NM	National Monument	CO	77,340	0.02%
259	Moore's Creek NB	National Battlefield	NC	77,006	0.02%
260	Wrangell-St. Elias NP & PRES	National Park, National Preserve	AK	74,518	0.02%
261	Hamilton Grange NMEM	National Memorial	NY	71,247	0.02%
262	Kalaupapa NHP	National Historical Park	HI	69,401	0.02%
263	El Morro NM	National Monument	NM	68,867	0.02%
264	Casa Grande Ruins NM	National Monument	AZ	68,379	0.02%
265	Gila Cliff Dwellings NM	National Monument	NM	66,614	0.02%
266	Effigy Mounds NM	National Monument	IA	65,581	0.02%
267	Oregon Caves NM & PRES	National Monument, National Preserve	OR	65,006	0.02%
268	Aztec Ruins NM	National Monument	NM	63,777	0.02%
269	Homestead NM of America	National Monument	NE	61,636	0.02%
270	Frederick Douglass NHS	National Historic Site	DC	61,063	0.02%
271	Niobrara NSR	National Wild and Scenic Rivers and Riverways	NE	60,812	0.02%
272	Chiricua NM	National Monument	AZ	60,655	0.02%
273	Hopewell Culture NHP	National Historical Park	OH	60,338	0.02%
274	National Park of American Samoa	National Park	AS	60,006	0.02%
275	Roger Williams NMEM	National Memorial	RI	59,419	0.02%
276	Longfellow House Washington's HQ NHS	National Historic Site	MA	55,012	0.02%
277	Cumberland Island NS	National Seashore	GA	53,904	0.02%
278	Fort Davis NHS	National Historic Site	TX	51,995	0.02%
279	Andrew Johnson NHS	National Historic Site	TN	51,189	0.02%
280	Jimmy Carter NHS	National Historic Site	GA	50,789	0.02%
281	Rosie the Riveter WWII Homefront NHP	National Historical Park	CA	50,404	0.02%
282	Hubbell Trading Post NHS	National Historic Site	AZ	50,285	0.02%
283	Navajo NM	National Monument	AZ	49,983	0.02%
284	Hopewell Furnace NHS	National Historic Site	PA	49,861	0.02%
285	George Washington Carver NM	National Monument	MO	49,553	0.02%
286	Whitman Mission NHS	National Historic Site	WA	48,481	0.01%
287	Eleanor Roosevelt NHS	National Historic Site	NY	47,630	0.01%
288	African Burial Ground NM	National Monument	NY	47,427	0.01%
289	Chaco Culture NHP	National Historical Park	NM	47,342	0.01%
290	Eisenhower NHS	National Historic Site	PA	47,277	0.01%
291	Marsh-Billings Rockefeller NHP	National Historical Park	VT	45,979	0.01%
292	Big Hole NB	National Battlefield	MT	45,861	0.01%
293	Horseshoe Bend NMP	National Military Park	AL	45,372	0.01%
294	Pecos NHP	National Historical Park	NM	43,834	0.01%
295	Fort Laramie NHS	National Historic Site	WY	42,892	0.01%
296	Thomas Edison NHP	National Historical Park	NJ	42,224	0.01%
297	James A. Garfield NHS	National Historic Site	OH	41,305	0.01%
298	New Orleans Jazz NHP	National Historical Park	LA	41,049	0.01%
299	John Muir NHS	National Historic Site	CA	40,725	0.01%
300	Tumacacori NHP	National Historical Park	AZ	39,704	0.01%

Table 1.6 – 2019 US NPS Parks by Recreational Visit

301	Ulysses S. Grant NHS	National Historic Site	MO	39,449	0.01%
302	Women's Rights NHP	National Historical Park	NY	39,064	0.01%
303	Lake Chelan NRA	National Recreation Area	WA	38,785	0.01%
304	Weir Farm NHS	National Historic Site	CT	38,700	0.01%
305	Chamizal NMEM	National Memorial	TX	38,228	0.01%
306	North Cascades NP	National Park	WA	38,208	0.01%
307	Bluestone NSR	National Wild and Scenic Rivers and Riverways	WV	37,663	0.01%
308	Buck Island Reef NM	National Monument	VI	37,085	0.01%
309	Sagamore Hill NHS	National Historic Site	NY	36,738	0.01%
310	Tuskegee Institute NHS	National Historic Site	AL	36,395	0.01%
311	Charles Pinckney NHS	National Historic Site	SC	35,495	0.01%
312	Hovenweep NM	National Monument	CO, UT	35,399	0.01%
313	Friendship Hill NHS	National Historic Site	PA	34,159	0.01%
314	Tallgrass Prairie NPRES	National Preserve	KS	33,750	0.01%
315	William Howard Taft NHS	National Historic Site	OH	32,396	0.01%
316	Saint-Gaudens NHP	National Historical Park	NH	31,759	0.01%
317	Salinas Pueblo Missions NM	National Monument	NM	31,672	0.01%
318	Harry S. Truman NHS	National Historic Site	MO	30,746	0.01%
319	Tuskegee Airmen NHS	National Historic Site	AL	30,097	0.01%
320	Cane River Creole NHP	National Historical Park	LA	29,922	0.01%
321	Tonto NM	National Monument	AZ	28,853	0.01%
322	Arkansas Post NMEM	National Memorial	AR	28,519	0.01%
323	Hampton NHS	National Historic Site	MD	28,234	0.01%
324	Pipe Spring NM	National Monument	AZ	27,482	0.01%
325	Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural NHS	National Historic Site	NY	26,994	0.01%
326	Fort Larned NHS	National Historic Site		26,958	0.01%
327	Isle Royale NP	National Park	MI	26,410	0.01%
328	Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace NHS	National Historic Site	NY	25,978	0.01%
329	Grant-Kohrs Ranch NHS	National Historic Site	MT	25,043	0.01%
330	John F. Kennedy NHS	National Historic Site	MA	24,838	0.01%
331	Booker T. Washington NM	National Monument	VA	24,640	0.01%
332	Fort Scott NHS	National Historic Site	KS	24,068	0.01%
333	Hagerman Fossil Beds NM	National Monument	ID	23,768	0.01%
334	Bent's Old Fort NHS	National Historic Site	CO	21,674	0.01%
335	Brown v. Board of Education NHS	National Historic Site	KS	21,413	0.01%
336	Springfield Armory NHS	National Historic Site	MA	20,979	0.01%
337	Martin van Buren NHS	National Historic Site	NY	20,623	0.01%
338	Fossil Butte NM	National Monument	WY	20,554	0.01%
339	Keweenaw NHP	National Historical Park	MI	20,535	0.01%
340	Saint Paul's Church NHS	National Historic Site	NY	18,537	0.01%
341	Noatak NPRES	National Preserve	AK	17,216	0.01%
342	Lake Clark NP & PRES	National Park, National Preserve	AK	17,157	0.01%
343	Agate Fossil Beds NM	National Monument	NE	16,657	0.01%
344	Russell Cave NM	National Monument	AL	16,642	0.01%
345	Cesar E. Chavez NM	National Monument	CA	16,490	0.01%
346	Cape Krusenstern NM	National Monument	AK	16,226	0.005%
347	Kobuk Valley NP	National Park	AK	15,766	0.005%
348	Edgar Allen Poe NHS	National Historic Site	PA	15,527	0.005%
349	Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers NM	National Monument	OH	14,106	0.004%
350	Minidoka NHS	National Historic Site	ID	13,647	0.004%

Table 1.7 – 2019 US NPS Parks by Recreational Visit

351	Fort Union Trading Post NHS	National Historic Site	MT, SD	12,967	0.004%
352	Saint Croix Island IHS	International Historic Site	ME	11,613	0.004%
353	Fort Union NM	National Monument	NM	11,063	0.003%
354	First Ladies NHS	National Historic Site	OH	10,913	0.003%
355	Gates of the Arctic NP & PRES	National Park, National Preserve	AK	10,518	0.003%
356	Knife River Indian Villages NHS	National Historic Site	ND	10,354	0.003%
357	Belmont-Paul Women's Equality NM	National Monument	DC	9,913	0.003%
358	Maggie L Walker NHS	National Historic Site	VA	9,602	0.003%
359	Washita Battlefield NHS	National Historic Site	OK	9,119	0.003%
360	Alibates Flint Quarries NM	National Monument	TX	8,847	0.003%
361	President W.J. Clinton Birthplace Home NHS	National Historic Site	AR	8,758	0.003%
362	Saugus Iron Works NHS	National Historic Site	MA	8,150	0.002%
363	Thomas Stone NHS	National Historic Site	MD	8,020	0.002%
364	Frederick Law Olmstead NHS	National Historic Site	MA	7,791	0.002%
365	Fort Bowie NHS	National Historic Site	AZ	7,577	0.002%
366	Sand Creek Massacre NHS	National Historic Site	CO	5,701	0.002%
367	Salt River Bay NHP & Ecological Pres	National Historical Park	VI	5,215	0.002%
368	Clara Barton NHS	National Historic Site	MD	4,100	0.001%
369	Mary McLeod Bethune Council House NHS	National Historic Site	DC	3,788	0.001%
370	Nicodemus NHS	National Historic Site	KS	3,540	0.001%
371	Eugene O'Neill NHS	National Historic Site	CA	2,944	0.001%
372	Bering Land Bridge NPRES	National Preserve	AK	2,642	0.001%
373	Carter G. Woodson Home NHS	National Historic Site	DC	2,381	0.001%
374	Thaddeus Kosciuszko NMEM	National Memorial	PA	1,921	0.001%
375	Yukon-Charley Rivers NPRES	National Preserve	AK	1,114	0.0003%
376	Port Chicago Naval Magazine NMEM	National Memorial	CA	830	0.0003%
377	Rio Grande W&SR	National Wild and Scenic Rivers and Riverways	TX	324	0.0001%
378	Aniakchak NM & PRES	National Monument, National Preserve	AK	100	0.00003%
				<b>Total Visitors</b>	<b>Total %</b>
				327,516,619	100%

Table 1.8 – 2019 US NPS Parks by Recreational Visit

Chart 1

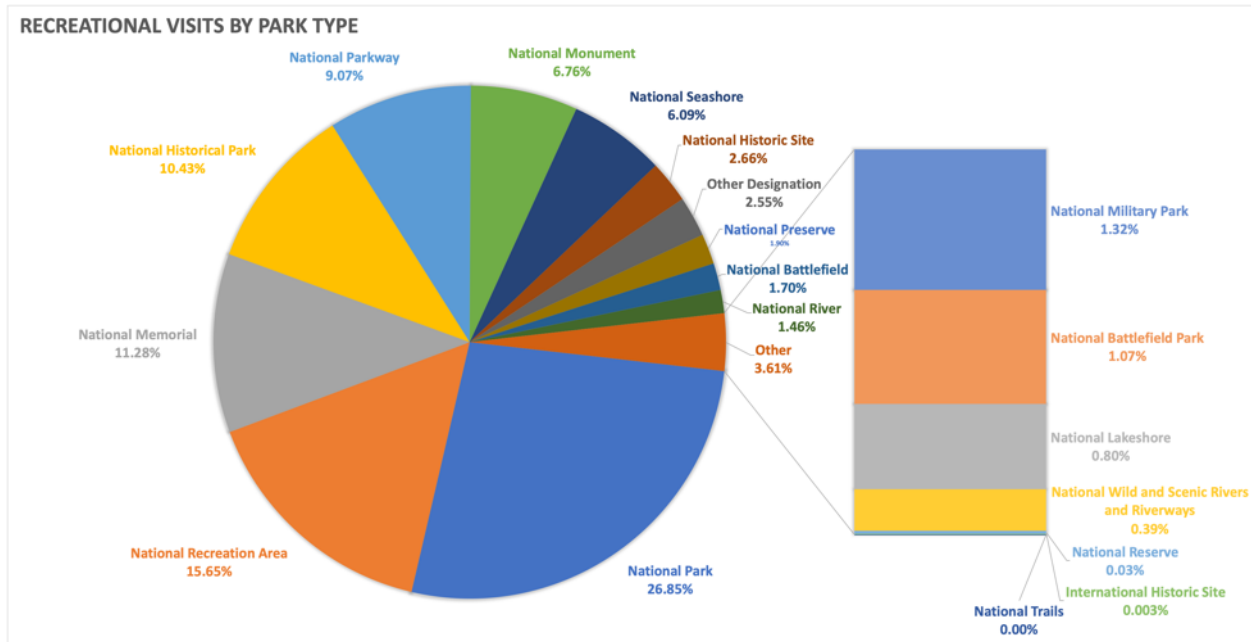


Chart 1 – Recreational Visits by Park Type

Chart 1 illustrates the relationship between recreational visits and park type. The bar to the right of the pie graph illustrates the breakdown of the seven park designations which define the orange “Other” section. This “other” section is not to be confused with the dark grey “Other Designation” section.

Note – In 2019 no there were no recorded recreational visits to National Trails.

For further findings from Chart 1, see the Analysis section.

Chart 2

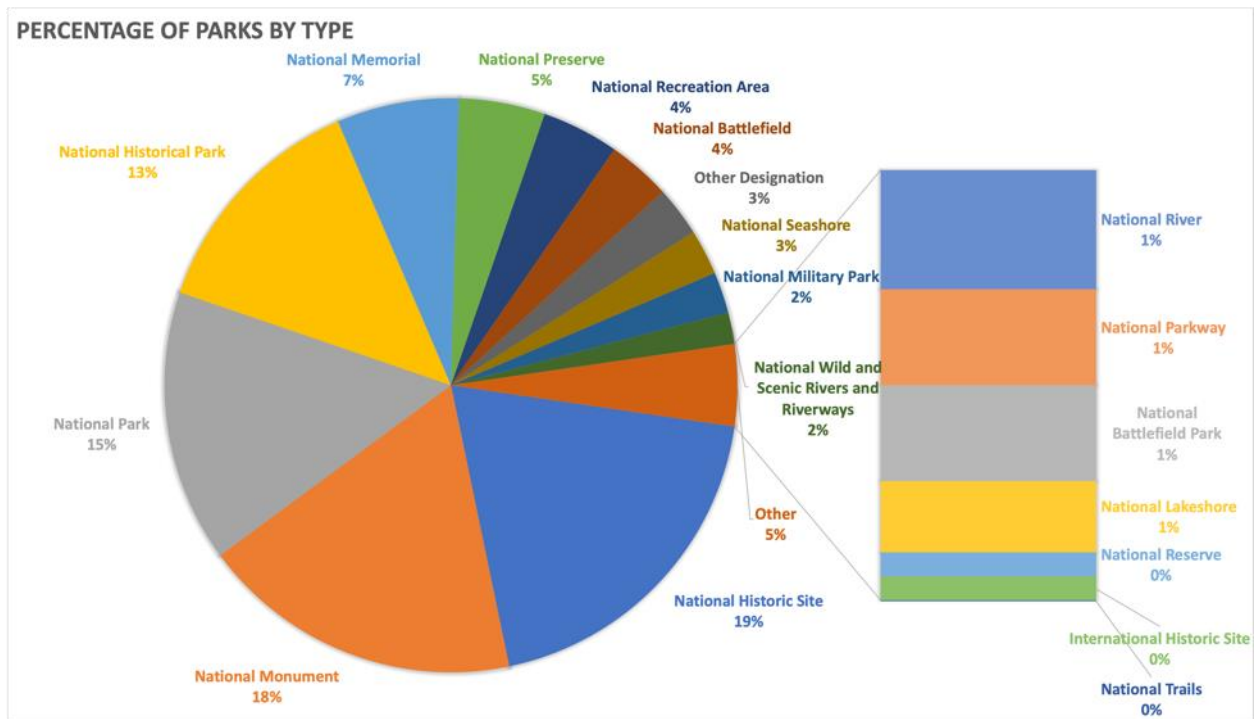


Chart 2 – Percentage of Parks by Type

Chart 2 illustrates the proportion between national park types within the national parks service. The bar to the right of the pie graph illustrates the breakdown of the seven park designations which define the orange “Other” section. This “other” section is not to be confused with the dark grey “Other Designation” section.

Note – In 2019 no there were no recorded recreational visits to National Trails.

For further findings from chart 2, see the Analysis section.



Chart 3

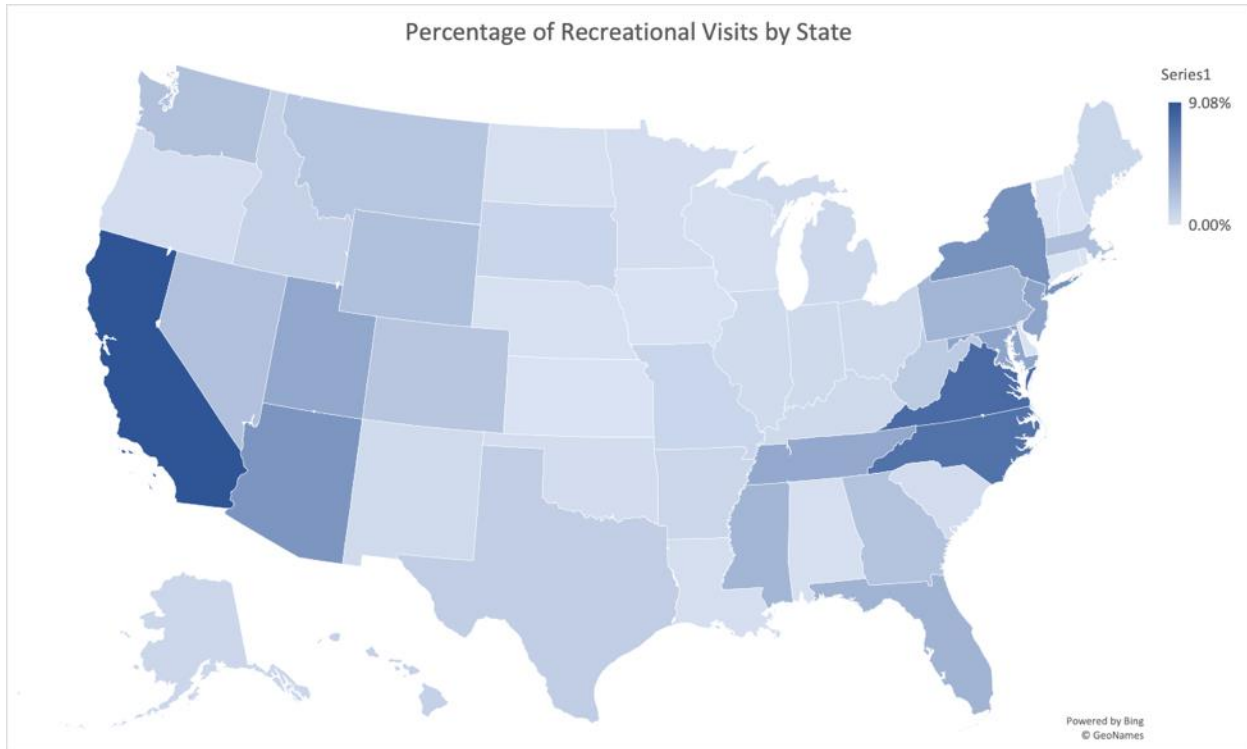


Chart 3 – Percentage of Recreational Visits by State

Chart 3 illustrates the relationship between the American states and recreational visits (RVs) to NPS parks within their borders.

The blue-gradient bar to the right of the map illustrates the percentage of recreational visits by state. For example, 0% of recreational visits to National Parks happened in Delaware. 9.08% of recreational visits to national parks happened in California.

Note – This chart does not include information from the following locations: Washington DC (11.82% of RVs in 2019), Puerto Rico (0.27%), Guam (0.1%), the US Virgin Islands (0.06%), and American Samoa (0.01%). In 2019 no there were no recorded recreational visits to National Trails.

Note – For NPS members belonging to more than one state/ territory, the recreational visits were divided by the amount of locations sharing the park. For example, The Blue Ridge Parkway (BRP) runs through North Carolina and Virginia so recreational visits to the BRP were divided between North Carolina and Virginia.

For further findings from Chart 3, see the Analysis section.

Chart 4

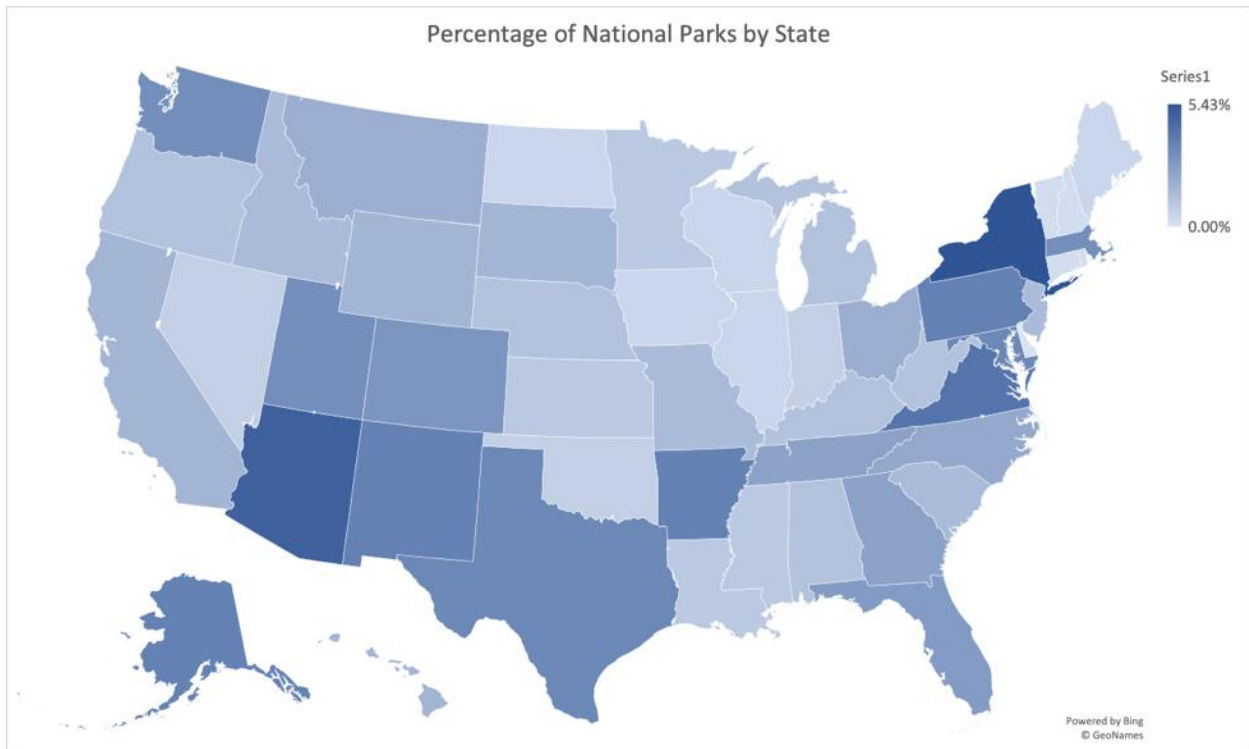


Chart 4 – Percentage of National Parks by State

Chart 4 illustrates the relationship between the American states and the NPS parks within their borders.

The blue-gradient bar to the right of the map illustrates the percentage of parks within a state. For example, Delaware has 0% of the National Parks recording recreational visits in 2019. New York has 5.43% of National Parks recording recreational visits in 2019.

Note – This chart does not include information from the following locations: Washington DC (5.68% of NP recording RVs in 2019), the US Virgin Islands (0.99%), Puerto Rico (0.25%), Guam (0.25%), and American Samoa (0.25%).

Note – For NPS members belonging to more than one state/ territory, the park is counted for both states. For example, The Blue Ridge Parkway (BRP) runs through North Carolina and Virginia so both North Carolina and Virginia are recorded as home to the BRP.

For further findings from Chart 3, see the Analysis section.

## Analysis

- In 2019, the NPS recorded 327,516,619 recreational visits.
- Three parks recorded over 10 million recreational visits: Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Blue Ridge Parkway, and Great Smoky Mountains National Park.
- 11 parks recorded over five million recreation visits
- 80 parks recorded over one million recreation visits.
- 25 National Parks recorded over 1 million recreational visits.
- 50% of total recreation visits occurred in 27 parks.
- Washington DC recorded the most recreational visits in the United States.
- Washington DC has the most parks of any state or territory.
- The largest number of parks are National Historic Sites, 18% of all NPS parks.
- National Parks recorded the most recreational visits by park type with 26.85% of RVs.

### 10 most visited parks

1. Golden Gate National Recreation Area
2. Blue Ridge Parkway
3. Great Smoky Mountains National Park
4. Gateway National Recreation Area
5. Lincoln Memorial
6. Lake Mead National Recreation Area
7. George Washington Memorial Parkway
8. Natchez Trace Parkway
9. Grand Canyon National Park
10. Gulf Islands National Seashore

## 10 most visited National Parks

1. Great Smoky Mountains National Park
2. Grand Canyon National Park
3. Rocky Mountain National Park
4. Zion National Park
5. Yosemite National Park
6. Yellowstone National Park
7. Acadia National Park
8. Grand Teton National Park
9. Olympic National Park
10. Glacier National Park

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