



Crater Lake National Park © NPS

FACT SHEET

National Parks in Oregon

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In the 1800s, Oregon was the destination for settlers moving west in search of better life. Oregon's national parks offer not only an insight into that migration but also highlight the natural beauty that continues to draw visitors from around the world.

California National Historic Trail - over 250,000 gold-seekers and farmers to the gold fields and rich farmlands of California during the 1840s and 1850s.

Crater Lake National Park Widely known for its intense blue color and spectacular views. During summer, visitors may navigate the Rim Drive around the lake, enjoy boat tours on the lake surface, stay in the historic Crater Lake Lodge, camp at Mazama Village, or hike some of the park's various trails including Mt. Scott at 8,929 ft. Diverse interpretive programs

enhance visitors' knowledge and appreciation of the park, 90 percent of which is managed as wilderness. The winter brings some of the heaviest snowfall in the country, averaging 533 inches per year.

Fort Vancouver National Historic Site - Administrative headquarters and main supply depot for the Hudson's Bay Company's fur trading operations in the immense Columbia Department. When American immigrants arrived in the Oregon Country during the 1830s and 1840s, Fort Vancouver provided them with essential supplies to begin their new settlements.

John Day Fossil Beds National Monument

record, spanning more than 40 of the 65 million years of the Cenozoic Era (the "Age of Mammals and Flowering Plants") is world-renowned.

Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail -

gress to fund the expedition shortly before the Louisiana Pur-



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lands that later became 11 states. Most of the 3,700 mile-long trail follows the Missouri & Columbia Rivers.

The Lewis and Clark Corps of Northwest Discovery's expedition across western America helped to shape the nation that we are today. At the Lewis and Clark National and State Historical Parks are preserved the sites that mark the success of key parts of their mission; successfully arriving at the Pacific, making ready for the return trip home, maintaining friendly relations with the homeland tribes and preparing maps and revising journals that would record their discoveries.

McLoughlin House National Historic Site

1845, he paid his former employers \$20,000 for title to the land that he had claimed in Oregon City on the Company's behalf in 1829. He built an elegant home at the south end of town, near the falls, and lived there until his death in 1857. In 1909, the house was rescued from encroaching industrial development around Willamette Falls and moved to its present location at 713 Center Street. The lot was one of the places set aside by McLoughlin for public use when he laid out the town in the 1840s.

Nez Perce National Historical Park -

Oregon National Historic Trail

Oregon Caves National Monument

Key Issues Facing National Parks in Oregon

improving the experiences of visitors. The FY 2008 budget also launched the National Park Centennial Challenge, which will help restore the parks for their 100th birthday and for generations to come. In addition to the operational shortfall, the National Park Service has a \$1.9 billion land acquisition backlog consisting of over 11,000 tracts of land and covering more than 1.8 million acres. In many instances, failure to acquire these lands makes operating the parks more complex and costly. Unfortunately, funding for national park federal land acquisition has declined dramatically in recent years, from \$130 million five years ago, to only \$21 million in the fiscal year 2009 request.

- There is currently no trail-wide inventory of the archaeological resources found along the Lewis & Clark Trail. As a result, it is impossible for trail staff to accurately assess the threats faces and to adequately protect them from destruction, desecration, looting, and vandalism.
- For lack of sufficient operating funds, Oregon Caves National Monument has no visitor protection capabilities and relies on strapped county services to keep the park and visitors safe from crime. Unfortunately, the county budget recently took a \$12-million hit, so sheriff patrols at the monument will be even scarcer.
- Nine permanent positions at Crater Lake National Park stand vacant as the park has been forced to make cuts to cover increased fixed costs.



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Park Visitation in Oregon

Contact Information

Budget Information

| NPS Unit | FY03 Enacted | FY04 Enacted | FY05 Enacted | FY06 Enacted | FY07 Enacted | FY08 Enacted | FY 09 Requested | % Change FY07-08 | % Change FY08-09 |
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| All Oregon parks | | | | | \$11,882 | \$13,167 | \$13,912 | 11% | 6% |



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