



Every Kid Outdoors 2021-2022 Report

September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022

A summary of the interagency Every Kid Outdoors program, which offers free access to federal land or water recreation sites for fourth graders and their families.



Summary

The Every Kid Outdoors program (EKO) issued more than **120,000 free fourth grade passes** between September 1, 2021 and August 31, 2022.

Fourth grade pass issuance continues to gradually increase following a dramatic pandemic-related decrease in 2020. Engagement through National Park Service programs increased, reaching three-fourths of 2019 program offerings and exceeding 2019 participation.

The Every Kid in a Park program began in 2015 as part of the National Park Service centennial. In September 2019, the program transitioned to Every Kid Outdoors with authorization through 2026 under the bipartisan Every Kid Outdoors Act (H.R. 1184).

Our Next Generation of Stewards

Every Kid Outdoors mobilizes our next generation of stewards by introducing fourth graders to public lands in their backyards and beyond at an early age.

Research on EKO participants indicate that without free access, most (73%) would never have visited a national park¹. Research also shows that participants are more likely to visit parks throughout the rest of their lives if they experience parks with their family or school at age 10².

[1] Every Kid in a Park Field Trip Grant Program 2015-2016 Final Report. National Park Foundation.

[2] Dilenschneider, C. (2019, September 4). [School Groups vs. Family Visitors: Which Kids Come Back As Adults? \(DATA\)](#). *Know Your Own Bone*.

2021-2022 Highlights

120,688 Passes

939,520 Vouchers

6,546 Programs

185,378 Participants

EKO Participating Agencies

- National Park Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Bureau of Reclamation
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- U.S. Forest Service

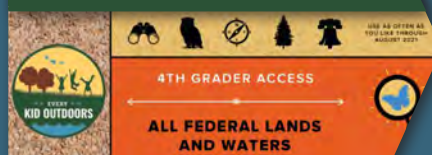


Fourth graders or their families participate in EKO by visiting everykidoutdoors.gov or participating in an EKO program or event. Both engagement methods result in receipt of a voucher that can then be used to cover entrance or day use fees at federal recreation sites. Fourth graders may use the voucher as is or exchange it for a durable plastic pass at any participating recreation site.

Visit everykidoutdoors.gov

Participate in a program

Get the Voucher



Go Explore!



Passes



2021-2022 4th Grade Pass

Fourth graders redeemed vouchers for **120,688 passes** at federal recreation sites.

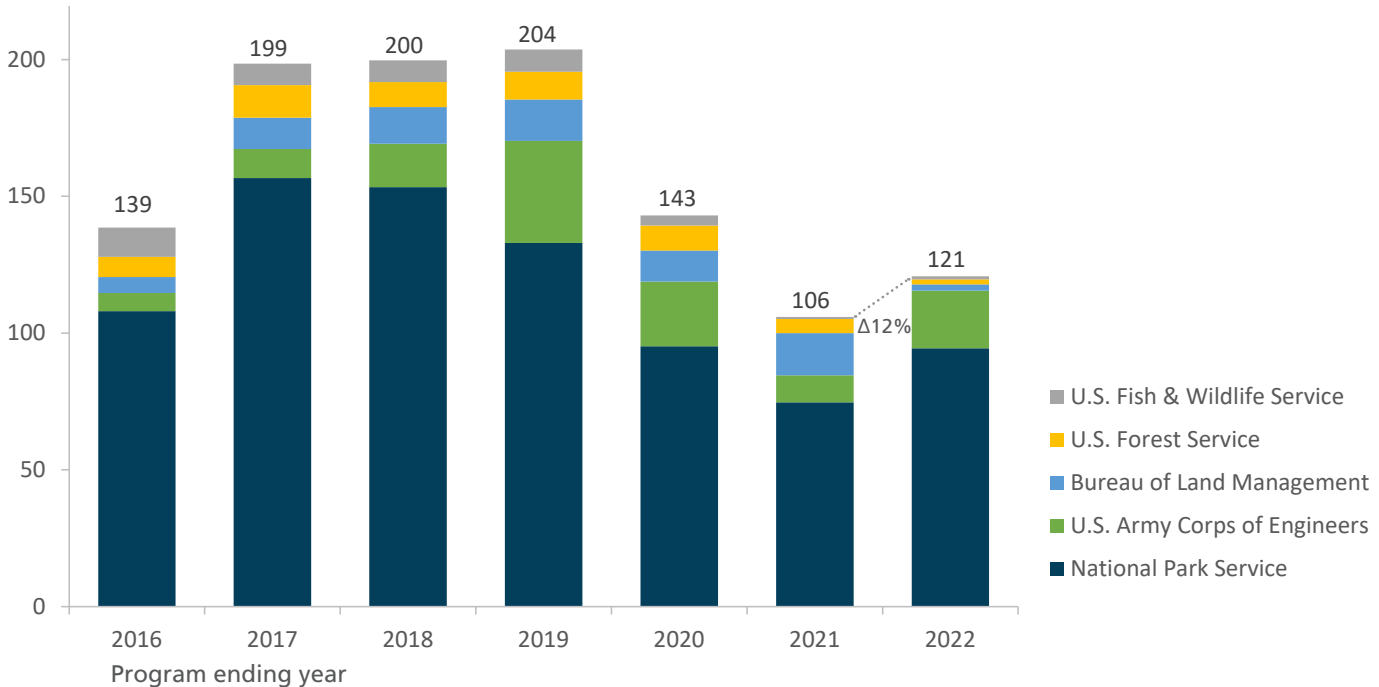
Exchanging a paper voucher for a durable pass is optional and must be completed in-person. Not all federal recreation sites offer the 4th Grade Pass.

↑ 12% Passes Issued

↻ 13% Voucher to Pass Conversion Rate

4th Grade Passes Issued by Agency

Thousands Δ YOY = Change Year-over-Year



Agency	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Δ YoY
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	10,780	7,909	7,882	8,154	3,671	716	1,055	32%
U.S. Forest Service	7,352	11,856	9,206	10,138	9,193	5,160	1,850	-179%
Bureau of Land Management	5,816	11,474	13,304	15,191	11,309	15,437	2,284	-576%
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers [†]	6,663	10,607	15,944	37,325	23,638	9,926	21,108	53%
National Park Service*	107,983	156,678	153,308	132,880	95,175	74,638	94,391	21%
Total	138,617	198,524	199,644	203,688	142,986	105,877	120,688	12%

*109 out of 424 National Park Service units charge an entrance fee and 207 sites issue 4th grade passes.

[†] Passes issued by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are shown for fiscal year 2022 (October-September).

The 4th Grade Pass is part of the America the Beautiful pass series. Issuing sites track voucher redemption for 4th grade passes; sites do not track pass usage.

Programs

208,929 fourth graders participated in 6,822 Every Kid Outdoor programs.

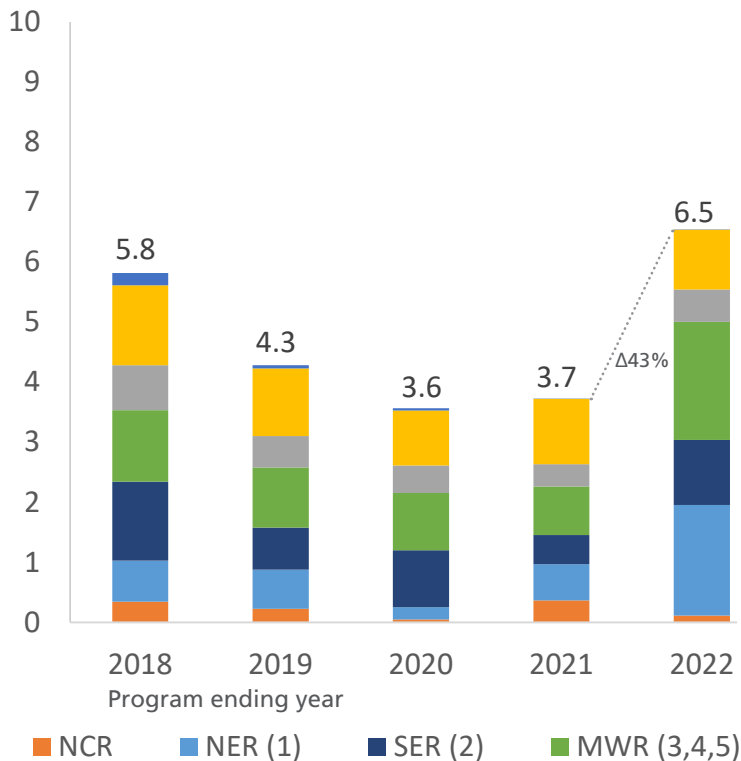
Engagement through National Park Service (NPS) programs increased notably, reaching 75% of program offerings and 153% of participants in 2019 (prepandemic).

Agency	Programs	Participants
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration*	-	2,665
U.S. Forest Service*	94	9,091
Bureau of Land Management	182	11,795
National Park Service	6,546	185,378
Total	6,822	208,929

*Programs reported for fiscal year 2022 (October-September).

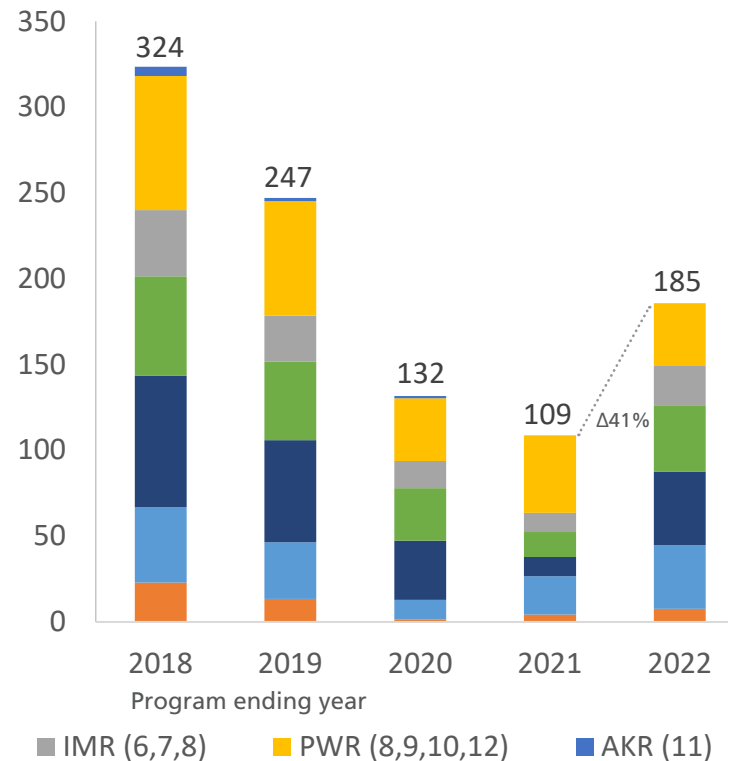
NPS 4th Grader Programs

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NPS 4th Grader Participants

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NPS Programs

Region	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	YoY
AKR	206	56	36	6	5	-20%
NCR	344	225	50	369	112	-229%
IMR	747	522	457	371	539	31%
PWR	1,328	1,126	915	1,088	996	-9%
SER	1,315	704	946	483	1,081	55%
NER	685	651	206	603	1,846	67%
MWR	1,193	1,001	956	810	1,967	59%
Total	5,818	4,285	3,566	3,730	6,546	43%

NPS Participants

Region	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	YoY
AKR	5,399	1,761	1,361	145	16	-806%
NCR	22,934	13,403	1,442	4,177	7,545	45%
IMR	38,675	26,834	15,919	11,243	23,358	52%
PWR	78,172	66,877	36,522	44,786	36,180	-24%
NER	43,980	32,952	11,385	22,400	37,190	40%
MWR	57,851	45,671	30,465	14,596	38,222	62%
SER	76,583	59,604	34,580	11,186	42,867	74%
Total	323,594	247,102	131,674	108,533	185,378	41%

Vouchers

Fourth graders, parents, educators, or agency staff requested **939,520 vouchers** through [everykidoutdoors.gov](https://www.everykidoutdoors.gov).

Voucher requests reflect the maximum reach of the EKO program. There is currently no mechanism for capturing all voucher use. Voucher redemption for a durable Fourth Grade Pass is optional and is reflected in passes data.

State	2020	2021	2022	Δ YoY
Alabama	3,822	3,865	5,142	25%
Alaska	1,897	1,845	1,515	-22%
Arizona	31,849	29,644	35,684	17%
Arkansas	6,551	3,656	4,652	21%
California	162,158	135,452	158,352	14%
Colorado	39,754	35,410	39,778	11%
Connecticut	2,977	3,806	5,275	28%
Delaware	4,471	2,971	3,948	25%
District of Columbia	4,146	3,042	4,038	25%
Florida	29,672	23,108	38,315	40%
Georgia	20,252	14,643	22,003	33%
Hawaii	3,086	1,884	3,689	49%
Idaho	14,773	34,475	12,031	-187%
Illinois	26,981	26,144	33,444	22%
Indiana	15,416	13,451	19,318	30%
Iowa	7,014	8,072	10,312	22%
Kansas	5,901	7,085	9,364	24%
Kentucky	6,680	6,380	7,950	20%
Louisiana	2,653	3,555	2,173	-64%
Maine	2,682	4,340	3,392	-28%
Maryland	28,114	13,331	21,907	39%
Massachusetts	8,909	9,211	11,945	23%
Michigan	15,052	15,785	18,147	13%
Minnesota	14,380	18,781	21,879	14%
Mississippi	1,432	1,435	1,656	13%
Missouri	12,670	9,890	13,495	27%
Montana	5,408	6,434	5,749	-12%
Nebraska	6,261	5,826	6,440	10%
Nevada	16,417	14,409	16,189	11%
New Hampshire	2,631	3,499	3,133	-12%
New Jersey	15,102	13,573	17,277	21%

State	2020	2021	2022	Δ YoY
New Mexico	9,250	9,524	8,201	-16%
New York	43,528	34,416	48,779	29%
North Carolina	15,873	11,609	13,249	12%
North Dakota	1,440	2,413	3,233	25%
Ohio	20,241	20,300	22,855	11%
Oklahoma	6,333	5,166	7,621	32%
Oregon	25,277	25,866	28,554	9%
Pennsylvania	16,395	16,223	23,369	31%
Rhode Island	966	950	1,217	22%
South Carolina	11,610	7,404	5,622	-32%
South Dakota	3,478	3,076	3,975	23%
Tennessee	8,734	10,077	15,874	37%
Texas	48,056	33,514	41,133	19%
Unknown*	327,760			
Utah	34,285	40,591	41,675	3%
Vermont	783	660	799	17%
Virginia	28,160	25,902	36,079	28%
Washington	33,964	32,388	39,794	19%
West Virginia	2,063	3,835	3,422	-12%
Wisconsin	17,872	20,011	29,470	32%
Wyoming	8,545	4,838	5,041	4%
Armed Forces Americas	267	155	144	
Europe	1	3	2	-50%
Pacific	260	102	68	-50%
American Samoa	6	50	74	32%
Guam	-	-	-	-
Northern Mariana Isl.	1	5	11	55%
Puerto Rico	700		1,012	100%
Virgin Islands	118	272	176	-55%
Grand Total	1,184,969	784,235	939,520	17%

Passes Issued by Location

Bureau of Land Management Location	Passes
Amarillo Field Office	1
Arizona State Office	28
Buffalo Field Office	62
Casper Field Office	300
Cedar City Field Office	778
Lander Field Office	1
Las Cruces District Office	282
Medford District Office	499
Mother Lode Field Office	1
Northeastern States District	9
Rio Puerco Field Office	1
Taos Field Office	4
Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area	318
Grand Total	2,284

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Location	Passes
Back Bay NWR	9
Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually NWR	96
Blackwater NWR	3
Chincoteague NWR	357
DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge	316
Grays Harbor NWR	195
Iroquois NWR	50
Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge	2
Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge	12
Parker River National Wildlife Refuge	3
Rocky Mountain Arsenal NWR	6
Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge	2
St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge	3
Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife & Fish Refuge - La Crosse District	1
Grand Total	1,055

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Location	Passes
Albuquerque	475
Baltimore	6
Detroit	2
Fort Worth	7,040
Honolulu	0
Huntington	362
Kansas City	9
Little Rock	151
Louisville	15
Mobile	186
Nashville	407
New England	46
Omaha	149
Pittsburgh	90
Portland	466
Rock Island	3,947
Sacramento	586
San Francisco	210
Savannah	3,428
St. Louis	619
St. Paul	498
Tulsa	744
Vicksburg	7
Walla Walla	50
Wilmington	1,615
Grand Total	21,108

Passes Issued by Location, cont'd

U.S. Forest Service Location	Passes
Angeles NF - LA River District	1
Angeles NF - Main Office	2
Angeles NF - Mojave & Santa Clara River District	2
Angeles NF - San Gabriel River District	6
Apache-Sitgreaves NF - Black Mesa District	2
Apache-Sitgreaves NF - Supervisor's Office	1
Ashley NF - Duchesne District	2
Bighorn NF - Medicine Wheel/Paintrock District	3
Black Hills NF - Main Office	125
Black Hills NF - Mystic District	10
Boise NF - Mountain Home District	1
Bridger-Teton NF - Greys River District	4
Bridger-Teton NF - Pinedale District	10
Bridger-Teton NF - Supervisor's Office	14
Caribou-Targhee NF - Ashton/Island Park District	2
Caribou-Targhee NF - Soda Springs District	3
Caribou-Targhee NF - Westside District	1
Chugach National Forest	3
Cibola NF - Main Office	3
Cleveland NF - Main Office	1
Cleveland NF - Trabuco District	3
Coconino NF - Red Rock District	30
Coconino NF - Red Rock Visitor's Center	44
Colville NF - Main Office	1
Colville NF - Republic District	13
Colville NF - Tonasket District	2
Coronado NF - Santa Catalina District	23
Crooked River National Grassland	5
Daniel Boone NF - London District	1
Deschutes NF - Bend/Fort Rock District	7
Deschutes NF - Sisters District	1
Dixie NF - SO/CCRD	5
Eldorado NF - Placerville District	1
Fishlake NF - Fillmore District	3
Fishlake NF - Fremont River District	1
Fishlake NF - Main Office	1
Flathead NF - Hungry Horse & Glacier View Dist	1
Gifford Pinchot NF - Cowlitz Valley District	1
Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison NF - Grand Valley District	8
Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison NF - Paonia District	68
Land Between the Lakes NRA	16
Lewis & Clark NF - Main Office	13
Lolo NF - Main Office	1
Malheur NF - Emigrant Creek District	141
Medicine Bow NF - Main Office	2
Mendocino NF - Main Office	1
Mt Baker/Snoqualmie NF - Snoqualmie District	2

U.S. Forest Service Location	Passes
Mt Hood NF - Hood River District	3
Mt Hood NF - Zigzag District	6
Nebraska National Forest - Pine Ridge District	1
Ochoco NF - Main Office	10
Okanogan-Wenatchee NF - Methow Valley District	1
Okanogan-Wenatchee NF - Naches District	1
Olympic NF - Main Office	11
Ottawa NF - Visitor Center	9
Pike & San Isabael NF - Pikes Peak District	2
Pike & San Isabel NF - South Park District	1
Prescott NF - Bradshaw District	5
Rio Grande NF - Divide District	51
Rio Grande NF - Saguache District	1
Rogue River - Siskiyou NF - Gold Beach District	1
Rogue River - Siskiyou NF - Wild Rivers District	1
Routt NF - Parks Walden District	5
San Bernardino NF - Main Office	2
San Bernardino NF - San Jacinto District	1
San Juan NF - Columbine District	3
San Juan NF - Pagosa District	2
San Juan Public Lands Center - FS	1
Santa Fe NF - Espanola District	2
Sawtooth NF - Minidoka District	95
Sawtooth NF - Stanley District	1
Shasta-Trinity NF - Main Office	8
Shawnee NF - Hidden Springs District	1
Shoshone NF - North Zone District	1
Six Rivers NF - Mad River District	3
Stanislaus NF - Summit District	796
Superior NF - Main Office	1
Tahoe NF - Main Office	4
Tahoe NF - Sierraville District	1
Tonto NF - Cave Creek District	23
Tonto NF - Main Office	1
Tonto NF - Mesa District	22
Tonto NF - Payson District	4
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache NF - Evanston District	2
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache NF - Heber-Kamas District	12
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache NF - Kamas Work Center	6
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache NF - Logan District	5
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache NF - Pleasant Grove District	96
Umatilla NF - Main Office	1
US Forest Service Regional Office	2
White Mountain NF - Main Office	1
White Mountain NF - Saco District	10
White River NF - Blanco District	32
White River NF - Holy Cross District	10
Willamette NF - Middle Fork District	1
Grand Total	1,850

Passes Issued by Location, cont'd

National Park Service Location	Passes
Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHS	570
Acadia National Park	1,435
Alaska Public Lands Visitor Center - Anchorage	2
Antietam National Battlefield	171
Arches National Park	2,691
Assateague Island National Seashore	520
Assateague Island National Seashore (see MD)	95
Aztec Ruins National Monument	17
Badlands National Park	3,259
Bandelier National Monument	155
Big Bend National Park	377
Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area	31
Big Thicket National Preserve	2
Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area	54
Black Canyon of the Gunnison	166
Bryce Canyon National Park	1,182
Cabrillo National Monument	645
Canaveral National Seashore	25
Canyonlands National Park	447
Cape Cod National Seashore - Seasonally	204
Capitol Reef National Park	132
Carlsbad Caverns National Park	689
Castillo de San Marcos National Monument	1,373
Catoctin Mountain Park	708
Cedar Breaks National Monument	678
Chaco Culture National Historical Park	34
Chesapeake & Ohio Canal NHP	172
Colonial National Historical Park	492
Colorado National Monument	93
Congaree National Park	6
Crater Lake National Park	262
Craters of the Moon National Monument	73
Cumberland Island National Seashore	41
Cuyahoga Valley National Park	119
Death Valley National Park	639
Denali National Park & Preserve	131
Devils Tower National Monument	461
Dinosaur National Monument (UT location only)	392
Edison National Historical Park	45
Everglades National Park	565
First State National Historical Park	426
Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument	223
Fort Davis National Historic Site	34
Fort McHenry National Monument	1,807
Fort Pulaski National Monument	54
Fort Smith National Historic Site	1
Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Historical Park	45
Fort Vancouver National Historic Site	2

National Park Service Location	Passes
Gateway National Recreation Area - Sandy Hook	208
Glacier National Park	1,690
Glen Canyon NRA	335
Golden Spike National Historical Park	368
Grand Canyon National Park	4,103
Grand Teton National Park	3,084
Great Basin National Park	61
Great Falls Park	2,679
Great Sand Dunes National Park	900
Great Smoky Mountain NP-Cades Cove Ranger Station	14
Great Smoky Mountains NP-Elkmont Campground	6
Great Smoky Mountains NP-Smokemont Campground	14
Guadalupe Mountains National Park	32
Gulf Islands National Seashore	196
Haleakala National Park	738
Harpers Ferry National Historical Park	342
Harry S. Truman National Historic Site	8
Hawaii Volcanoes National Park	1,263
Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt NHS	826
Homestead National Monument of America	295
Hopewell Culture National Historical Park	1,085
Ice Age & North Country National Scenic Trails	5,636
Indiana Dunes National Park	1,922
Isle Royale National Park	14
James A. Garfield National Historic Site	1,405
Jefferson National Expansion Memorial	215
Joshua Tree National Park	2,712
Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park	638
Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park	40
Lake Mead National Recreation Area	532
Lassen Volcanic National Park	437
Lava Beds National Monument	274
Lewis & Clark National Historical Park	1,659
Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial	686
Mammoth Cave National Park	209
Mesa Verde National Park	774
Minute Man National Historical Park	25
Mississippi National River & Recreation Area	29
Montezuma Castle National Monument	490
Mount Rainier National Park	1,979
Mount Rushmore National Memorial	177
Muir Woods National Monument (Gate NRA)	1,814
Natchez Trace Parkway	500
Natural Bridges National Monument	13
North Cascades National Park	449
Olympic National Park	962
Outdoor Recreation Information Center	4
Padre Island National Seashore	129

Passes Issued by Location, cont'd

National Park Service Location	Passes
Petrified Forest National Park	719
Petroglyph National Monument	23
Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore	679
Pinnacles National Monument	697
Pipe Spring National Monument	10
Pipestone National Monument	1
Richmond National Battlefield Park	4,035
Rocky Mountain National Park	3,393
Sagamore Hill National Historic Site	4
Saguaro National Park	357
San Antonio Missions National Historic Park	293
San Juan National Historic Site	151
Scotts Bluff National Monument	45
Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park	1,719
Shenandoah National Park - Front Royal Entrance	484
Shenandoah National Park - Rockfish Entrance	623
Shenandoah National Park - Swift Run Entrance	393
Shenandoah National Park - Thornton Gap Entrance	548
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore	980
Steamtown National Historic Site	9
Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument	55
Theodore Roosevelt National Park - South Unit	652
Tonto National Monument	31
Tumacacori National Historical Park	50
Tuzigoot National Monument	107
Vicksburg National Military Park	50
Virgin Islands National Park	21
Walnut Canyon National Monument	100
Whiskeytown National Recreation Area	65
White Sands National Monument	364
Wupatki National Monument	128
Yellowstone National Park	4,348
Yosemite National Park	4,180
Zion National Park	5,361
Grand Total	94,391



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