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Passport To Your National Parks® Photo Contest Winners Announced

Fort Washington, PA – Today, Eastern National announced the winners of the 2004 Passport To Your National Parks® Photo Contest.

Eastern National and the National Park Service (NPS) first introduced the Passport program in 1986. The Passport book is a 104-page booklet designed to be a travel companion for park visitors. The pocket-sized guide contains full-color maps and photographs, a national parks list, and interesting facts about America's national parks. National park visitors can collect annual commemorative stamps and rubber-stamp ink cancellations inside the Passport book.

Each year, Eastern National holds a contest for NPS employees and Volunteers In Parks to select 10 images (one national and nine regional) for the collectable Passport commemorative stamp set. The stamps are distributed on a single perforated sheet and can be detached and placed in designated sections of the Passport book.

The 2004 stamp set will be available by February 10, 2004 and can be purchased by clicking on the [blue tab](#) for "Passport To Your National Parks" on www.eParks.com; by calling (877) NAT-PARK; or by visiting a participating national park. The Passport book and commemorative stamp sets from previous years (1986-2003) are also available. Retail price: Passport book (\$7.95 each) and commemorative stamps sets (\$3.95 each).

The 2004 Passport Photo Contest winners are:

National Stamp: NPS photo

Navajo National Monument (Tonalea, AZ) – Navajo National Monument, celebrating its 95th anniversary in 2004, preserves three of the largest and most intact cliff dwellings of 13th-century canyon farmers in Arizona. The ruins of Betatakin, Keet Seel, and Inscription House exemplify the adaptation of the ancient people to the rigorous Kayenta-area environment. The ancient people of the Kayenta region excelled in pottery making, using complex designs and color combinations, which were not found in other Anasazi groups.

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North Atlantic Region: Photo by Levi T. Novey

Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site (Brookline, MA) – Frederick Law Olmsted (1822-1903) is recognized as the founder of American landscape architecture and the nation’s foremost park-maker. He moved his home to suburban Boston in 1883 and established the world’s first professional office for the practice of landscape design.

Mid-Atlantic Region: NPS photo

Fort Necessity National Battlefield (Farmington, PA) – Fort Necessity National Battlefield commemorates the events surrounding the start of the French and Indian War. Here, on July 3, 1754, a French and Indian force surrounded George Washington’s “fort of necessity” and forced his only military surrender. In 2004, the park observes the 250th anniversary of the battle.

National Capital Region: Photo by Richard Maxwell

Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Site (Washington, D.C.) – Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Site extends from the Capitol to the White House. It is lined with memorials commemorating our national heroes. The Old Post Office Tower anchors the midway point of the Avenue and provides a spectacular view of Washington, D.C. from the 270-foot-high observation deck.

Southeast Region: Photo by Chuck Summers

Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area (Oneida, TN) – Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, established in 1974, protects 125,000 acres of the Cumberland Plateau. Located in Tennessee and Kentucky, the park contains a wealth of natural and cultural resources. Many visit the area to enjoy its broad array of land- and water-based recreational opportunities.

Midwest Region: Photo by Bob Daum

Fort Larned National Historic Site (Larned, KS) – Established in 1859, Fort Larned is the best preserved Indian Wars-era military post on the Santa Fe Trail. It protected traffic on this important trade route for nearly two decades. Several buildings, including the barracks, commissary, and officers’ quarters have been restored.

Southwest Region: Photo by Richard Maxwell

Fort Union National Monument (Watrous, NM) – Located along the Mountain Branch of the Santa Fe Trail, this military post and quartermaster depot operated from 1851 to 1891, serving as the largest military installation on the southwestern frontier. Today, Fort Union NM continues to inspire the imagination about the American frontier.

Rocky Mountain Region: Photo by Walt Fite

Colorado National Monument (Fruita, CO) – Big, bold, and brilliantly colored, this plateau-and-canyon country is a place where glorious views stretch to distant horizons. Established in 1911, the monument’s 32 square miles feature towering masses of naturally sculpted rock that invite quiet contemplation.

Western Region: Photo by Mike Maslona

Chiricahua National Monument (Wilcox, AZ) – Ice and water sculpted this “wonderland of rocks” from layers of rhyolite, volcanic ash fused into rock. Once home to Chiricahua Apaches, Buffalo Soldiers, and settlers, today this site is mainly designated wilderness. The monument celebrates its 80th anniversary in 2004.

Pacific Northwest Region: Photo by Jeff Tetrick

Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area (Coulee Dam, WA) – Created by the damming of the Columbia River, 131-mile long Lake Roosevelt provides outstanding recreational opportunities. Native salmon fisheries, a fur trading post, a Catholic mission, and a military fort are part of the area’s rich cultural heritage.

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