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Celebrating National Parks Month

Missouri Offers 12 National Parks With Endless Recreational Opportunities

There are nearly 400 national parks located throughout our country. These natural, cultural, and recreational sites help preserve local heritage and provide citizens with a sense of adventure they can't get anywhere else. Our state contains 12 national parks, ranging from historic trails and monuments to battlefields and scenic riverways.

Six of these trails ([California National Historic Trail](#), [Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail](#), [Oregon National Historic Trail](#), [Ozark National Scenic Riverways](#), [Pony Express National Historic Trail](#), [Santa Fe National Historic Trail](#), and the [Trail of Tears National Historic Trail](#)) span multiple states and bring a vast history to our state.

Two historic sites located within a couple of hours from the 28th Senatorial District are the [George Washington Carver National Monument](#) and the [Harry S. Truman Birthplace State Historic Site](#). The George Washington Carver National Monument, located in the small town of Diamond, shares the namesake's legacy as a world-renowned scientist, botanist, educator, and inventor whose studies and teachings revolutionized agriculture in the South.

The Harry S. Truman Birthplace State Historic Site, located in Lamar, honors the 33rd President of the United States and perhaps Missouri's most famous historical figure, Harry S. Truman. This small frame structure was Truman's home until he was 11 months old, and was built between 1880 and 1882. The house is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

With all these parks and historic locations at our disposal, we must remember to maintain and protect these national sites. Participating in keeping our parks a national treasure can be as simple as picking up a piece of trash during your next park visit. You can also volunteer your

time and expertise to help our parks or join programs that help support and protect our natural environment.

Round out your summer by visiting one of our state's national parks or historic sites. I cannot think of a better way to have some economical fun during these rough economic times. Get out and enjoy the fresh air and what Missouri's natural and cultural resources have to offer.

If you have any questions about national parks or historic locations within Missouri, please visit www.nps.gov. And if you have a question about matters involving your state government, please feel free to contact me at (573) 751-8793 or by e-mail at: delbertscott@senate.mo.gov.

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