

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
New River Gorge National River



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NPS Mission and Park Significance



How many National Parks are there?



NPS Arrowhead





Test your knowledge

What was the first national park?



Yellowstone National Park



Created in 1872 as “a public park or pleasuring ground for the benefit and enjoyment of the people.”

When was the National Park Service created?



Why do we have national parks?





The National Park Service Mission the Organic Act of 1916

“...To conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein, and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

417 National Parks, 24 Designations, 1 System



Other Public Lands

National Forests



State Parks



Town Parks



US Army Corps Sites



County Parks



Who owns the national parks?



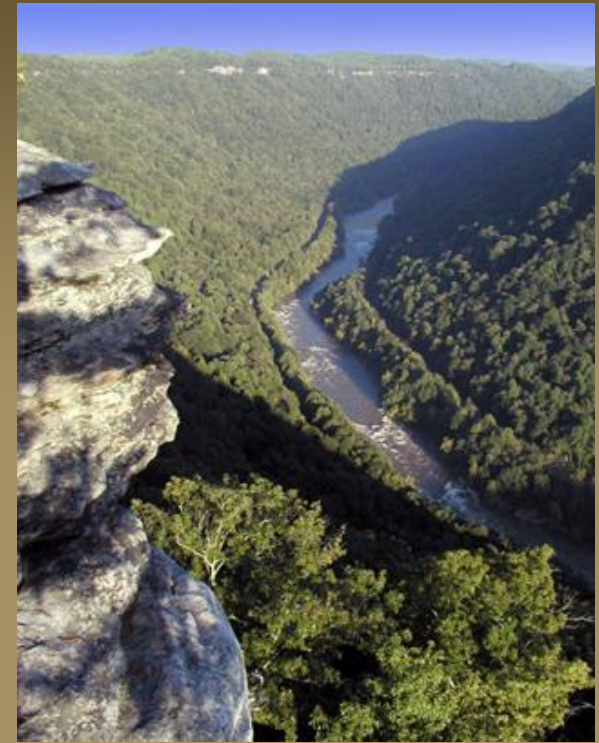
We ALL do!



Test your knowledge

Name ALL the national park units in West Virginia!

Some clues...



New River



Bluestone River



Gauley River





Test your knowledge!

How old is the gorge?

Mixed Mesophytic Forest



Water Quality



Recreational Opportunities... the FUN stuff!





Test your knowledge!

Name this invasive pest!



The Bridge





Test your knowledge!

How high is the bridge?

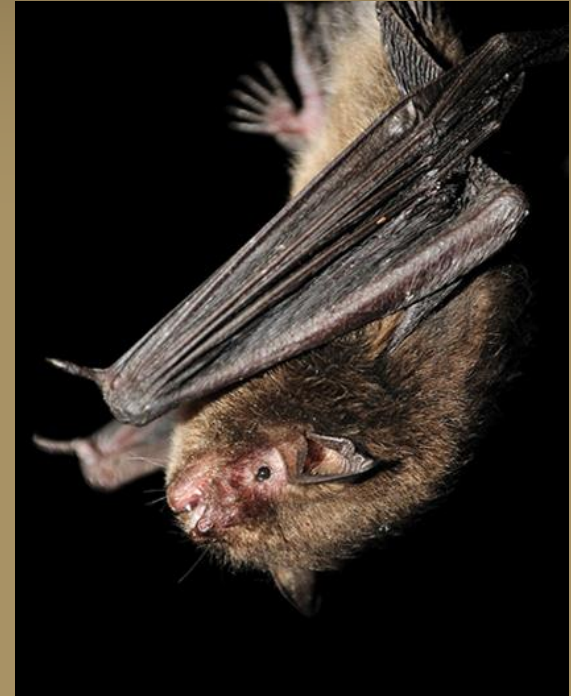
Wildlife



- 65 known species
- Most common:
 - Groundhog
 - Raccoon
 - Opossum
 - Squirrel
 - Chipmunk
 - White tailed deer

Species at Risk

- Allegheny Woodrat
- Virginia big eared bat
- Indiana bat
- Eastern small footed myotis





Test your Knowledge:

Name this species of concern successfully reintroduced to the gorge!



Cultural Resources





Test your knowledge!

In the late 1800s railroads and lumber companies came to the gorge to harvest timber.

Industrial pollution drained directly into the Gauley giving it what nickname?



Climate Change



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