

# U.S. National Parks and Historic Places Puzzles, Games, and Quizzes

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# Decoding the States

Below you will see the names of historic places. Beneath each one are blanks that need to be filled in to find out what state the places are in. Under some of the blanks are numbers that represent letters in the name of the historic place. Find that letter in the name of the historic place and fill in the blank. When you have filled in everything that has a clue, see if you can fill in the rest of the letters to find out what state the historic place is in. The first one is done for you.

## 1. Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site

                                                        
    10      8                      9   2                                      19

The tenth letter in Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site is "p," so you will write the letter "p" in the blank above the ten. Now move on to the next clues: the eighth letter is "n;" the ninth letter is "y;" the second letter is "l;" and the nineteenth letter is "i." Write those letters above the blanks with clues. Can you figure out the name of the state?

P      n                y l                     i     

Correct—the state is Pennsylvania!

## 2. Minuteman Missile National Historic Site

                                                             
    12      4                                      8                                      5   8

## 3. Natural Bridges National Monument

                     
        3   6

## 4. Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site

                                                                  
        14   3                                      2                                      4                      7

## 5. Namur Historic District

                                              
        7              13              1   8

## 6. San Juan Island National Historical Park

                                                   
        2                      8   3                      16              7

## Choose the Site

Choose from the list of parks and sites below and write the letter of the park or site where you would find each location:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The Lemon House and the Staple Bend Tunnel
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Brown's Ferry Federal Railroad, Signal Point, and Orchard Knob
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Awatixa Xi'e Village, Awatixa Village, and Hidatsa Village
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 4. McLean House, Clover Hill Tavern, and the Plunkett-Meeks Store
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Scotty's Castle, Furnace Creek Inn, Harmony Borax Works, Keane Wonder Mine, Rhyolite Ghost Town, and the Wildrose Charcoal Kilns
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Beaver Marsh, Brandywine Falls, Canal Exploration Center, Everett Covered Bridge, Frazee House, Jaite Mill, Ritchie Ledges, Stanford House, and the Wilson Feed Mill
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Wawona Hotel and Thomas Hill Studio, LeConte Memorial Lodge, Parsons Memorial Lodge, Rangers' Club, and the Ahwahnee Hotel
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Gibbon Falls, Lewis Falls, and Mammoth Hot Springs
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Elkhorn Ranch Site, Maltese Cross Cabin, Long X Trail, and the Peaceful Valley Ranch
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 10. John Young Homestead
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- a. Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site, Pennsylvania
  - b. Appomattox Court House National Historic Park, Virginia
  - c. Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, Georgia and Tennessee
  - d. Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Ohio
  - e. Death Valley National Park, California and Nevada
  - f. Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, North Dakota
  - g. Pu'ukohola Heiau National Historic Site, Hawaii
  - h. Theodore Roosevelt National Park, North Dakota
  - i. Yellowstone National Park, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming
  - j. Yosemite National Park, California

## What Do You Know?

Each of the following statements is either true or false. Write "true" if the statement is true; write "false" if the statement is false. For added points, if the statement is false, rewrite the statement so that it is true.

1. The site of the surrender at the end of the Civil War took place at the McLean House in Appomattox Court House; the actual courthouse played no role in the surrender.
2. As of 2015, the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Park in Kentucky is the newest memorial to honor Lincoln.
3. The site of George Washington's inauguration was Federal Hall in New York.
4. The most intact Civil War battlefield is the Pea Ridge Battlefield.
5. Fort Sackville was renamed Fort Patrick Henry after George Rogers Clark retook the fort during the Revolutionary War.
6. Kalaupapa National Park has more endangered plant and animal species than any other site in the National Park Service.
7. Cadillac Mountain, the highest peak on the Atlantic coast, is located in Acadia National Park.
8. The first National Monument was the Washington Monument.
9. Fort Scott National Historic Site represents the involvement of African Americans in westward expansion and in settling the Great Plains.
10. Camp David, the Presidential retreat, is located in Catoctin Mountain Park.

## Find the State Letter by Letter

Use the letters from the statement below the name of the park or monument to find the name of the state that it is located in. If you can make the name of more than one state from the letters, choose the state that you think is correct for that park or monument. The first one is done for you.

1. Gettysburg National Military Park

**Please visit us in Gettysburg again soon.**

The first step is to think of the state where you *think* you can find Gettysburg National Military Park. Did *Pennsylvania* come to mind? See if you can find all the letters in Pennsylvania in the clue in the second line. Correct!

2. Pea Ridge National Military Park

This park has the Civil War battlefield that has been kept the most intact in the United States.

What state is Pea Ridge National Military Park located in?

3. Andersonville National Historic Site

The National Prisoner of War Museum is located in Andersonville, reminding us of our obligation to give our gratitude to these brave people.

What state is Andersonville National Historic Site located in?

4. Castillo De San Marcos National Monument

Visit the only seventeenth-century military fort in the United States.

What state is Castillo De San Marcos National Monument located in?

5. George Rogers Clark National Historic Park

Visit the monument and remember the recapture of Fort Sackville from the British on February 25, 1779.

What state is George Rogers Clark National Historic Park located in?