

U.S. National Parks and Historic Places Board Game

How is your knowledge about U.S. National Parks and other historic places? There is so much history and heritage preserved in these amazing places, you may be surprised at just how much there is to know about them.

In this game, you will take turns with your opponent(s) answering questions about the National Parks and other historic places. Each time you get an answer correct, you will put a token on the state represented by that park. But wait—there is a catch. Many of the states have more than one question, and if someone else gets a question correct about a state that you already have a token on, they can remove your token and place their own on that state. You will have to hope you get a chance to get the state back. A state can change hands many times before the game is over.

Preparing the Game:

1. Attach two file folders together by overlapping one side so you have three parts to glue the game board to. Attach the game board to the three parts of the file folders, matching the spaces on the board and trimming the pages if necessary to make them meet in the correct places.
2. Cut out the question cards. If they are printed on cardstock or printed on paper and laminated, they will hold up longer, but they can be used just as easily if printed on regular copy paper.
3. Each player must have a set of tokens that they can identify as their own—a single color of button (all blue for one player, all green for another, and so on), or another way of identifying the tokens belonging to a particular player.
4. It is important to have a timer, as this game can go on for quite some time. If you want to put a time limit on the game, set a timer for the length of time you want to play. For other ways to end the game, see Options for Game Length.

Playing the Game:

1. Decide which player will be first. This can be done by age, by roll of a die, or whatever means you decide.
2. Mix the cards completely and place in a stack on the map on the game board.
3. The player to the right of the first player draws a card and asks the question, giving the three choices available for the answer. **Please note:** the information in parenthesis is extra information for research if you wish; **do not** read it as part of the choice of answers!
4. The player who is first gives their answer. If they are correct (the correct answer is on the card in bold red print) they get to put a token on the game board on the state represented by that question. The state to be won is shown by its abbreviation on the bottom left of the card in blue. If the card has more than one state represented, the player can choose the state they want to put their marker on. If the card represents the District of Columbia (DC) or one of the territories (Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, or the Virgin Islands) the player can put their marker on any state they choose.

5. The card is placed face up in a discard pile on the game board beside the stack of question cards. Play passes to the next player.
6. If a player, at any time during the game, gets an answer correct for a state that is already occupied by another player, they can remove the marker belonging to the other player and put their own marker on that state. If the state is one the player answering the question already occupies, they can choose any state they want to put their token on; however, they cannot remove another player's token from a state.
7. If a player, at any time during the game, gets an answer correct for a card that has more than one state to choose from, they can choose any of the involved states. If the card has DC or a territory as the area represented, they can choose any state they want to put a marker on. This includes taking a state from another player. It is their choice.
8. The game continues until the timer goes off signaling the end of the playing time.
9. At the end of the game, players count the number of states their markers occupy. The winner is the one with markers on the most states.

Options for Game Length:

1. The game length can also be determined by the number of rounds played (the number of questions each player gets to answer).
2. Another option would be to play until all states have been covered in markers. This option can take quite a while, as it would depend upon how many times states are "taken" from one player and won by another player.

Making the Game More Difficult:

There are many questions on the cards that can be asked without giving the choices for answers. On these cards with specific questions, such as "What state is the Cape Krusenstern National Monument in?" the question can be answered without giving a choice. If the game becomes too easy for the players when the choices are given, any of the questions that do not require a choice of answers can be made more difficult to adjust the game to the skill level of the players.

Please note: There are blank cards included at the end of the questions pages if you wish to add your own questions to the game.



<p>If you wanted to visit the site of the end of the Creek War, you would visit which National Military Park?</p> <p>a. Horseshoe Bend National Military Park, Alabama</p> <p>b. King's Mountain National Military Park, South Carolina</p> <p>c. Vicksburg National Military Park, Mississippi</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AL</p>	<p>What state is Russell Cave National Monument in?</p> <p>a. Kentucky</p> <p>b. Alabama</p> <p>c. Utah</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AL</p>
<p>Located in Alabama, this National Historic Site teaches us about the first African American pilots.</p> <p>a. Friendship Hill National Historic Site</p> <p>b. Frederick Douglass National Historic Site</p> <p>c. Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AL</p>	<p>Who was the founder of Tuskegee Institute now an historic site in Alabama?</p> <p>a. Booker T. Washington</p> <p>b. George Washington Carver</p> <p>c. Frederick Douglass</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AL</p>
<p>This monument is the least-visited in the National Park Service because of its location and weather conditions.</p> <p>a. Timpanogos Cave National Monument, Utah</p> <p>b. Aniakchak National Monument & Preserve, Alaska</p> <p>c. Craters of the Moon National Monument, Idaho</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AK</p>	<p>What state is the Cape Krusenstern National Monument in?</p> <p>a. Massachusetts</p> <p>b. North Carolina</p> <p>c. Alaska</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AK</p>
<p>This park is home to Mount McKinley, the highest mountain in North America.</p> <p>a. North Cascades National Park, Washington</p> <p>b. Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado</p> <p>c. Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AK</p>	<p>This Alaskan Park & Preserve has no roads or trails.</p> <p>a. Gates of the Arctic</p> <p>b. Crater Lake</p> <p>c. Glacier</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AK</p>
<p>What state is Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve in?</p> <p>a. Montana</p> <p>b. Alaska</p> <p>c. Washington</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AK</p>	<p>This park was established in 1918 to protect the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes and is still an active volcanic landscape.</p> <p>a. Crater Lake National Park, Oregon</p> <p>b. Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, Hawaii</p> <p>c. Katmai National Park & Preserve, Alaska</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AK</p>
<p>This National Park is home to the Harding Icefield.</p> <p>a. Kenai Fjords National Park, Alaska</p> <p>b. Glacier National Park, Montana</p> <p>c. Gates of the Arctic National Park, Alaska</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AK</p>	<p>This National Historical Park remembers the bravery of those who moved north to look for gold.</p> <p>a. Saratoga National Historical Park, New York</p> <p>b. Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park, Alaska</p> <p>c. San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, California</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AK</p>

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Choose the State

Choose what park, monument, site, or battlefield is in each state. Write the correct letter beside each number.

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| _____ | 1. | Alabama | a. | Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Park |
| _____ | 2. | Alaska | b. | Acadia National Park |
| _____ | 3. | Arizona | c. | Agate Fossil Beds National Monument |
| _____ | 4. | Arkansas | d. | Andrew Johnson National Historic Site |
| _____ | 5. | California | e. | Arches National Park |
| _____ | 6. | Colorado | f. | Badlands National Park |
| _____ | 7. | Connecticut | g. | Brices Cross Roads National Battlefield |
| _____ | 8. | Delaware | h. | Carlsbad Caverns National Park |
| _____ | 9. | Florida | i. | Clara Barton National Historic Site |
| _____ | 10. | Georgia | j. | Cowpens National Battlefield |
| _____ | 11. | Hawaii | k. | Crater Lake National Park |
| _____ | 12. | Idaho | l. | Craters of the Moon National Monument |
| _____ | 13. | Illinois | m. | Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historic Park |
| _____ | 14. | Indiana | n. | Dry Tortugas National Park |
| _____ | 15. | Iowa | o. | Eisenhower National Historic Site |
| _____ | 16. | Kansas | p. | Fort Larned National Historic Site |
| _____ | 17. | Kentucky | q. | Glacier National Park |
| _____ | 18. | Louisiana | r. | Grand Portage National Monument |
| _____ | 19. | Maine | s. | Grand Teton National Park |
| _____ | 20. | Maryland | t. | Great Basin National Park |
| _____ | 21. | Massachusetts | u. | Guadalupe Mountains National Park |
| _____ | 22. | Michigan | v. | Haleakala National Park |
| _____ | 23. | Minnesota | w. | Herbert Hoover National Historic Site |
| _____ | 24. | Mississippi | x. | Horseshoe Bend National Historic Park |
| _____ | 25. | Missouri | y. | Hot Springs National Park |
| _____ | 26. | Montana | z. | Jean Lafitte National Historic Park |
| _____ | 27. | Nebraska | aa. | Kenai Fjords National Park |
| _____ | 28. | Nevada | bb. | Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield |
| _____ | 29. | New Hampshire | cc. | Lassen Volcanic National Park |
| _____ | 30. | New Jersey | dd. | Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial |
| _____ | 31. | New Mexico | ee. | Lincoln Home National Historic Site |
| _____ | 32. | New York | ff. | Manassas National Battlefield |
| _____ | 33. | North Carolina | gg. | Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park |
| _____ | 34. | North Dakota | hh. | Martin Van Buren National Historic Site |
| _____ | 35. | Ohio | ii. | Mesa Verde National Park |
| _____ | 36. | Oklahoma | jj. | Minute Man National Historic Park |
| _____ | 37. | Oregon | kk. | Mount Rainier National Park |
| _____ | 38. | Pennsylvania | ll. | Namur Historic District |
| _____ | 39. | Rhode Island | mm. | New Castle Court House Museum (part of the First State National Historic Park) |
| _____ | 40. | South Carolina | nn. | Petrified Forest National Park |
| _____ | 41. | South Dakota | oo. | River Raisin National Battlefield |
| _____ | 42. | Tennessee | pp. | Roger Williams National Memorial |
| _____ | 43. | Texas | qq. | Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site |
| _____ | 44. | Utah | rr. | Theodore Roosevelt National Park |
| _____ | 45. | Vermont | ss. | Thomas Edison National Historic Park |
| _____ | 46. | Virginia | tt. | Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site |
| _____ | 47. | Washington | uu. | Washita Battlefield National Historic Site |
| _____ | 48. | West Virginia | vv. | Weir Farm National Historic Site |
| _____ | 49. | Wisconsin | ww. | West Virginia Independence Hall National Historic Landmark |
| _____ | 50. | Wyoming | xx. | Wright Brothers National Memorial |

What Year Was That?

Choose the correct date from the bank of years below; write the correct year beside each fact.

- _____ 1. The Golden Gate National Recreation Area in San Francisco and the Gateway National Recreation Area in New York are established
- _____ 2. The first national recreation area, Lake Mead, is established.
- _____ 3. The Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial is dedicated on August 28.
- _____ 4. Gettysburg National Military Park is established.
- _____ 5. The Yellowstone region is explored by the Hayden Survey expedition.
- _____ 6. Chimney Rock is established as a National Historic Site.
- _____ 7. The Statute of Liberty is designated a national monument.
- _____ 8. The National World War II Memorial is dedicated.
- _____ 9. The Antiquities Act is signed by President Theodore Roosevelt, allowing presidents to designate national monuments. Devil's Tower becomes the first.
- _____ 10. The first national heritage area is established.
- _____ 11. Crater Lake National Park is founded.
- _____ 12. Yellowstone National Park is created, the first national park.
- _____ 13. Carlsbad Caverns National Park is created.
- _____ 14. The National Park System is more than doubled by the adding of 47 million acres in Alaska as a result of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act.
- _____ 15. The Colorado National Monument is established by President Taft.
- _____ 16. The first National Military Parks, Chickamauga and Chattanooga, are established. Yosemite National Park established.
- _____ 17. The National Park Service is established.
- _____ 18. The first national seashore, Cape Hatteras, is established.
- _____ 19. The Flight 93 National Memorial is authorized.
- _____ 20. Scott's Bluff National Monument is established.
- _____ 21. Washita Battlefield National Historic site is established on November 12.

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