

## Virtual Adult Storytime

Theme: National Parks

The purpose of the Virtual Adult Storytime is to provide older adults in the Wadsworth Community with content to facilitate sharing and reminiscing during a time we cannot meet in person.

**Story/ Book/ Folktale** (People of all ages benefit from hearing stories read aloud. For older adults it can be a chance to stir memories and use their imagination)

### National Park Facts:

- President Woodrow Wilson signed the act creating National Park Service in 1916
- The National Park Service protects over 84 million acres of wild landscapes and historic sites
- There are 59 parks and over 400 historic sites
- Yellowstone National Park (in Wyoming, Idaho, and Montana) is the oldest U.S. national park, founded in 1872
- One of the hottest temperatures on earth was recorded in 1913 in Death Valley National Park, registering 134 degrees
- When a giant sequoia tree fell and blocked a road in Sequoia National Park in California in 1937, the National Park Service simply created a tunnel through the 275-foot by 21-foot tree
- Ohio has many National Parks and Historic Sites. Cuyahoga Valley National Park is located between Cleveland and Akron

Video of Book: <https://youtu.be/UaIMF34H8xE>

“The Camping Trip that Changed America: Theodore Roosevelt, John Muir, and Our National Parks” by Barbara Rostenstock

**“Tell Me a Story” Pictures** (A picture can truly say a thousand words; the pictures included here can spur older adults to remember and even be creative in describing a story from the image. After prompting them, let

them become the storytellers)

1. Location of 59 parks in US
2. Grand Canyon
3. Yellowstone National Park Bison
4. Sequoia National Park -- California

**Video Links** (These are provided for enrichment of the theme. Music, dance, etc. enrich auditory, visual, and memory in older adults. Entertainment and engagement are enhanced with these tools)

**Overview of parks and sites:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=otaYZ60wK5I>

**Theme-related Activities** (Continued enrichment of the theme provided)

**National Park Virtual Tour** click this link:

<https://www.nationalparks.org/connect/blog/take-virtual-visit-national-park>

**National Parks Coloring Pages** click this link:

<http://www.supercoloring.com/coloring-books/us-national-parks>

**Library Resources** (If the residents are interested in this topic, here are some resources that can be provided to you. Please contact the outreach team at [outreach@wadsworthlibrary.com](mailto:outreach@wadsworthlibrary.com) and the items can be delivered to your facility.)

**Books:**

The Making of the National Parks: An American Ideal by Kim Heacox

National Geographic the National Parks: An Illustrated History by Kim Heacox

The National Parks: America's Best Idea by Dayton Duncan

**DVDs:**

America's National Parks: Centennial Collection

Discoveries: America's National Parks (many park options)

Wonders of America's National Parks

**Books on CD:**

What Unites Us by Dan Rather







