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INDIGENOUS ROOTS OF THE PARKS

Grand Canyon National Park. A Diné woman in a traditional dress, on the rim of Grand Canyon.

CELEBRATING THE ORIGINAL STEWARDS OF OUR GREAT LANDSCAPES

Long before these lands were designated as U.S. National Parks, they were—and remain—the ancestral homelands of Indigenous Nations. From the towering peaks of the Tetons to the sacred waters of the Everglades, these landscapes were shaped by the stewardship, culture, and deep spiritual connection of the Tribes who first called them home.

American Indigenous Tourism Association invites you to look beyond the scenery and honor the living history of these spaces.

By acknowledging the original inhabitants of our National Parks, we foster a deeper understanding of our shared heritage and the enduring resilience of Tribal communities.

We are proud to introduce our **2026 Digital Guide: Indigenous Roots of the Parks**, an immersive resource designed to guide travelers through the history, traditions, and modern-day contributions of the Tribes associated with these iconic lands.

NATIONAL PARKS AND ASSOCIATED TRIBES

Acadia National Park, Maine

Maliseet; Mi'kmaq; Passamaquoddy; Penobscot Nation

Wabanaki-led programs and interpretive panels.

Arches National Park, Utah

Hopi; Navajo Nation; Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah; San Juan Southern Paiute; Southern Ute; Ute Indian Tribe; Zuni

Badlands National Park, South Dakota

Oglala Lakota; Arikara; Cheyenne; Great Sioux Nation

Big Bend National Park, Texas

Jumano; Mescalero Apache; Comanche; Chisos; Lipan Apache

Biscayne National Park, Florida

Tequesta; Miccosukee Tribe; Seminole Tribe of Florida

Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park, Colorado

Ute Indian Tribe; Southern Ute; Ute Mountain Ute

Bryce Canyon National Park, Utah

Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah; Hopi; Navajo Nation; Ute; Zuni

Canyonlands National Park, Utah

Ancestral Puebloans; Navajo Nation; Ute Mountain Ute; Southern Paiute
Co-managed in partnership with the Navajo Nation.

Capitol Reef National Park, Utah

Hopi; Navajo Nation; Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah; Ute; Zuni

Carlsbad Caverns National Park, New Mexico

Mescalero Apache; Ysleta del Sur Pueblo; Hopi; Zuni

Channel Islands National Park, California

Chumash; Tongva

Chumash tomol canoe traditions continue through tribal partnerships and channel crossings.

Congaree National Park, South Carolina

Congaree; Catawba; Santee

Crater Lake National Park, Oregon

Klamath Tribes; Cow Creek Band of Umpqua

Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Ohio

Lenape; Shawnee; Wyandot; Miami; Ottawa; Potawatomi

Death Valley National Park, California/Nevada

Timbisha Shoshone
Secured land trust and co-management.

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Blackfeet Nation's Chewing Blackbones Campground adjacent to Glacier National Park

National Parks and Associated Tribes Continued

Denali National Park, Alaska

Koyukon; Tanana; Dena'ina; Ahtna; Upper Kuskokwim Athabaskan

Dry Tortugas National Park, Florida

Calusa; Tequesta

Everglades National Park, Florida

Miccosukee; Seminole Tribe of Florida; Seminole Nation of Oklahoma; Calusa; Tequesta

Co-stewardship agreements support traditional practices and resource protection.

Gates of the Arctic National Park, Alaska

Nunamit Iñupiat; Koyukon Athabaskan

Gateway Arch National Park, Missouri/Illinois

Osage; Illiniwek Confederacy; Miami; Quapaw

Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska

Huna Tlingit

Xunaa Shuká Hít (Huna Ancestors' House).

Glacier National Park, Montana

Blackfeet Nation; Confederated Salish and Kootenai

Hosts "Native America Speaks" cultural interpretation program.

Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona

Havasupai; Hopi; Hualapai; Paiute Tribes; Navajo Nation; Zuni; Yavapai-Apache
Partnerships support cultural revitalization at Desert View Watchtower.

Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming

Shoshone-Bannock; Eastern Shoshone; Crow; Blackfeet; Gros Ventre; Nez Perce

Great Basin National Park, Nevada

Western Shoshone; Paiute; Ute

Great Sand Dunes National Park, Colorado

Jicarilla Apache; Navajo Nation; Southern Ute; Ute Mountain Ute; Taos Pueblo; Picuris Pueblo

Great Smoky Mountains National Park, NC/TN

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; Cherokee Nation; United Keetoowah Band

Guadalupe Mountains National Park, Texas

Mescalero Apache

Haleakalā National Park, Hawai'i

Native Hawaiians (Kanaka Maoli)

Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, Hawai'i

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Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas

Caddo; Quapaw; Osage

Indiana Dunes National Park, Indiana

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi; Miami Tribe

Isle Royale National Park, Michigan

Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

Joshua Tree National Park, California

Cahuilla; Chemehuevi; Serrano; Mojave

Katmai National Park, Alaska

Alutiiq; Dena'ina

Kenai Fjords National Park, Alaska

Alutiiq

Kings Canyon National Park, California

Yokuts; Western Mono

Kobuk Valley National Park, Alaska

Iñupiat

Lake Clark National Park, Alaska

Dena'ina

Lassen Volcanic National Park, California

Atsugewi; Yana; Maidu

Mammoth Cave National Park, Kentucky

Shawnee; Cherokee; Chickasaw

Mesa Verde National Park, Colorado

Ancestral Puebloans; Hopi; Zuni; 19 Pueblos
Native-led tours and interpretive media.

Mount Rainier National Park, Washington

Cowlitz; Muckleshoot; Nisqually; Puyallup; Squaxin Island; Yakama

Partnerships support tribal tourism and Native food systems.

National Park of American Samoa

Samoan Villages

New River Gorge National Park, West Virginia

Tutelo; Moneton; Cherokee; Shawnee; Iroquois Confederacy

North Cascades National Park, Washington

Nlaka'pamux; Upper Skagit; Sauk-Suiattle; Syilx; Lummi

Olympic National Park, Washington

Klallam Tribes; Skokomish; Quinault; Hoh; Quileute; Makah

Trail partnerships and Indigenous art expansion.

Petrified Forest National Park, Arizona

Hopi; Zuni; Navajo Nation

Pinnacles National Park, California

Amah Mutsun; Chalon; Ohlone

Redwood National Park, California

Yurok; Tolowa Dee-ni'; Chilula

2024 co-management agreement restores land stewardship and cultural use.

Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado

Ute; Arapaho; Cheyenne

Saguaro National Park, Arizona

Tohono O'odham; Hohokam

Sequoia National Park, California

Yokuts; Western Mono; Tubatulabal

Shenandoah National Park, Virginia

Monacan; Manahoac

Theodore Roosevelt National Park, North Dakota

Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara; Standing Rock Sioux

Virgin Islands National Park

Taino; Kalinago

Voyageurs National Park, Minnesota

Bois Forte Band of Chippewa; Cree

White Sands National Park, New Mexico

Mescalero Apache; Piro; Manso; Jornada Mogollon

Wind Cave National Park, South Dakota

Lakota; Cheyenne

Wrangell–St. Elias National Park, Alaska

Ahtna; Upper Tanana; Eyak; Tlingit

Maintains an online collection of indigenous oral interviews and photographs from local tribes.

Yellowstone National Park, ID/MT/WY

Shoshone-Bannock; Eastern Shoshone; Crow; Blackfeet; Nez Perce

Tribal Heritage Center with Indigenous-led interpretation.

Yosemite National Park, California

Mono Lake Paiute; Miwuk; Chukchansi; Paiute; others

Zion National Park, Utah

Southern Paiute; Ancestral Puebloans



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