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Passport To Your National Parks® 2011 Photo Contest Winners Announced

Each year, Eastern National holds a photo contest for NPS employees and Volunteers-In-Parks (VIPs) to select 10 images—one national and nine regional—for the collectible Passport To Your National Parks® commemorative stamp set. The stamps are distributed on a single perforated sheet and can be detached and placed in designated sections of the Passport To Your National Parks® books.

The 2011 stamp set will be available this month and can be purchased online at www.eParks.com; by calling 1-877-NAT-PARK (1-877-628-7275); or by visiting a participating national park. The Passport To Your National Parks® book, the Passport Explorer Edition, and commemorative stamp sets from previous years (1986 through 2010) are also available. Retail price: Passport To Your National Parks® book (\$8.95 each), Passport Explorer Edition (\$49.95 each), and commemorative stamps sets (\$3.95 each).

The 2011 Passport Photo Contest winners are:

National Stamp: Photo by Carlin Timmons

The 150th Anniversary of the Civil War - The Civil War began in 1861 with the bombardment of Fort Sumter and ended in 1865 with the surrender at Appomattox. This year, America and our national parks will commemorate the 150th anniversary of this tragic event that transformed the nation.

Fort Sumter National Monument - On April 12, 1861, Confederate forces fired the first shot of the war at Fort Sumter, in the harbor of Charleston, S.C. After a 34-hour battle, Union forces surrendered the fort.

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North Atlantic Region: Photo by Robert Thayer

Adams National Historical Park - The Old House at Peace field was home to four generations of the Adams family, including Presidents John and John Quincy Adams, First Ladies Abigail and Louisa Catherine Adams, Minister to England Charles Francis Adams, and writers Brooks and Henry Adams.

Mid-Atlantic Region: NPS Photo

Prince William Forest Park is a 15,000-acre wooded oasis located 35 miles south of Washington, D.C., along North and South Fork Quantico Creeks. In the 1930s, the Civilian Conservation Corps built more than 150 cabins in the park for overnight outdoor camps for urban youth.

National Capital Region: Photo by Kathryn Williams

Ulysses S. Grant Memorial - Mounted on his warhorse Cincinnati, the statue of General Grant maintains a vigil outside the west facing of the United States Capitol. Sculpted by self-trained artist Henry M. Shrady, it was dedicated on April 27, 1922, the 100th birthday of General Grant.

Southeast Region: Photo by Yvonne Manske

Fort Frederica National Monument celebrates the 275th anniversary of the founding of Frederica in 2011. The site preserves the remains of a British town that served as a defense against Spanish Florida and helped defend Britain's claims to the new colony of Georgia during the War of Jenkins' Ear.

Midwest Region: Photo by Stuart Schneider

Niobrara National Scenic River protects not only high water quality and outstanding paddling opportunities, but also an array of other unique features. Six terrestrial ecosystems converge, providing the biodiversity of today, while soaring cliffs hold substantial fossil mammal sites and over 200 waterfalls.

Southwest Region: Photo by Max Kandler

Fort Davis National Historic Site contains one of the best-preserved frontier United States Army posts in the American Southwest. From 1854 to 1891, Fort Davis troops scouted, escorted the mail, protected pioneers, and fought raiding Indian bands. Soldiers serving there included African Americans known as "Buffalo Soldiers."

Rocky Mountain Region: Photo by Chad Allmendinger

Theodore Roosevelt National Park memorializes our 26th president and his conservation legacy. It is comprised of the North Unit; South Unit; and the Elkhorn Ranch Unit, site of Roosevelt's home ranch. The 70,000-acre park offers colorful vistas and opportunities to view wildlife in the North Dakota badlands.

Western Region: Photo by Sheryl Buchanan

Devils Postpile National Monument, established in 1911, protects and preserves the Devils Postpile formation, the 101-foot-high Rainbow Falls, and beautiful mountain

scenery. The formation ranks as one of the world's finest examples of columnar basalt, with columns that tower over 60 feet high.

Pacific Northwest and Alaska Region: Photo by Marv Binegar

Ross Lake National Recreation Area, located in Washington, conserves the Upper Skagit River and its three hydroelectric reservoirs. The mighty Skagit is a life-sustaining river for native species and people that links the jagged peaks of the North Cascades to the lowlands of the Puget Sound.

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