

Researching National Park Service Sites

Use the outline below to guide your research of the National Park System site you have selected. Use at least two different sources including an encyclopedia article (multimedia or print), Internet web sites, *National Geographic* or *Traveler* magazines, books, and pamphlets or other guides.

NPS Site _____

Student's Name _____

- ❖ Location
 - Where is it?
 - Absolute Location
 - Relative Location/U.S. region
 - Distance in miles from school
- ❖ Include a map of the site
- ❖ History of the Site
 - When was the site established?
 - Why was it established?
 - What makes the site important?
- ❖ Physical Characteristics
 - Important physical features – landforms, bodies of water, etc.
 - Physical processes that shape the land – past and present
 - Flora and Fauna
- ❖ Human Characteristics
 - What cultures have lived or do live at the site?
 - Past civilizations
 - What historic events happened at the site?
 - Describe the human imprint on the site
- ❖ What are the major attractions at the site?
 - Why do people visit the site?
 - What are some areas and attractions that are popular?
 - What are some recreation activities?
 - Why would you want to visit it?
- ❖ The site today
 - What are some major issues the site faces today?
 - How are these issues being addressed and/or solved?