

August 25, 2016

HAPPY BIRTHDAY NATIONAL PARK SERVICE: A COMPLETE LIST OF TODAY'S AND THIS WEEKENDS EVENTS ACROSS AMERICA.

Beep, Beep, Beep, Beep, We Interrupt our regularly scheduled broadcast programming for this special news bulletin. Happy 100th Birthday National Park Service! On August 25, 1916 President Woodrow Wilson signed the Organic Act of 1916 creating the National Park Service. With the signing the National Park Service was immediately placed in charge of the management of the national parks, monuments, and reservations.

In honor of this special occasion the 412 sites managed by the National Park Service are free between August 25 and August 28, 2016. In addition to free admission, many of the 412 sites are holding special celebratory events.

I have compiled a list of all the activities the National Park Service is presenting over the next four days. Please note that this list may be incomplete because many sites did not post anything on their websites. Any errors in the following information are mine and mine alone and I apologize in advance if you encounter any issues. I am in no way affiliated with the National Park Service and provide this list as a courtesy to my readers. It has been compiled alphabetically by State or Territory (with the exception of Washington D.C. which is listed under the D's for District of Columbia), by date, and finally by time. If you can't make it to a park or historic site, what about an IMAX theatre on August 25, 2016? In honor of the Centennial of the National Park Service a new 45 minute MacGillivray Freeman IMAX movie narrated by Robert Redford called the *National Parks Adventure*. I personally have not seen this movie yet because it hasn't been on a screen near me yet, but I'm chompin' at the bit. While I can't speak to how good *National Parks Adventure* is I have seen over 20 IMAX films produced by MacGillivray Freeman and can testify that they do a fantastic job so I have no doubt that *National Parks Adventure* is probably incredible also.

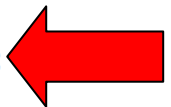
MIDDLE CLASS RETIREMENT

Finally, allow me one moment to thank any National Park Service staff or volunteers who happen upon this posting. Today is a special day and it is right to honor it. It is, however, only one day in the National Park Service mandate. In theory, if we had a time machine, we should be able to spring ahead 300 years and find Ford's Theatre or Alcatraz exactly as they are today. You are blessed with an incredible charge to protect America's national wonders and cultural treasures and I envy you. There are very few careers where you know that you're not just benefiting today's generation but also benefiting the children of America six generations from now. I tip my hat to you for all of your incredible work. Take great pride on this day in your contribution to the America of both today and tomorrow as we celebrate 100 years of the National Park Service. Thanks for all you do.

Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site

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- Reception honoring winners and runners up in local high school art and essay writing completion called "Inspired by Olmsted" on the South Lawn at 6:00 p.m.;
- Award winning photographer Xiomaro gives a talk at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (NOTE: registration required);



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- Enjoy a tour and discussion of the Olmsted's and their vision for a national park system from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.;
- Join a ranger and the master gardener for a tour of the Fairsted landscape and the National Park Service's restoration efforts between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.;