

## TRIP PLANNING ADVISE

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### Most Visited Parks

1. Great Smokie Mountains -12 MIL      Highest Visited
2. Yellowstone w
3. Zion
4. Rocky National Park
5. Grand Teton
6. Grand Canyon
7. Cuyahoga Valley National Park
8. Acadia
9. Olympiad
10. Joshua                      2.3 million - Most Visited, lowest visitors of the ten listed

### Most visited areas

1. Blue Ridge Parkway
2. Golden Gateway National Rec Area
3. Great Smokie Mountain
4. Gateway National Rec Area
5. Lake Mead Rec Area
6. George Washington Memorial Parkway
7. Natchez Trace Parkway
8. Chesapeake Ohio Cannel
9. Cape Cod National Seashore
10. Delaware Water Gap National

### Less Visited Parks

1. Congaree National Park, SC: It has hardwood forest, 2.4 miles of trail, canoeing, kayaking, mid-May - Mid June Fire Flies...no flash photography
2. Isle Royal, Michigan: Need a boat to get there, shipwrecks, hiking, rocky shorelines
3. North Cascades, Seattle, WA: It is an Alpine Park Glaciers and snow, jagged peaks, deep forested valleys, cascading waterfalls, and over 300 glaciers.
4. Dry Tortugas, Florida Keys: key west shipwrecks, night sky, beach, marine life, Fort, Camping at the fort
5. Great Basin National Park, NV: fossils, springs, caves, glaciers
6. Guadalupe Mountains National Park, Texas: - mountains, canyons, dunes, wildlife
  - a. (Marfa town) International art mecca
7. Kansas, Nebraska, and Wyoming have a number of parks that may be of interest
8. Pipestone Monument, MN: waterfall
9. Devils Tower, Eastern Wyoming: 80 miles from Sturges
10. New Mexico: Mountains, Ghost towns, desert
11. Natchez Parkway 440 miles from Nashville TN to Natchez Mississippi. 55 miles per hour, no advertising boards, must exit for historic areas, exits for meals etc. It is part of a park system.

Things to keep in mind: For specifics on the parks and photography opportunities, speak with a ranger. They will also be able to tell you when the busiest times of the year are, and make suggestions about where and when to shoot, where to stay, and what kinds of things to do while you are there.