

Tourist Record Forecast for National Parks

NATURE trails, wild life, recreation areas, fishing, mountain climbing and some of the grandest scenery in all the world lure millions annually to national parks in the United States. This year's attendance is expected to exceed the 31,864,180 visitors clocked in 1949.

The Great Smoky mountains, in Tennessee and North Carolina, ranked first in popularity last year, with 1,510,000 visitors. Colorado's Rocky Mountain National Park and the tri-state Yellowstone National Park were second and third, each with more than 1,300,000 guests.

Platt National Park in Oklahoma, and Shenandoah National Park in Virginia also drew more than a million visitors each. Other historical and recreational areas attracting more than a million tourists were Lincoln National Memorial, Washington, D. C.; Lake Mead Recreational Area, Arizona and Nevada; and Blue Ridge Parkway, North Carolina and Virginia.

Most popular national historical parks were at Morristown, N. J.; Saratoga, N. Y., and the Statue of Liberty, New York. Favorite historic sites were Federal Hall Memorial, Roosevelt's Hyde Park Home, and the Van-

derbilt Mansion, all in New York state.

The national park system embraces 21,000,000 acres of land, kept in a natural state except for tourist facilities.

Lodges, cabins and bus transportation are provided in the larger recreation areas by concessionaires. The government does not operate public accommodations or transportation.

Many park museums supplement talks and conducted tours by naturalists or historians.

For further information and descriptive literature, write to the National Park Service of the United States Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C.



■ The valleys of Yosemite National Park offer inviting trails for riders and hikers, amid spell-binding beauty and grandeur.



■ Most popular of the nation's parks is the Great Smoky Mountains area, visited by more than 1,500,000 last year.

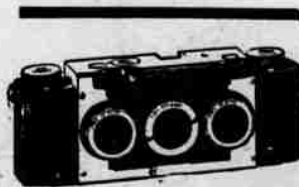


■ America's favorite playgrounds offer many and varied attractions for tourists. Here are just a few examples of the scenic and recreational prospects.

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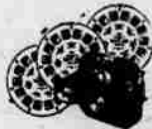
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