

Parks LEGACY

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Protect, Connect, Inspire

Protecting our National Parks

When you grow up with a family who owns livestock, you don't get to go on typical family vacations," explained Susan Harbaugh of Illinois. "Visiting the national parks as adults is our way to live out our childhood longing for that iconic American family vacation."

Susan and her husband, Will, were both raised in rural communities, and although they may have missed out on the stereotypical family road trip growing up, they have more than made up for it in their adult lives, having now traveled to 48 national parks and counting. The walls of their home are peppered with photos from their trips, and their bookshelves contain dozens of scrapbooks of their various park adventures.

Connecting with nature, embracing the spectacular scenery, and enjoying the wildlife are a constant source of joy for Susan and Will when they go to the parks. "With the crazy lifestyle we lead—the fast-paced world we live in—at the parks you can go unplug and focus on each other and nature."

They started out giving annual gifts to the National Park Foundation, but when it came time for Susan

and Will to create a will, it felt only natural that they would include a percentage to the parks. Susan shared, "After working for a not-for-profit agency for many years, I learned how important donations of any size are to an organization such as the National Park Foundation. So when it came to do our estate planning, donating a percentage of our assets fit with our goals."

As we mark the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service, Susan and Will want to make sure the parks are funded and able to be enjoyed far into the next century. Susan said, "We want to do something for future generations of park visitors." She went on to explain that she thinks the parks are the "greatest gift to average citizens that is often just a car ride away."

Like Susan and Will Harbaugh, anyone can make a gift to the National Park Foundation in their will. A percentage of any amount can have a huge future impact. Contact the National Park Foundation to find out how a planned gift may work for you.

Susan and Will Harbaugh at Isle Royale National Park, Michigan



Easy Ways to Give

We repeatedly hear stories of how the parks have left a profound impression on our donors. If you have ever wished you could do more to support the parks, but are concerned about making a commitment you might not be able to fulfill, or making a gift with assets you might need in the future, there are many ways you can create a legacy gift now that will also allow you peace of mind in the future should your circumstances change.

These gifts are often referred to as the easiest ways to give because they:

- **Are available for all ages** – people of any age can include the National Park Foundation as a beneficiary
- **Maintain flexibility** – you can change your mind at any time
- **Require nothing due now** – you can continue to enjoy your funds now, as your donation transfers to the National Park Foundation only at the end of your life
- **Take care of loved ones and the parks** – decide which gifts to give to your family and friends first, then leave a percentage or the residuum of your estate to the National Park Foundation
- **Welcome all amounts** – there is no minimum amount, and a gift of any size will provide much-needed support to our national parks and historical landmarks

Great Smoky
Mountains
National Park,
Tennessee



Overview of the Most Popular Planned Gifts

Wills and Bequests

A gift through your will or trust is a wonderful way of ensuring that support of the National Park Foundation continues for future generations. We can provide sample language to help get you started.

Retirement Plans

Gifts from retirement funds paid to your children or grandchildren at your passing may come with heavy income and estate taxes. These same assets are tax-free to charity and take only a few minutes to set up with a simple addition or change to your beneficiary form.

Life Insurance

Perhaps you have a policy that has outlasted its original intended purpose. You can make the National Park Foundation the beneficiary with just the change of a form. Or you can sign over a fully paid policy and qualify for a tax deduction. Call us to learn more.

Gift from Donor Advised Funds

Consider naming the National Park Foundation as a beneficiary of your account. You can even designate that we receive a portion of the account, keeping the remainder in your fund for your children or grandchildren to distribute after your lifetime as a way to continue your legacy of philanthropy.

Gifts from Certificates of Deposit and Other Bank Accounts

Don't forget about all of your other accounts for making legacy gifts. You can name the National Park Foundation as the "pay on death" beneficiary of a certificate of deposit, or any bank or brokerage account. Your financial institution can assist you with this easy designation process.

The wonderful fact of all of these gifts is how simple they are! We can assist you in creating a gift that will best personify your wishes for the national parks as well as take care of your future and your family's future.

The 1916 Society

We have created the 1916 Society to honor all those who have included a gift intention to the National Park Foundation through an estate plan, such as a will, trust, charitable gift annuity, or as a beneficiary of a retirement or life insurance plan.

Named for the founding year of the National Park Service, the 1916 Society recognizes thoughtful

donors who have chosen to support and safeguard the future of our national parks. By listing the 1916 Society donors who have given their permission for their names to be published, we express our gratitude for their profound commitment to the National Parks both now and in the future.



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**Join the
1916 Society
today!**

Joining the 1916 Society is simple – all you need to do is confirm in writing that you have included the National Park Foundation in your estate plans. Once your planning is complete, we encourage you to notify the Foundation—even if you wish to remain anonymous—so that we may properly steward your gift and acknowledge your support.

Every Kid in a Park

To help engage and create our next generation of park visitors, supporters, and advocates, we are kicking off the Every Kid in a Park initiative. Starting this fall, every fourth-grader in the nation will receive an “Every Kid in a Park” pass that’s good for free admission to all of America’s federal lands and waters — for them and their families — for a full year.

A big reason many kids don’t visit these places is that they can’t get there easily. The National Park Foundation will help schools and community groups arrange field trips and visits by providing key trip-planning tools and covering transportation costs for schools with the greatest financial need. The Foundation will award transportation grants for kids to visit public parks, lands, and waters. **A portion of the Foundation’s transportation grants was funded by the C. Frank Kireker, Jr., Charitable Remainder Unitrust.** With this kind of support, we can help our children become lifelong learners — both inside and outside the classroom.



When you include the National Park Foundation in your estate plans, you are ensuring that our most treasured landscapes, ecosystems, and historical sites will be protected and enjoyed for future generations.



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For More Information

If the National Parks are important to you and you would like to include them as part of your estate plans please let us know.



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