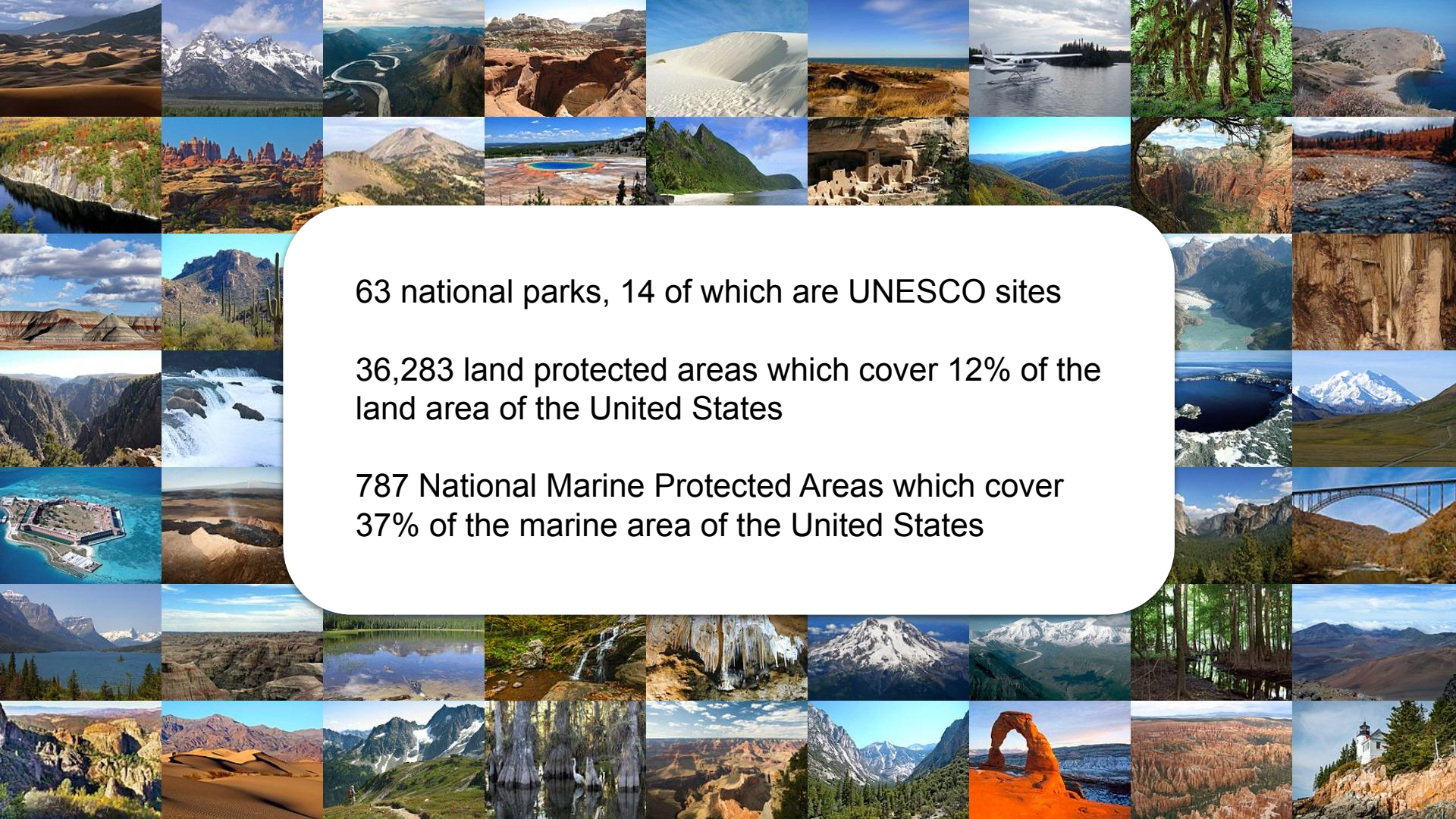




**AMERICAN  
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**USA:  
NATIONAL PARKS AND  
NATURAL WONDERS**



63 national parks, 14 of which are UNESCO sites

36,283 land protected areas which cover 12% of the land area of the United States

787 National Marine Protected Areas which cover 37% of the marine area of the United States



## Yellowstone National Park

The oldest national park in the world (est. 1872) and one of the largest national parks in the USA.

It's a popular spot for hikers and campers.

Yellowstone Falls





Yellowstone bison are the last truly wild herd of *American plains bison*.

**American bison**



**Grizzly bear**



**Gray wolf**



**Moose**



**Elk**



**Bighorn sheep**

**Geyser Old Faithful**



## **Geothermal features**

Yellowstone is famous for its geothermal features: geysers, hot springs, mud pots and steam vents. These features are caused by a supervolcano which lies under Yellowstone.

**Grand Prismatic Spring**



## Grand Prismatic Spring







## **Great Sand Dunes National Park**

One of the youngest national parks in the USA (est. 2004)

Tallest sand dunes in North America (230m)

The park includes wetlands, forests and mountains.

Popular tourist activities include sandboarding, hiking, and splashing in Medano Creek.

Each spring, melting snow from the mountains creates a waterslide with waves.

Temperatures can go from 66°C on a summer day (sand surface) to -30°C on a winter night.



Medano  
Creek

The dune field is 5-10 km wide.





Yosemite is famous for its granite cliffs, waterfalls, giant sequoia trees, lakes, glaciers and wild animals.

**El Capitan**

**Half Dome**

**Yosemite Valley**



**Giant Sequoias**



**Horsetail Fall**

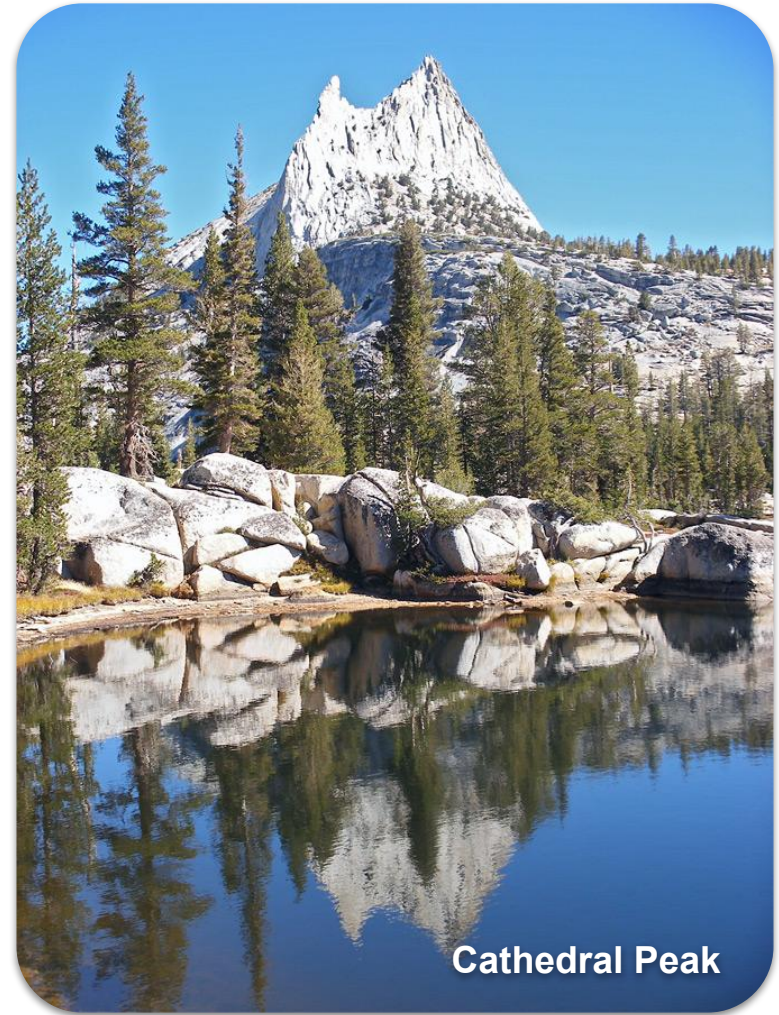


**Yosemite Firefall**

The granite cliffs in Yosemite are popular among rock climbers.



**Adam Ondra free climbs El Capitan (2016)**



**Cathedral Peak**



## Everglades National Park

Established in 1934

UNESCO World Heritage Site  
since 1997

Area of 6 105 km<sup>2</sup>

The largest subtropical  
wilderness in the USA.

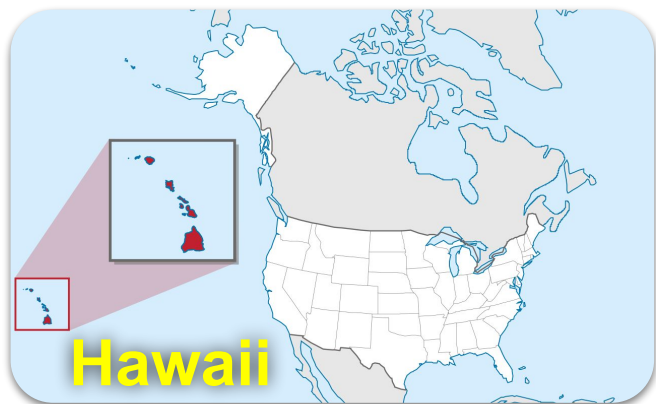




Important habitat for animals, including threatened and endangered species.

The only place in the USA where alligators and crocodiles coexist.





Hawaii is not only a tropical paradise. Tourists can visit lava fields, see active volcanoes and explore lava tubes.



**Nā Pali Coast**

**Thurston Lava Tube**



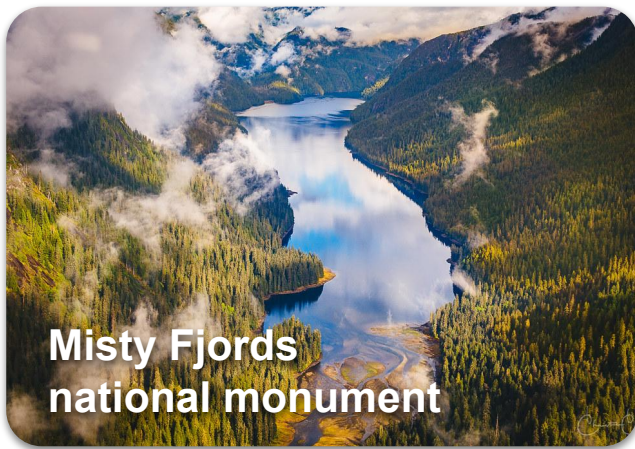
**Volcano Kilauea**

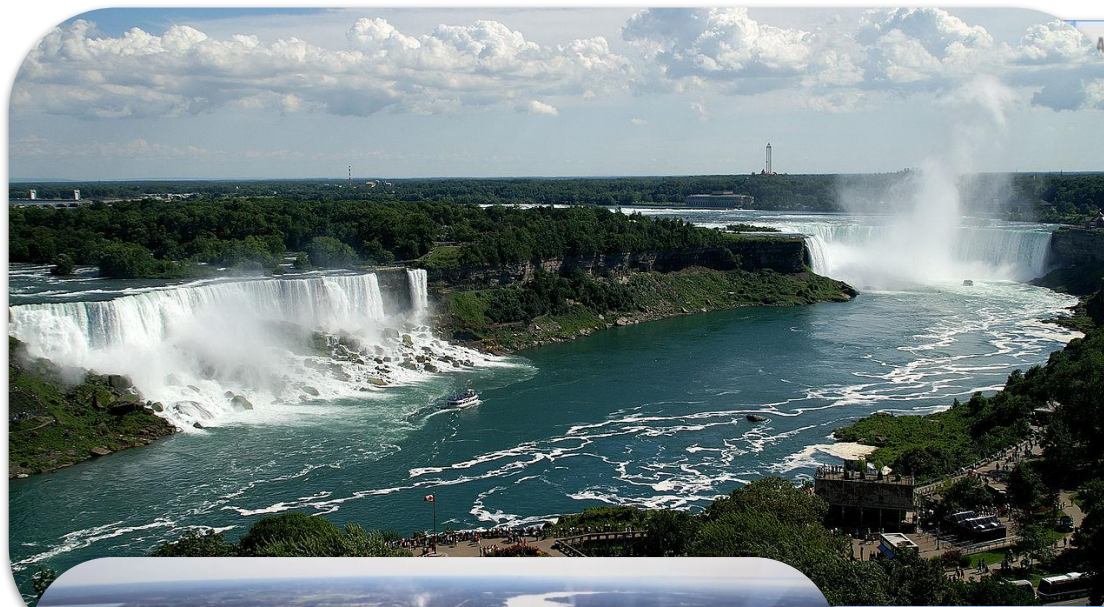
**Volcanoes National Park**





Alaska is home to more than 50 active volcanoes and 15 national parks. Glaciers, fjords, mountains and the northern lights are among the most popular tourist attractions.





# The Great Salt Lake





The rosy color of the northern waters is the result of the pigmented, salt-loving microbes.

One half of the lake is more salty than the other





# Colorado River



# Hoover Dam

Colorado river rises in the Rocky Mountains in Colorado and flows into the Gulf of California. There are 11 national parks along the river, and the largest dam in the USA.





One of  
Hollywood's  
favorite film  
location.

**Back to the Future III**



The colors of the Painted Desert are created by minerals in the layers of soil.



Painted Desert



Death Valley is the hottest place on Earth.

Death Valley

Sonoran desert is home to the tallest cactus in the world.



Saguaro National Park

