

# AN INVITATION TO ENJOYMENT

*Federal Recreation Lands of the United States*

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This **Federal Recreation Lands** map is a consolidated guide to public lands offering outdoor recreation opportunities. Some areas have more recreation potential than others, and types of recreation available may vary from place to place. Many areas include private land not open to the public. Care should be taken to respect the rights of private property owners. For information regarding specific activities, services, facilities, hours and seasons of operation, entrance and other user fees, and accessibility, contact the appropriate agency office.

Additional information about recreation on Federal lands is available at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or the Internet.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers manages more than 11.5 million acres of land and water for natural resources and public recreation benefits. More than 4,000 parks at 450 water resource development projects (dams) in 43 states offer a wide range of opportunities and facilities for outdoor recreation. At the heart of the Corps land management program is the responsible stewardship of the Nation's natural resources, including forestry, fish and wildlife management, and soil conservation. Recreation opportunities are managed to promote the responsible use of public lands while conserving the natural environment.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service manages 94 million acres of land and water consisting of more than 500 national wildlife refuges, 38 wetland management districts with waterfowl production areas, and 65 national fish hatcheries. More than half the refuges are open to hunting and fishing. The agency also enforces Federal wildlife laws, manages migratory bird populations, stocks recreational fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, administers the Endangered Species Act, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts. In addition, it oversees the Federal bird program, which funds state fish and wildlife restoration, boating access, hunter education, shooting ranges, and related projects through Federal excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service benefits Americans in many ways—through management of the national forests and grasslands, forestry research, and cooperation with managers of state and private forest lands. It offers a variety of outdoor recreational opportunities and special areas on 191 million acres of national forests and grasslands. Approximately 18 percent of national forestland is Congressionally designated wilderness, providing opportunities for primitive recreation experiences and spectacular scenery. Facilities and activities are designed to protect the environment and ensure the safety and enjoyment of the user.

The Bureau of Land Management oversees the Nation's largest Federal land mass—more than 270 million unbounded acres—with unlimited outdoor recreational activities. These lands include Congressionally designated wild and scenic rivers, wilderness areas, and high deserts. This Interior Department agency manages its lands to conserve and protect them and their historic and cultural resources for public use and enjoyment.

The National Park Service protects the Nation's natural, historical, and cultural resources while providing opportunities for recreation. NPS manages more than 375 national parks, battlefields, seashores, monuments, and historic sites nationwide. These areas offer visitors a diversity of outdoor recreation and educational experiences. For specific information about the parks you plan to visit, please call or write the park of your choice.

The Bureau of Reclamation manages, develops, and protects water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the interest of the American public. The majority of the more than 300 recreation areas at Reclamation's water resources management sites are operated in cooperation with other Federal, state, and local governments. For more information about outdoor recreation and public use activities on Reclamation lands, contact the Bureau of Reclamation.

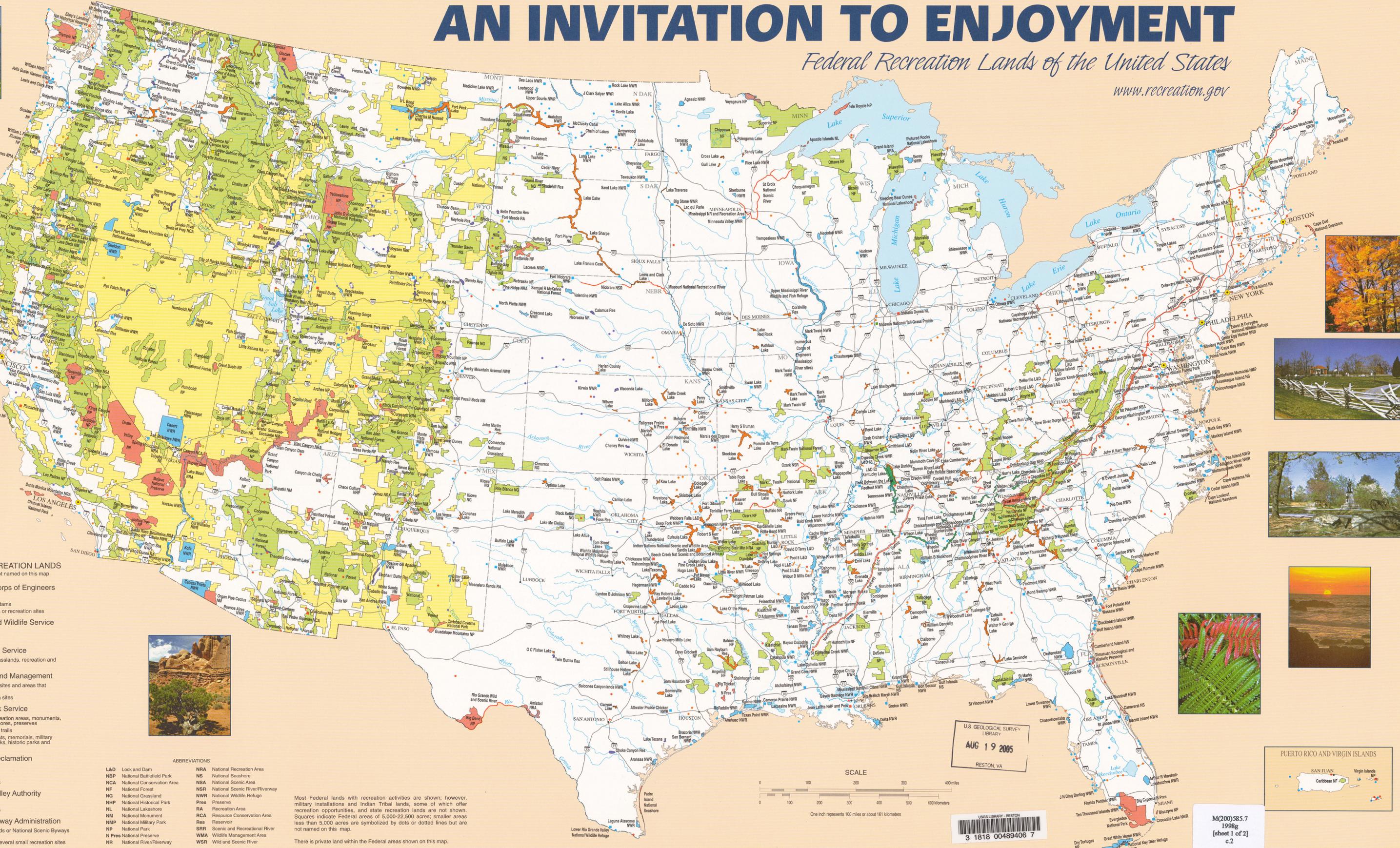
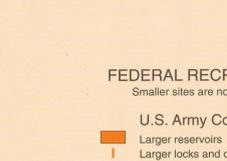
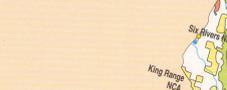
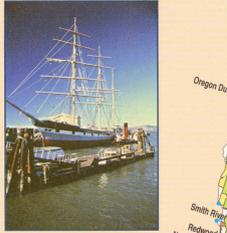
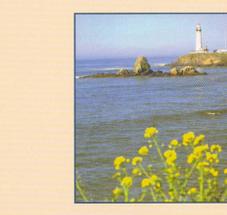
Designed for flood control, navigation, and electric power generation, the Tennessee Valley Authority's integrated system of dams and reservoirs has become an increasingly popular source for outdoor recreation. This system includes 51 lakes with more than 1,000 square miles of water surface and 11,000 miles of shoreline in 13 states. Facilities to accommodate outdoor recreation activities are managed privately or by local, state, or Federal governments. There are also thousands of acres of undeveloped land available for informal use. TVA requests cooperation from the public with attention to safety, courtesy, and resource protection.

Through its National Scenic Byways Program, the Department of Transportation designates driving routes throughout the country that are rich in historical, cultural, natural, scenic, archaeological, and recreational qualities. The Federal Highway Administration, which manages the National Scenic Byways Program, supports the enhancement, interpretation, protection, and promotion of the unique qualities along these routes. For additional information about scenic byways, visit our website at [www.fhwa.gov](http://www.fhwa.gov) or write to the Federal Highway Administration, 400 7th Street SW, HEP-10 Room 3222, Washington, DC 20590.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs administers approximately 45 million acres of land owned by Federally recognized Indian Tribes throughout the United States. While title to these lands is held by the United States, they are not public lands for recreational purposes and, therefore, not depicted on this map. However, many Tribes offer recreational opportunities on their lands. To find out which Tribes welcome visitors for recreation or to observe various ceremonies reflecting their unique cultures and traditional ways of life, contact BIA.

The U.S. Geological Survey works with Federal land management agencies to produce some of the most useful tools for understanding and enjoying public recreation lands: maps. The USGS produces the most detailed topographic maps available from any one source; they cover the entire country and include special maps for national parks and monuments. These maps and information about them, such as scales and last revision dates, are available from the USGS and from USGS business partners all over the country. For more information about USGS products and services, visit the web site at [www.usgs.gov](http://www.usgs.gov), call 1-800-USA-MAPS, or contact one of the USGS Earth Science Information Centers.

Prepared in 1998 by the U.S. Geological Survey from information provided by the agencies whose areas are shown on this map.



## FEDERAL RECREATION LANDS

Smaller sites are not named on this map

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**
  - Larger reservoirs
  - Larger locks and dams
  - Smaller reservoirs or recreation sites
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**
  - Larger refuges
  - Smaller refuges
- USDA Forest Service**
  - Larger forests, grasslands, recreation and scenic areas
- Bureau of Land Management**
  - Larger recreation sites and areas that are not named
  - Smaller recreation sites
- National Park Service**
  - Larger parks, recreation areas, monuments, seashores, lakeshores, preserves
  - Rivers, parkways, trails
  - Smaller monuments, memorials, military and battlefield parks, historic parks and sites
- Bureau of Reclamation**
  - Larger reservoirs
  - Larger dams
  - Smaller reservoirs
- Tennessee Valley Authority**
  - Larger reservoirs
  - Smaller reservoirs
- Federal Highway Administration**
  - All-American Roads or National Scenic Byways
  - Urban area with several small recreation sites

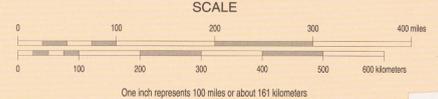
ABBREVIATIONS

L&D	Look and Dam	NRA	National Recreation Area
NBP	National Battlefield Park	NS	National Seashore
NCA	National Conservation Area	NSA	National Scenic Area
NF	National Forest	NSR	National Scenic River/Riverway
NG	National Grassland	NWR	National Wildlife Refuge
NHP	National Historical Park	Pres	Preserve
NL	National Lakeshore	RA	Recreation Area
NM	National Monument	RCA	Resource Conservation Area
NMP	National Military Park	Res	Reservoir
NP	National Park	SRR	Scenic and Recreational River
N Pres	National Preserve	WMA	Wildlife Management Area
NR	National River/Riverway	WSR	Wild and Scenic River

Most Federal lands with recreation activities are shown; however, military installations and Indian Tribal lands, some of which offer recreation opportunities, and state recreation lands are not shown. Squares indicate Federal areas of 5,000-22,500 acres; smaller areas less than 5,000 acres are symbolized by dots or dotted lines but are not named on this map.

There is private land within the Federal areas shown on this map.

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