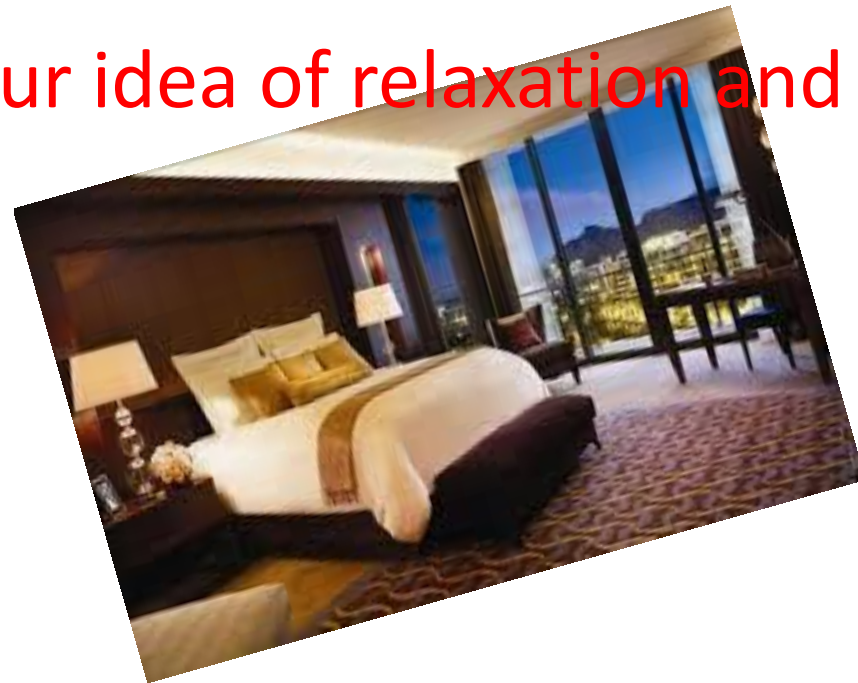


Dreaming of a Winter Wonderland Getaway
or
Waiting For Warmer Weather
or
Just looking for Something New to Do over
your next Break?



What's your idea of relaxation and fun?



Enjoy That Vacation and Find a New Hobby



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**Government Resources on
Travel, Recreation and
Safe and Interesting
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STATISTICS



<https://travel.trade.gov/research/monthly/departures/index.html>

Monthly U.S. citizen departures are collected and reported in Tourism Industries U.S. [International Air Travel Statistics \(I-92 data\) Program](#).

<https://www.bea.gov/data/special-topics/travel-and-tourism>

What is Travel and Tourism?

Measures how much tourists spend and the prices they pay for lodging, airfare, souvenirs, and other travel-related items.

<https://www.bts.gov/>

Bureau of Transportation Statistics

Legal Information for Vacation Leave



https://www.dol.gov/general/topic/workhours/vacation_leave

The [Fair Labor Standards Act \(FLSA\)](#) does not require payment for time not worked, such as vacations, sick leave or federal or other holidays.

<https://www.maine.gov/bhr/state-hr-professionals/rules-policies/policy-practices-manual/Vacation>

<https://hr.mt.gov/newbenefits>

EXAMPLES OF STATE INFORMATION

Government's Official Having Fun Site

<https://www.recreation.gov/>

Discover new experiences, historic landmarks, and outdoor escapes right down the road or across the country. From camping, hiking, and horseback riding to wildlife viewing, monument tours, and ranger-led activities – you can find it on Recreation.gov!

3,500 facilities and 100,000 individual sites across the country



OTHER US GOVERNMENT SITES

- <https://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/>

The National Forests and Grasslands provide the greatest diversity of outdoor recreation opportunities in the world, connecting you with nature in an unmatched variety of settings and activities.

<https://www.fs.fed.us/learn/kids>

How are trees beneficial to us?

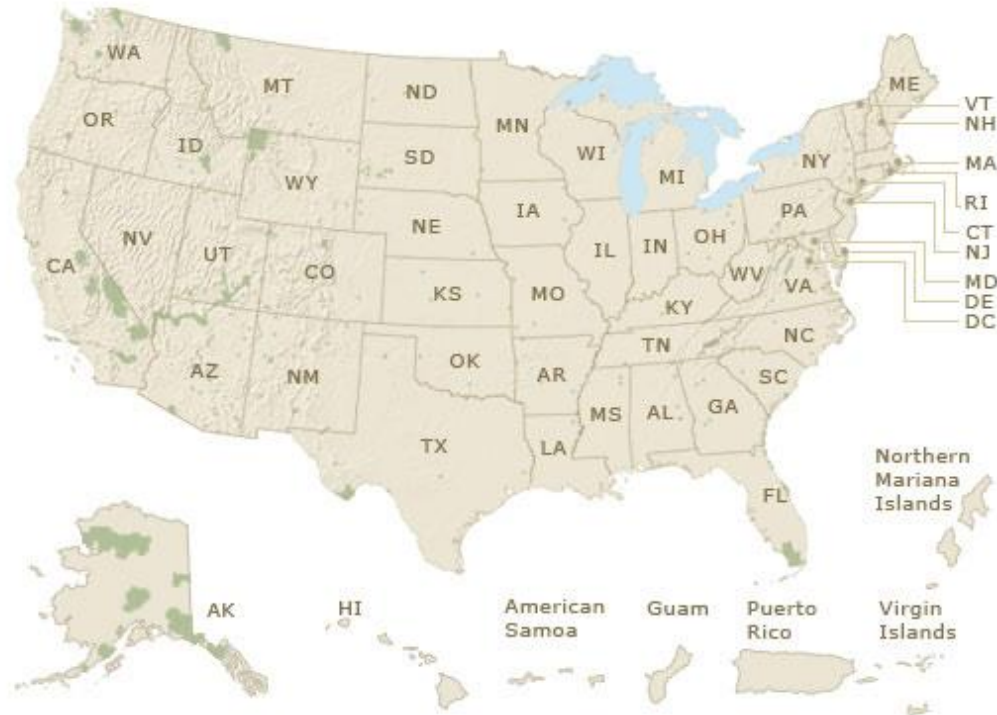
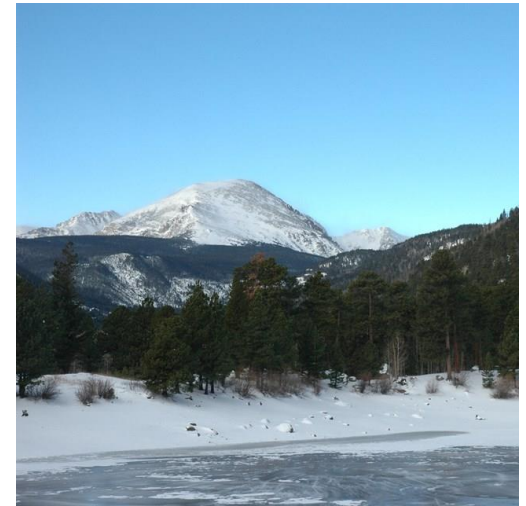
Caring for wildlife
Endangered species
Bird habitats



MORE US GOVERNMENT SITES

Discover America's Story: The National Parks

<https://www.nps.gov/index.htm>



Yellowstone National Park was established by an act signed by President Ulysses S. Grant on March 1, 1872, as the nation's first national park.

Since 1916, the National Park Service has been entrusted with the care of our national parks

The system includes 419 areas covering more than 85 million acres in every state, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

STILL MORE OF THOSE GREAT US GOVERNMENT SITES

National Register of Historic Places



<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/index.htm>

The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation. Authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America's historic and archeological resources.

AND STILL MORE OF THOSE GREAT US GOVERNMENT SITES



- <https://www.si.edu/Visit>

When you visit the Smithsonian, you're entering the world's largest museum, education, and research complex. Most of our museums are located in the Washington, DC, area with two in New York City. Many of our [research centers](#) also host visitors.



Admission is **free** for all Smithsonian museums and the zoo in Washington, D.C.

*19 world-class museums,
galleries, gardens, and a zoo*



AMAZING LOCAL SITES TO VISIT

<https://www.ashevillenc.gov/departments/parks-recreation/>



<https://www.parks.ca.gov/>

<https://www.visitnh.gov/things-to-do/attractions/historic-sites>



A FEW INDIVIDUAL PUBLICATIONS

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CHRG-113hhr82192/pdf/CHRG-113hhr82192.pdf>

Vacation nation : how tourism benefits our economy : hearing before the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, House of Representatives, One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, first session, May 7, 2013.

<https://permanent.access.gpo.gov/lps113280/LPS113280.pdf>

Know before you go [electronic resource] : regulations for international travel by U.S. residents / Washington, DC : U.S. Customs and Border Protection, [2009]

<https://digital.lib.uiowa.edu/cdm/ref/collection/gpc/id/564>

Winter **vacation** now! :. when plunging into holiday spending, don't get in over your head [Iowa City, Iowa] : University of Iowa, Libraries, Government Publications Dept., 2008.

A FEW VIDEOS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WNeSJwmzJ0g>

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE WEEK



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3f3oVHTijCI>

Atlantic Recreational Shark Fishing: Handling and Release of Sharks

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N3ikzR5K6sU>

Recreation's New Look



And if you want to keep watching more videos

<https://www.youtube.com/user/NationalParkService>

National Park Service video channel on You Tube

<https://www.facebook.com/nationalparkservice/>



FOLLOW THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER TOO

<https://twitter.com/natlparkservice>

TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html/>

APPLY FOR A PASSPORT

<https://www.usa.gov/americans-abroad>

International Travel Issues for Americans

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel>

CDC Travelers' Health Branch provides health advice to international travelers, including advice about medications and vaccines



Interesting discoveries in USA.GOV

- <https://www.americansamoa.travel/vacation-deals>

There are no five star hotels here or fancy name retail outlets or even mass tourism, but what you will discover is a holiday destination with affordable accommodation and services, a great selection of retail stores, an eco-tourism paradise and the friendliest people in the South Pacific.

<https://www.colorado.com/>

Colorado is the ideal winter destination with unparalleled skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, ice-skating, snow tubing, snowmobiling, sleigh rides, events and festivals, and a rich cultural heritage.

Recursos en español



<https://www.usa.gov/espanol/feriados-nacionales>

Lista de días festivos federales en Estados Unidos.

<https://www.usa.gov/espanol/viajes-al-exterior>



Explore los recursos disponibles para los ciudadanos estadounidenses que viajan al exterior.

Related Information/Información Relacionada

<https://www.usa.gov/espanol/votacion-ausente>

La votación en ausencia le permite votar por correo. Aunque todos los estados admiten el voto ausente, las reglas sobre quién puede votar de esa manera varían entre estados.

<https://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc415>

If you receive rental income for the use of a dwelling unit, such as a house or an apartment, you may deduct certain expenses. These expenses, which may include mortgage interest, real estate taxes, casualty losses, maintenance, utilities, insurance, and depreciation, will reduce the amount of rental income that's subject to tax.

HOBBIES AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/recreation-travel-shopping/recreation/hobbies>

Who knew? A military site with hobby information



<https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/participating-activities-you-enjoy>

From the National Institutes on Aging



<https://www.bls.gov/careeroutlook/2001/Fall/art01.pdf>

Information on turning a hobby into a career

LET'S GO LIVE AND HAVE SOME FUN

<https://www.recreation.gov/>



<https://www.nps.gov/index.htm>

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/elyunque/>



Happy

Holidays!