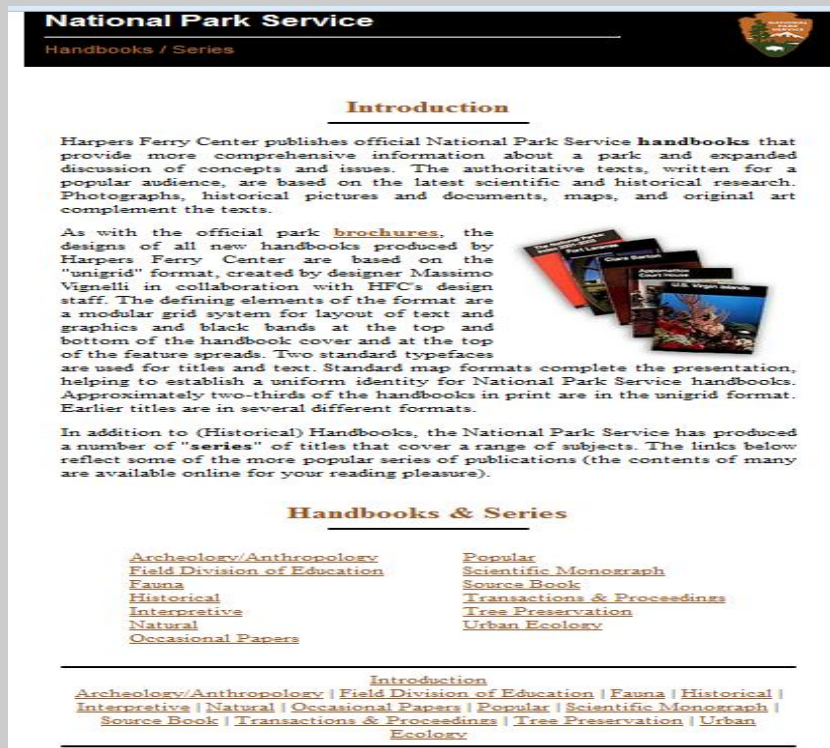


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Subject

Parks--Handbooks, manuals, etc.

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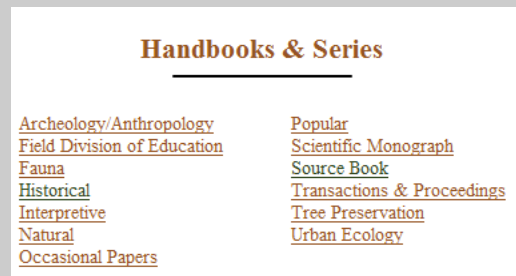
Harpers Ferry Center

Brief History

Harpers Ferry Center publishes official National Park Service **handbooks** that provide more comprehensive information about a park and expanded discussion of concepts and issues. The authoritative texts, written for a popular audience, are based on the latest scientific and historical research. Photographs, historical pictures and documents, maps, and original art complement the texts.

Scope and Coverage

The National Park Service has produced a number of Handbooks and "Series", covering topics ranging from Archeology to History to Urban Ecology. At the home page of the handbook there is the following list of subject:



Under each subject area there is a list of handbooks. As for example, under the **Urban Ecology Series**, there are following titles:

- Man, Nature, City
- The Vegetation of the City
- The Ecology of the Walking City
- The River and the City
- The City as a Biological Community
- The City as a Park
- Technology Assessment and the City
- Ecological Engineering of the City
- Wildlife and the City

Under the subject **Field Division of Education**, series there are following hand books:

- The Blackfoot;
- Preliminary Report on the Ethnography of the Southwest;
- Chronology for Tumacacori National Monument, with bibliography;
- A Brief Report on the Historical and Archeological Aspects of the Missions of Northern Sonora : made October 12-29, 1935 (There is no link);
- A Report on the Geology of Devils Tower National Monument;
- Tuzigoot;
- The History of Scotts Bluff, Nebraska;
- History of Glacier National Park : with particular emphasis on the northern development;
- Mount Rainier : Its Human History Associations;
- Historical Background for the Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado;
- The Zoology of Rocky Mountain National Park;
- A Report on the Geology of Rocky Mountain National Park;
- Ethnology of Rocky Mountain National Park: The Ute and Arapaho;
- A Report on the Geology of the Southwestern United States;
- Material Culture of the Pima, Papago, and Western Apache;

- Navaho Life of Yesterday and Today;
- Indian Tribes of Sequoia National Park Region;
- Outline of the Geology and Paleontology of Scotts Bluff National Monument;

Kind of Information

This handbook series is a good reference source regarding various subject fields. All these authoritative texts, written for a popular audience, are based on the latest scientific and historical research. Each of these handbooks includes photographs, historical pictures and documents, maps, and original art with the texts. The following two examples have shown the coverage and kind of information provided by two handbooks:

Example one: Fauna of the National Parks of the United States

This handbook is a preliminary survey of faunal relations in national parks of US. The handbook contains the points like:

- ✓ Approach to wild-life administration;
- ✓ Methods adapted to faunal investigations in national parks;
- ✓ Analysis of major types of faunal problems – their causes and treatment;
 - Basic causes of present faunal maladjustments
 - Problems of historical origin
 - Problems of geographical origin
 - Problems of competitive origin
- ✓ Conspectus of wild-life problems of each park;
 - Southwest parks
 - Rocky Mountain parks
 - Pacific Coast parks
 - Eastern park
 - Territorial parks
- ✓ Suggested national-park policy for the vertebrates;

Example two: Statue of Liberty: National Monument

This handbook provides following kinds of information regarding the Statue of Liberty

- ✓ The statue of liberty enlightening the world;
- ✓ An idea is born;
- ✓ Plan approved and fund raising undertaken;
 - De Laboulaye Heads Franco-American Union
 - The American Committee
 - Joseph Pulitzer
- ✓ Construction of the statue;
- ✓ Construction of the pedestal;
- ✓ Completion and presentation of the statue;
- ✓ Transportation and dedication of the statue;
- ✓ Improvements in the statue since 1886;
 - The Lighting System
 - The Torch Redesigned
 - The Elevator
 - Structural Improvements
- ✓ Dimensions of the statue;

- ✓ Bartholdi the man;
- ✓ French aid in American revolution basis of long international friendship;
- ✓ Early history of Bedloes island;
- ✓ Guide to the statue;
- ✓ The national monument;
- ✓ How to reach the monument;
- ✓ Administration;
- ✓ Visitor facilities;
- ✓ Related areas;
- ✓ Inscriptions;

Special Features

- At the home page of this hand book series, there is a link named “park brochures” which gives general information regarding the circulars of information / guidebooks / official maps and guides / park brochures.
- In every handbook, at the last of the page there following links:
 - ❖ Links to the history of National Park Service home page;
 - ❖ The US Government’s website on National Park Service.

On this website, one can find all the national parks situated in various states of US. The website provides lots of images, different information on these parks.

Arrangement Pattern

At the home page of the website, there is an alphabetic list of covered subjects. Under each subject, the handbooks are arranged.

Remarks

This is the kind of handbook which compiled miscellaneous information on national parks of US in a compact and handy form. It contains diagrams, illustrations to give clear idea about those parks with their history.

Comparable Tools

- Uluru–Kata Tjuta National Park Knowledge Handbook
(<https://www.environment.gov.au/system/files/resources/d97e9851-014c-4bd0-96c8-9b05c59da72a/files/handbook.pdf>)
- The Park Gardener's Handbook
(<http://parkseed.com/the-park-gardeners-handbook/a/10/>)

➤ Junior Ranger Program Handbook
(https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=24762)

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