While most folks are familiar with the Great Outdoors as available to them in such famous national parks as Yellowstone, the Great Smoky Mountains, and others with their magnificent scenery and extensive facilities for all manner of reorgation, few realize, as the National Park Service points out that there are almost 300 other nationally supervised areas in the United States awaiting the pleasure of the public.

In order to further the public knowledge of the availability of the less frequented areas, therefore the less crowded areas for a return to nature, the National Park system has prepared a brochure telling where they are, describing their features and facilities, and how to reach them.

The brochure is offered to all who want it, free of charge.

It may be obtained by simply writing to "Lesser Known Parks," National Park Service, Washington, D.C. 20204.

Yet this by no means exhausts the areas being preserved by government for the preservation of natural beauty and outdoor recreational services. Every state also has its state parks, and in Canada, so do the provinces.

Information on state and provincial parks is available from the local governments on request.

Finally, many of the major metropolitan centers maintain extensive outdoor recreational parks very close at hand indeed, and available to the public.

Thus there is no reason why anyone interested in a short term or a long vacation need be at a loss for a place to go camping, fishing, boating, sightseeing, hiking, biking, what have you.

It should be noted that if you're heading for a national park or even a state park, it may be necessary to reserve the facilities you may want. So explore and act early.



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