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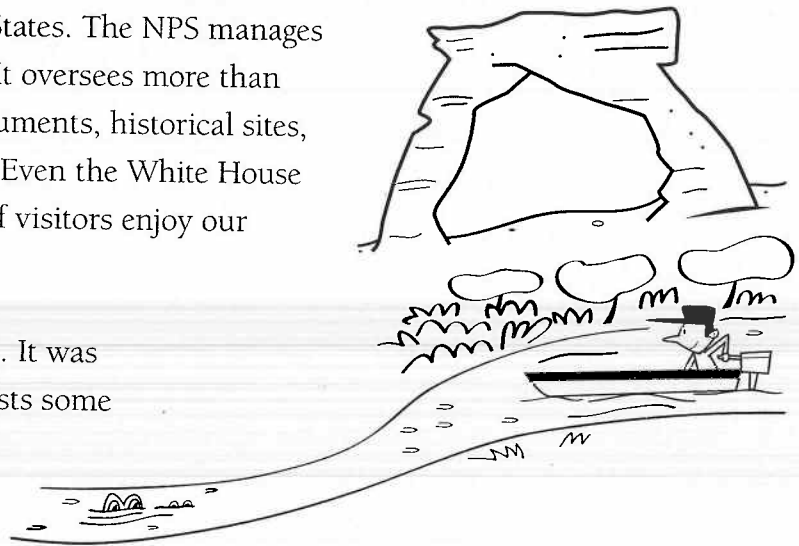
Comparing, computing, and analyzing data from a table

# Amazing National Parks: Data Sheet

The National Park Service (NPS) is a government agency. It cares for about 400 sites across the United States. The NPS manages parks in every state except Delaware. It oversees more than just parks. It also protects rivers, monuments, historical sites, seashores, recreation areas, and trails. Even the White House is an NPS site! Hundreds of millions of visitors enjoy our national parks every year.

Yellowstone was the first national park. It was established in 1872. The table below lists some other spectacular national parks.

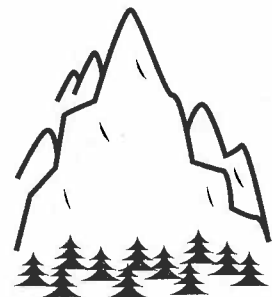
It shows their location, year of authorization, and size in acres.



## Notable National Parks

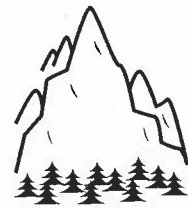
Park Name	State	Authorized	Size, in Acres*
Acadia	Maine	1916	47,390
Arches	Utah	1929	76,519
Big Bend	Texas	1935	801,163
Cuyahoga Valley	Ohio	1974	32,861
Denali	Alaska	1917	4,740,912
Everglades	Florida	1934	1,508,539
Grand Teton	Wyoming	1929	309,995
Kings Canyon	California	1890	461,901
Mammoth Cave	Kentucky	1926	52,830
Mesa Verde	Colorado	1906	52,122
Petrified Forest	Arizona	1906	221,540
Shenandoah	Virginia	1926	199,074

\* 1 acre = 4,840 square yards, about the size of a soccer field



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## Activity Sheet



**Use the Data** Complete each statement.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is a national park in Texas.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ is in Florida. It was authorized in the year \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is bigger than Shenandoah but smaller than Grand Teton.
4. Big Bend is about 4 million acres smaller than \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The two parks that differ in size by 708 acres are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
6. There were two parks authorized 20 years after Mesa Verde was. They are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Two parks authorized in the same year have a combined size of about 400,000 acres. They are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Make a Table**

The table on the Data Sheet lists national parks in alphabetical order by name. On a sheet of graph paper, make a **new** table that lists the same parks by how big they are. Follow these steps:

- ① Draw a table with 13 rows and 4 columns. Make the columns wide enough to write in.
- ② Give your table a new title and use the same headings as the table on the Data Sheet.
- ③ Use your knowledge of place value. List the parks in the table **in order from largest to smallest size in acres**. Record the state, year, and size in acres for each.

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

Park Name	State	Authorized	Size, in Acres

### **Write About It**

Make up your own problem based on data about national parks from the Data Sheet. Show your solution on the back of the page.