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**National Park Service to Waive Fees for Three Weekends**



CAMP HILL – Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar announced that the National Park Service will offer three fee-free weekends this summer to encourage Americans seeking affordable vacations to visit these national treasures. There are 391 national parks located across the country in 49 states.

“During these tough economic times, our national parks provide opportunities for affordable vacations for families,” Salazar said. “I encourage everyone to visit one of our nation’s crown jewels this summer and especially to take advantage of the three free-admission weekends.”

The 147 National Park Service sites across the country that charge fees for entry will waive these entrance fees during the weekends of June 20-21, July 18-19, and August 15-16, 2009. The waiver does not include other fees collected in advance or by contractors – such as fees charged for camping, reservations, tours and use of concessions.

There are six national parks in Pennsylvania that will be waiving their fee:

- Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site
- Fort Necessity National Battlefield
- Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site
- Johnstown Flood National Memorial
- Steamtown National Historic Site
- Valley Forge National Historical Park

One of the best ways to experience our nation’s treasure is in a RV – your home-away-from-home. RVing is one of the best, and most affordable, ways to see the great outdoors and explore all it has to offer. And there’s no better place to see the latest in RVs than at America’s Largest RV Show held September 16 – 20, 2009 at the GIANT Center<sup>SM</sup> in Hershey, PA. For more information, or to view the PA camping guide *Explore PA*, visit [www.largestRVshow.com](http://www.largestRVshow.com). For more information on the fee-free weekends, visit [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov).

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