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COVER PHOTO: [ACADIA NATIONAL PARK, MAINE](#), is located mostly on Mount Desert Island on the Maine coast. Miles of hiking trails, historic carriage roads, which are closed to automobiles, and regular roads provide access to 190 square kilometers of forests, lakes, granite peaks, and rugged shoreline. Pictured on the cover is Bass Harbor Head Lighthouse, located within the park.

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## Dear Friends,

Greetings from all of us at the Voice of America! We hope you enjoy our 2013 calendar, depicting the scenic splendor of some of the many national parks found all across the United States.

From Everglades National Park in Florida to Glacier National Park in Montana to Yosemite National Park in California, each of these natural treasures offers its own unique beauty. Every year, the nearly 400 areas that make up the National Park System attract more than 275 million visitors.

VOA is also diverse, providing news and information to more than 141 million people around the world in 43 languages on radio, television, mobile devices, and the Internet. In many countries, affiliate radio and television stations broadcast our programs locally, and many of our English-language learning programs can now be downloaded from the Internet or as mobile phone apps.

Last year was an exciting time for the Voice of America, as we marked our 70th anniversary, offered comprehensive coverage of the U.S. presidential election, and launched a number of new initiatives aimed at improving our programming in places as diverse as China and Mali, Pakistan and Latin America.

I hope that you will continue to turn to the Voice of America for the latest news and information. We wish you a happy and prosperous New Year.

**Sincerely,**

*David B. Ensor*

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Director  
*Voice of America*





# January

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK, MONTANA, sits along the Canadian border within the northern Rocky Mountains. Over 1,190 kilometers of hiking trails wind through this glacier-carved landscape of forests, alpine meadows, lakes, mountains, and valleys. Visitors can see remnant glaciers and over 270 species of birds and 70 species of mammals, such as grizzly bears, elk, mountain goats, and lynx. (NPS Photo/David Restivo)  
Below, from top to bottom, are greetings to our audiences from VOA's Afaan Oromoo, Albanian, Amharic, and Armenian Services.

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*Sagantaa Afaan Oromoo  
irraa ashamaa*

*Përshëndetje nga  
Shërbimi Shqip*

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ሰላም፣ ታዲያስ አድማጮች**

**Ողջունյն հայկական  
ծառայությունից**





# February

EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK, FLORIDA, protects what remains of the Everglades ecosystem, which is technically a massive slow-moving river flowing at the rate of 0.40 kilometers a day over a large area of south Florida. One of the biological wonders of the world, the park's most famous residents are a wide array of long-legged wading birds and reptiles such as snakes, alligators, and crocodiles. (Photo: © Fotosearch.com)  
Below, from top to bottom, are greetings to our audiences from VOA's Ashna TV & Radio in Dari, Ashna TV & Radio in Pashto, and the Azerbaijani and Bangla Services.

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با تمنيات نيك  
راديو و تلويزيون آشنا

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نيكي هيلي او تاوده سلامونه

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salamlar

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বাংলা বিভাগের পক্ষ থেকে  
শুভেচ্ছা

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# March

**ARCHES NATIONAL PARK, UTAH**, is in the high desert, 1,245 to 1,723 meters above sea level, with hot summers, cold winters, and little rain. It is the home of spectacular rock formations, including over 2,000 natural sandstone arches, the highest concentration in the world. Pictured are hikers walking through a red rock canyon on the Park Avenue trail, one of the park's most popular trails. *(NPS Photo/Neal Herbert)*  
**Below, from top to bottom, are greetings to our audiences from VOA's Bosnian, Burmese, Cantonese, and Creole Services.**

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*Pozdrav od redakcije  
na jezicima naroda BiH*

မြန်မာဌာနက  
နတ်ခွန်းဆက်ပါတယ်

美國之音粵語組  
專誠為您服務

*Sèvis Kreyòl la  
ap salye w*





# April

**YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, CALIFORNIA**, on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada mountain range, has majestic granite cliffs, giant sequoia trees, rivers, and meadows. It has five of the world's highest waterfalls, including Yosemite Falls, the tallest in North America. Horsetail Falls, though not tall, can glow orange during mid-to-late February sunsets. The heart of the park is Yosemite Valley, pictured above. *(Photo: Josh Bernick)*  
**Below, from top to bottom, are greetings to our audiences from VOA's Deewa Radio, English Programs, and the French and Georgian Services.**

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هر ڪله راشي

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*Greetings from  
English Programs*

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*Le service francophone  
vous salue*

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ქართული რადიო VOA-სგან

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# May

**OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK, WASHINGTON STATE**, on the Olympic Peninsula west of Seattle, is a park of variety and beauty. There are glacier-capped mountains, wildflower meadows, hot springs, several different types of forests, including temperate rain forests, and a rugged coastline with sandy beaches, tide pools, rocky islands, and sea stacks. Pictured is the Hoh Rain Forest, which has over 3.65 meters of rain annually. **Below, from top to bottom, are greetings to our audiences from VOA's Greek, Hausa, Indonesian, and Khmer Services**

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Γεια σας  
από την Ελληνική Υπηρεσία

*Gaisuwa  
daga Sashen Hausa*

*Salam dari  
Siaran Bahasa Indonesia*

ទីស្នួន ខ្មែរ  
សូមជូនពរសប្បុរសភាព





# June

**DENALI NATIONAL PARK, ALASKA**, is 2.4 million hectares of unspoiled wilderness crowned by Mt. McKinley, North America's highest mountain. Only one road cuts through the park, where moose, caribou, wolves, Dall sheep, grizzly bears, and a host of other wild animals thrive. Above, lupine wildflowers bloom in the summer with the snow-covered peaks of the Alaska Mountain Range in the background. (NPS photo/Neal Herbert)  
Below, from top to bottom, are greetings to our audiences from VOA's Kinyarwanda, Kirundi, Korean, and Kurdish Services.

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8	<i>Serivisi y'Ikirundi Irabaramukije</i>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	안녕하세요 한국어 방송입니다
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	<i>Silav ji Pişka Kurdî</i>
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# July

**KATMAI NATIONAL PARK, ALASKA**, was created to preserve the large and deep ash flow deposited by the Novarupta volcano in 1912. The park was later enlarged to protect the world's highest concentration of brown bears, as well as the clear lakes and rivers where red salmon spawn. Above, brown bears fish for red salmon at Brooks Falls. Park visitors can get a close view of the bears from three nearby viewing platforms. Below, from top to bottom, are greetings to our audiences from VOA's Kurdish and Lao Services, Learning English, and the Macedonian Service.

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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	<i>Hello from Learning English</i>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	Поздрав од македонската редакција
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# August

VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK, MINNESOTA, is on the U.S. border with Canada. The park is named for the fur traders who once traveled in birch bark canoes through this area of broad lakes, marshes, peat lands, and forests. Visitors may enter the park by car or boat. Moose, wolves, black bears, deer, and songbirds abound. In summer, people can camp, fish, boat, and hike; in winter they snowshoe, cross-country ski, and ice fish. Below, from top to bottom, are greetings to our audiences from VOA's Mandarin, Persian, Portuguese, and Russian Services.

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普通话节目  
向您问候

بهترین شادباشها از  
بخش فارسی

*Saudações do  
Serviço em Português*

*Русская служба  
приветствует вас*





# September

**YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, WYOMING, MONTANA, AND IDAHO**, was the world's first national park. It has over 10,000 geothermal features, including erupting geysers, colorful hot springs, bubbling mud pots, and steaming fumaroles. It also has the largest concentration of mammals in the lower 48 states, including herds of American bison (pictured above), North America's largest land mammal. *(Photo: Wyoming Office of Tourism)*  
Below, from top to bottom, are greetings to our audiences from VOA's Serbian, Somali, and Spanish Services and from Studio 7 in English.

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*Pozdrav  
od srpskog servisa*

*Salaan ka guddooma  
Laanta Afka Soomaaliga*

*Saludos cordiales del  
Servicio Latinoamericano*

*Greetings from Studio 7*





# October

**GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK, TENNESSEE AND NORTH CAROLINA**, is America's most visited park. It is located in the Southern Appalachians—among the oldest mountains in the world. With abundant rainfall, the park is covered with dense forest and is home to a wealth of plant and animal species. Visitors might hike, camp, bicycle, fish, and go river rafting. The American black bear is the park's symbol. **Below, from top to bottom, are greetings to our audiences from VOA's Studio 7 in Ndebele and in Shona and from the Swahili and Thai Services.**

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*IStudio 7 Iyalibulisa*

*Kwaziso  
kubva kuStudio 7*

*Salaam kutoka  
Idhaa ya Kiswahili*

*สวัสดี  
จากวีโอเอ ภาคภาษาไทย*





# November

**GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK, ARIZONA**, is perhaps the most well-known U.S. national park. The 446-kilometer-long canyon was formed over time by the Colorado River as it carved a 1.6 kilometer gash in the high plateau of northwest Arizona. Today, most visitors view the scenery from overlooks along the canyon rim. Others hike, ride mules, or take a river trip to see the canyon from below. *(NPS Photo/Michael Quinn)*  
Below, from top to bottom, are greetings to our audiences from VOA's Tibetan, Tigrina, Turkish, and Vietnamese Services.

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*Türkçe Bölümü'nden  
Selamlar*

*Chúc Mừng Năm Mới*





# December

**JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK, CALIFORNIA**, is over 225 kilometers east of Los Angeles, and includes parts of the Mojave and Colorado Deserts, as well as a section of the Little San Bernardino Mountains. Joshua trees (pictured above) and a wealth of desert plants thrive in this hot, dry land. Consequently, when the area was set aside in the 1930s, its suggested name was Desert Plants National Park. Its elevation, dry desert air, and dark skies due to a lack of light pollution make the park popular with stargazers and amateur astronomers. Below, from top to bottom, are greetings to our audiences from VOA's Ukrainian, Urdu, and Uzbek Services.

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*Вітання від  
Української служби*

*اردو سروس کی جانب سے  
آپ کے لیے نیک خواہشات*

*O'zbek xizmatidan  
alangali salom*



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