

Undiscovered Gems

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Questions

- Has there been a decline or increase in visitation numbers at National Parks?
- How can we increase visitation for parks that have decreased in visitation numbers?

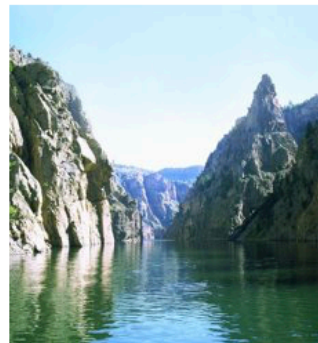
Results

- Total visitation numbers per year increased throughout the decade but started to stabilize towards latter half
- Decline in some resulted in closing
- Number of decrease and increase percentages are relatively similar
- Increase in larger or more well-known parks



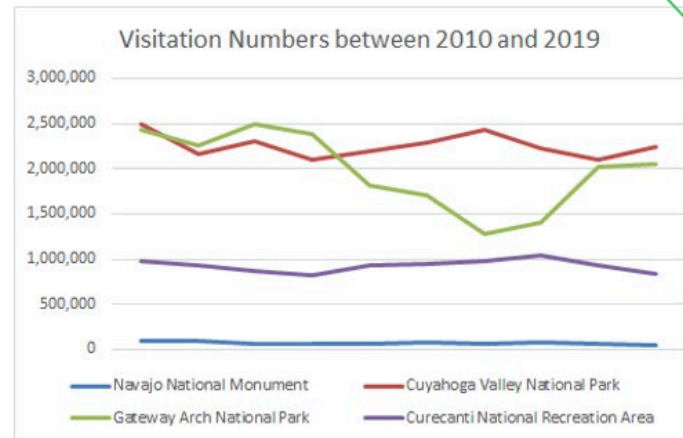
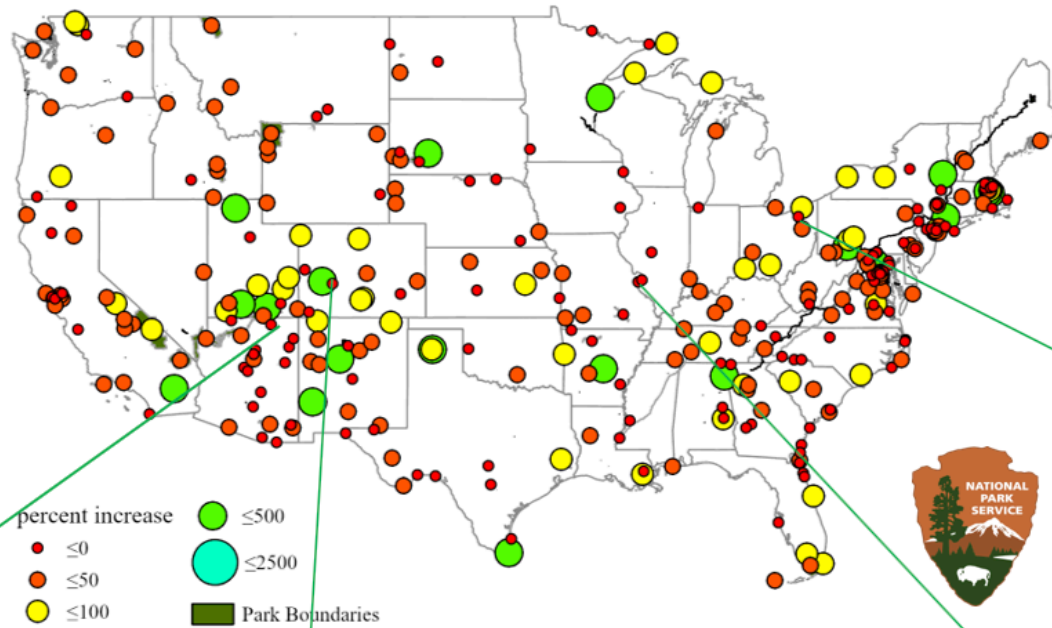
Navajo National Monument

- Located in Arizona, close to Grand Canyon
- Experienced a 45% decrease
- Pictured: Betatakin Ruin



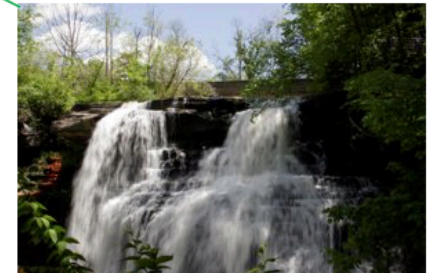
Curecanti National Recreation Area

- Located in Western Colorado
- Experienced a 14% decrease
- Pictured: Gunnison River



Conclusion

- There hasn't been a decrease in total visitation numbers
- People are only visiting major or more well-known parks so smaller parks are neglected
- Without enough funding to preserve these areas, parks will have to close
- Ways to support: Visit or donate money



Cuyahoga Valley National Park

- Located near Akron, Ohio
- Experienced a 10% decrease
- Pictured: Brandywine Falls



Gateway Arch National Park

- Located in St. Louis, Missouri
- Experienced a 16% decrease
- Pictured: Gateway Arch

References

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