

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### DESIGNING THE PARKS

**A conference in two parts examining the design of buildings and landscapes in regional, state, and national parks. Sponsored by the University of Virginia, the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, and the National Park Service.**

**Designing the Parks, Part 1: The History of Park Planning and Design  
Charlottesville, Virginia (May 20-22, 2008)**

**Designing the Parks, Part 2: The Present and Future of Park Planning and Design  
San Francisco, California (Fall 2008)**

This conference will meet for three days in Charlottesville, Virginia (May 20-22, 2008). A three-day work session in San Francisco will follow in the fall of 2008. In Charlottesville the meeting will be hosted by the University of Virginia and the papers presented will address the history of the planning and design of regional, state, and national parks. The San Francisco meeting, which will be held at the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, will explore current issues and future trends in park planning and design, building on the research presented the Charlottesville meeting.

Interested scholars, scientists, park professionals, and design practitioners are invited to submit paper abstracts of no more than 300 words for the Charlottesville meeting of *Designing the Parks* by January 7, 2008.

At both meetings, participants will include architects and landscape architects, historians, scientists, national and state park managers, partnership organizations, and others involved in park research, design, and management. Many types of landscape reservations will be the subjects of papers and presentations at both meetings of *Designing the Parks*, including but not limited to scenic and wilderness reservations, historical and archeological parks, ethnographic and memorial sites, national heritage areas, and protected landscapes of all types. The Charlottesville and San Francisco meetings of *Designing the Parks* will be linked in terms of content, themes, participants, and mutual relevance.

The purpose of the Charlottesville session is to assess lessons learned through an examination of park planning and design history. The research presented will provide a foundation for presentations and workshops addressing the unique challenges facing current park design and management, which will be the subjects of the San Francisco meeting of the conference. Both meetings of *Designing the Parks* will also stand independently for those attending one or the other of the meetings.

**CALL FOR PAPERS for**  
**DESIGNING THE PARKS, Part I: The History of Park Planning and Design,**  
The University of Virginia, Charlottesville (May 20-22, 2008)

The papers presented at the Charlottesville meeting of *Designing the Parks* will feature new research into the history of the planning and design of regional, state, and national parks. Many aspects of park design will be considered, including buildings, designed landscapes, park roads, interpretive design, or any other aspect of how parks have preserved and presented nature and history to the public. The emphasis of the papers will be on the inherent meaning, ideology, and intent of large public parks as works of design, with a particular focus on design expression in state and national parks. Papers will also address the social, economic, and political contexts within which each park was designed and constructed, and will attempt to assess the relevance of historic park management strategies to the issues facing park managers today.

Abstracts should be submitted by **January 7, 2008**. Please include short résumés, titles, affiliations, and full contact information for all presenters. Participants are invited to submit abstracts for any of the thematic sessions suggested below, or to propose their own thematic session. The titles and descriptions of these sessions will be altered or developed as needed, and open sessions will also be organized for papers not easily grouped thematically.

*POSSIBLE THEMATIC SESSIONS:*

Municipal Landscape Parks  
Yosemite, Yellowstone, and Early Park  
Preservation  
Scenic and Historic Preservation  
The Evolution of Park Ideals  
Rustic Park Design  
Automotive Tourism  
The CCC and the State Park

Modernism in the Parks  
Historical and Urban Park Design  
Nature and Culture in Park Design  
The Battles over Battlefields  
Colonial Revival and Park Design  
Presidential Sites  
The Archeological Park  
New Stories Told

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