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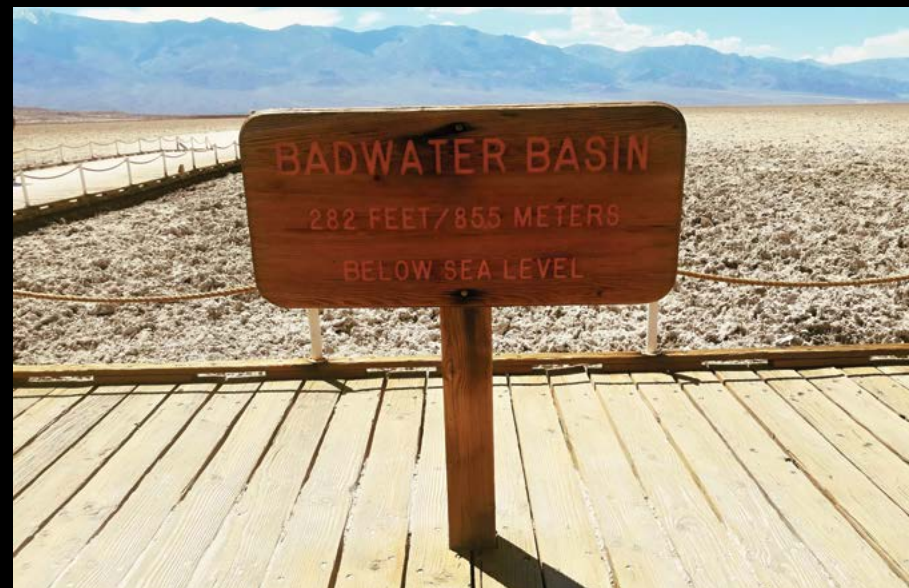


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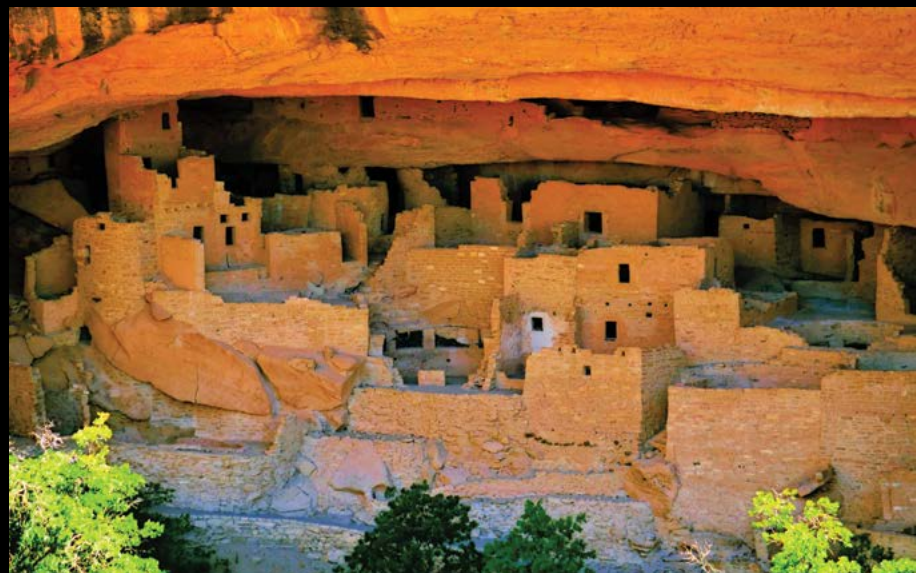


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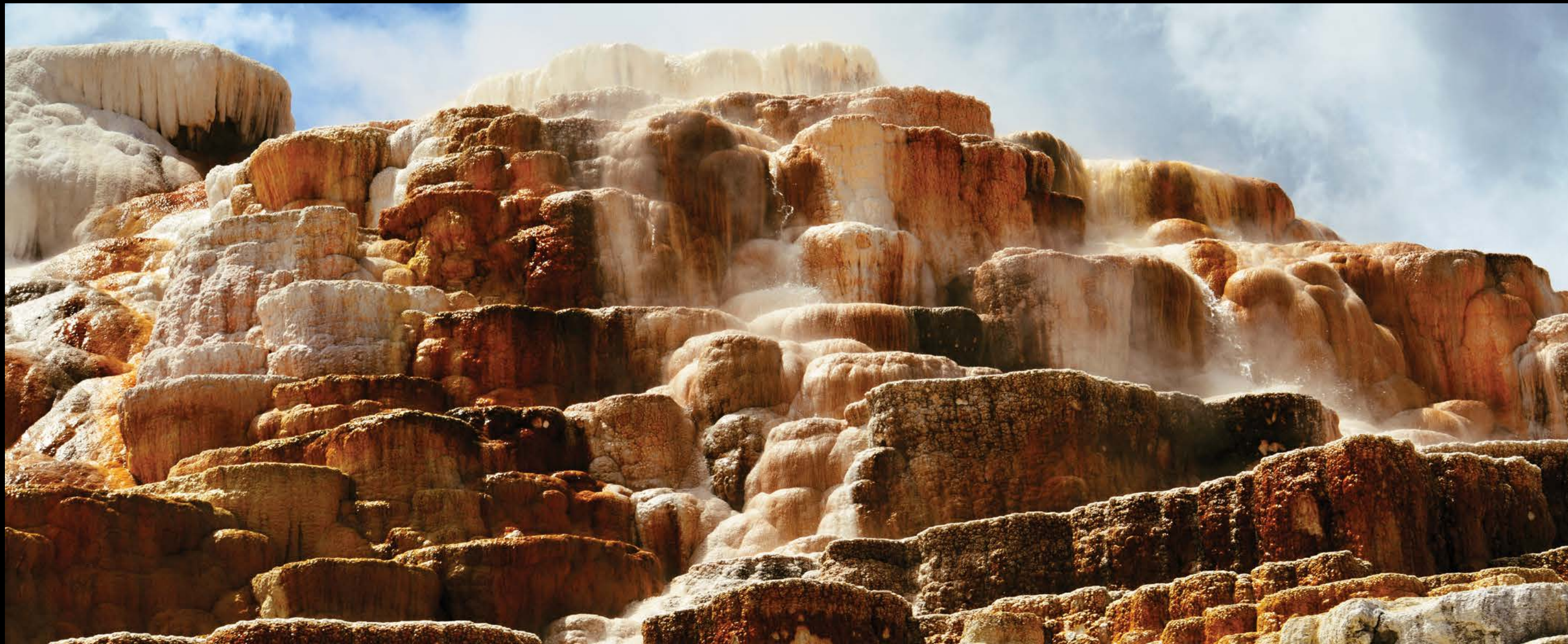














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Horseshoe Bend (Arizona) – horseshoe-shaped incised meander of the Colorado River.



Yosemite N. P., UNESCO (California) – Yosemite Falls – dropping a total of 739 m, El Capitan – 914 m from base to summit, Half Dome – 1,444 m above the valley floor (elevation 2,696 m).



Sequoia N. P. (California) – General Sherman Tree – height of 83.8 meters, a diameter of 7.7 m and an estimated age of 2,300–2,700 years is the largest tree on Earth. The park is notable for its giant sequoia trees, American black bear family.



Death Valley N. P. (California) – Badwater Basin is the point of the lowest elevation in N. America, at 86 m below sea level and the highest recorded temperature of 134 °F (56.7 °C). This temperature stands as the highest ambient air temperature ever recorded at the surface of the Earth.



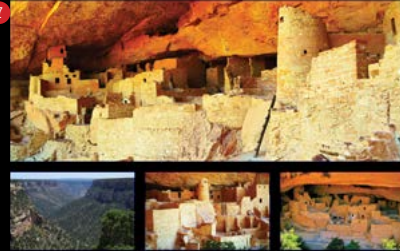
Grand Canyon N. P., UNESCO (Arizona) – Grand Canyon is canyon carved by the Colorado River, is 277 miles (446 km) long, up to 18 miles (29 km) wide and attains a depth of over a mile (6,093 feet or 1,857 meters).



Antelope Canyon (Arizona), Navajo Tribal Park. Antelope Canyon is a slot canyon east of Page. It includes two separate, scenic slot canyon sections, referred to as Upper Antelope Canyon and Lower Antelope Canyon.



Monument Valley – Tsé Bii' Ndzisgaii, meaning valley of the rocks (Arizona–Utah border, Navajo Nation Reservation) – West Mitten Butte, East Mitten Butte, and Merrick Butte – View of Rain God Mesa, Thunderbird Mesa and Totem Pole – Rain God Mesa – John Ford's Point.



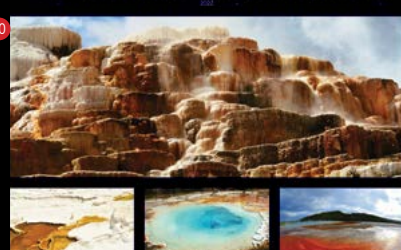
Mesa Verde N. P., UNESCO (Colorado) – more than 5,000 sites, including 600 cliff dwellings, it is the largest archaeological preserve in the US. Mesa Verde is best known for structures such as Cliff Palace. Starting c. 7500 BC Mesa Verde was seasonally inhabited by a group of nomadic Paleo-Indians known as the Foothills Mountain Complex.



Arches National Park (Utah) – More than 2,000 natural sandstone arches are located in the park, including the well-known Delicate Arch. The park contains the highest density of natural arches in the world – North Window, Collared Lizard, Delicate Arch, La Sal Mountain View from Arches N.P.



Rocky Mountain National Park (Colorado) – The main features of the park include mountains, alpine lakes and a wide variety of wildlife within various climates and environments, from wooded forests to mountain tundra. Bull Moose, Moose cow with her calf, Red Fox.



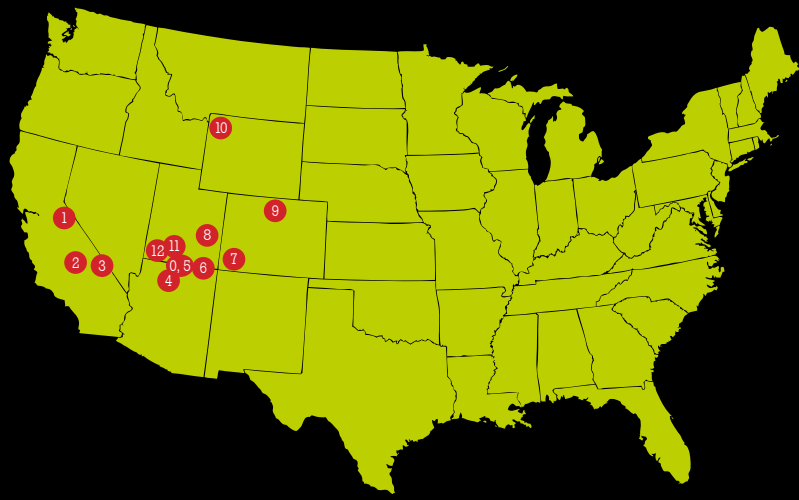
Yellowstone N. P., UNESCO (Wyoming, Montana, Idaho) was the first national park in the U.S. The park is known for its wildlife and its many geothermal features, Mammoth Hot Springs, Silex Spring, Grand Prismatic Spring.



Bryce Canyon N. P. (Utah) – The major feature of the park is Bryce Canyon, which despite its name, is not a canyon, but a collection of giant natural amphitheaters along the eastern side of the Paunsaugunt Plateau. Bryce is distinctive due to geological structures called hoodoos, formed by frost weathering and stream erosion of the river and lake bed sedimentary rocks. The rim at Bryce varies from 8,000 to 9,000 feet (2,400 to 2,700 m).



Zion N. P. (Utah) – A prominent feature of the park is Zion Canyon, which is 15 miles (24 km) long and up to 2,640 ft (800 m) deep. The canyon walls are reddish and tan-colored Navajo Sandstone eroded by the North Fork of the Virgin River. View of Angels Landing, Virgin River, Court of the Patriarchs, Opuntia 'Zion' (Prickly Pear).



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