

Everglades National Park Association,

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FROM PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S ADDRESS AT GLAZIER NATIONAL PARK
Reported by Associated Press.

"To-day, for the first time in my life, I have seen Glazier Park. Perhaps I can best express to you my thrill and delight by saying that I wish every American, old and young, could have been with me to-day. The great mountains, the glaciers, the lakes and the trees make me long to stay here for all the rest of the summer."

"There is nothing so American as our national parks. The scenery and wild life are native and the fundamental idea behind the parks is native. It is, in brief, that the country belongs to the people, that what it is and what is in process of making is for the enrichment of the lives of all of us. Thus the parks stand as the outward symbol of this great human principle."

"Our great series of parks in every part of the union have become indeed a 'pleasuring ground' for millions of Americans."

"The policy to which the service will adhere is based on three broad principles; First, that the national parks must be maintained in absolutely unimpaired form for the use of future generations as well as those of our own time; second, that they are set apart for the use, observation, health and pleasure of the people, and third, that the national interest must dictate all decisions affecting public or private enterprise in the parks."

"That is why with all the earnestness at my command I express to you the hope that each and every one of you who can possibly find the means and opportunity for so doing will visit our national parks and use them as they are intended to be used. You will find glorious scenery of every character; you will find every climate; you will perform the double function of enjoying much and learning much."

"The present national park service stands as an example of efficient and far-seeing governmental administration."

"The Secretary of the Interior in 1933 announced that this year of 1934 was to be emphasized as 'national parks year' I decided to-day that every year ought to be 'national parks year.'"