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## June 2005: June is Great Outdoors Month

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### Visit our National Parks this Summer

June is **Great Outdoors Month**. The American Recreation Coalition and the Recreation Boating and Fishing Foundation want to remind you that “outdoor recreation is a fun, healthy use of leisure time”.

This year, Great Outdoors Month will extend through July 4<sup>th</sup> to include a celebration of the **100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the US Department of Agriculture’s Forest Service**. The occupational traditions of the USDA Forest Service will be featured in the Smithsonian Institution’s Folklife Festival in Washington DC from June 23 – 27 and June 30 – July 4.



The Forest Service, established in 1905 by President Theodore Roosevelt, has done a wonderful job of preserving our national forests and grasslands. As you are making your summer vacation plans, consider visiting one or more of our National Parks and enjoy the beautiful recreations spots that they have provided for us.

For a unique National Park experience, try **Llama Treking** or **Llama Packing**. This activity is offered in many states and is becoming more popular each year. When you hike with a llama, you will have a friendly, fluffy trail buddy who will carry your hiking and camping gear leaving you burden free to enjoy the beautiful scenery and wildlife. Llamas are clean, easygoing animals that don’t spit, bite, or kick. They are great hiking companions for everyone and are easy to lead, even by children. They will walk when you walk and stop when you stop. Llamas are also ecologically friendly. They have padded feet like a dog so they leave little wear on the trail.



Deli Llama Wilderness Adventures  
Bow WA



Llama Trails, Inc.  
Gainesville GA

Llama trekking can last from one hour to several days. Most companies offer a variety of packages including special occasion trips. Many of the day trips include a picnic lunch.

An Internet search of the area that you are visiting will lead you to llama trekking contacts. There are several located in the SC/NC area. A partial listing includes:

## North Carolina

**Hawkesdene Llamas** - offers lunch and dinner llama treks in the Great Smokey Mountains Nantahala National Forest.

Andrews, NC

<http://www.hawkesdene.com/>

**Hiking in the Smokies** - llama trekking through the Great Smoky Mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee.

Hot Springs, NC

<http://www.hikinginthesmokies.com/>

**WindDancers Lodge & Llama Treks** – a Bed and Breakfast, llama farm and llama trekking company. Offering lunch and dinner treks, also an overnight FarCamp adventure. Reservations are required.

Clyde, NC

<http://www.winddancersnc.com/>

## Tennessee

**Smoky Mountain Llama Treks** - provide llamas to carry your food, gear and supplies for a family-fun day hike or a romantic overnight hike! Provide gourmet, full meals. CPR/certified guide. Overnighters sleep cozy in an over-sized tent with an air mattress, flannel sheets, blankets and pillows.

Sevierville, TN

<http://www.smokymountainllamatreks.com/>

## Georgia

**Llama Trails, Inc.** - guided day hikes in the Georgia Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest. "Our gentle, personable llamas will be happy to carry your provided lunch for a scenic outdoor wilderness experience."  
Season runs from September – May.  
Gainesville, GA  
<http://www.llamatrails.com/hike/hike.htm>

## Montana

**Yellowstone Llamas** - guided pack trip to the backcountry of Yellowstone National Park and nearby Montana wilderness areas.  
Bozeman, MT  
<http://www.yellowstone-llamas.com/>

**Great Northern Llama Company** - providing hiking, camping, and high country guided llama pack trips through Flathead National Forest and Montana's Glacier Country.  
Columbia Falls, MT  
<http://www.gnllama.com/index.htm>

## Washington

**Deli Llama Wilderness Adventures** - outfitter/guide service using llamas as pack animal through North Cascades wilderness and Olympic National Park.  
Bow, WA.  
<http://www.delillama.com/>

## Wyoming

**Jackson Hole Llamas** - llamanear through Yellowstone National Park and the Jediah Smith Wilderness.  
Jackson, WY  
<http://www.jhllamas.com/>

For more information about the **USDA Forest Service** including maps, recreational activity links, park passes and permits and go to:

**USDA Forest Service**  
[www.fs.fed.us](http://www.fs.fed.us)

For information about the **USDA Forest Service Centennial Celebration** go to:

**USDA Forest Service Centennial**

[www.fs.fed.us/centennial](http://www.fs.fed.us/centennial)

For a calendar of **Great Outdoors Month** events go to:

**Great Outdoors Month**

[www.greatoutdoorsmonth.org](http://www.greatoutdoorsmonth.org)

Further outdoor recreational information:

**Recreation.gov One Stop**

<http://www.recreation.gov>

**National Park Service**

<http://www.nps.gov>

**U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service**

<http://www.fws.gov/>

**U.S. Department of Transportation**

<http://www.dot.gov/>

Wherever you vacation this summer, we hope that you have a great time. And if you visit a National Park or go Llama Trekking, send us an e-mail about your trip!

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