



ASALH-NPS COLLABORATION

AFRICAN AMERICANS & THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE *1872-1965*



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The Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) is working on a study, “African Americans and the National Park Service, 1872–1965” to illuminate the national context of this history and experience. The project hopes to bring together existing research and fill in the gaps, revealing African Americans’ long history of engagement with national parks and the larger agency from their own lived experiences and perspectives.

The completed study will be a multi-authored and multi-chapter manuscript that will incorporate historical/biographical profile and oral history components. The project is expected to run through September 2026.

The study is being undertaken in cooperation with Historian and Heritage Conservation Consultant Alison Rose Jefferson, MHC | PhD, Anders Genealogical Services, and AECOM consulting group.



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E. Young Research Library, UCLA

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STUDY:

Be a Contributing Author: Write a chapter for the study. Request for Submissions Deadline June 30, 2025.

Be a Citizen Historian: Share your personal memories and experiences with national parks or in gateway communities as an African American visitor, employee, or entrepreneur.

To participate or learn more about the project, visit: asalh.org/asalh-nps-collaboration-task-agreement/ or scan the QR code.

