

Olympic

National Park
Port Angeles, WA

About

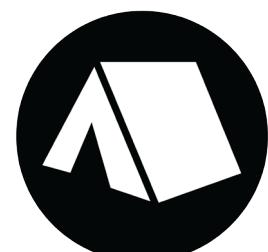
Olympic National Parks trademark is its diversity. With a wide range of precipitation and elevation and nearly a million acres, there are many different areas to explore. Since the 1880s, the Peninsula's diverse landscape has drawn visitors, park advocates, and naturalists. The park protects vast wilderness, thousands of years of human history, and distinct ecosystems. These ecosystems include glacier capped mountains, temperate rain forests, and coastlines.

The area received its first national designation in 1897 by President Grover Cleveland. It wasn't until 1910 that an act was signed designating the area as Olympic National Park. The park is also home to an array of cultural and historic sites dating back 12,000 years! Eight contemporary tribes of the Olympic Peninsula have lived in this area since time immemorial and continue to maintain strong relationships to the National Park.



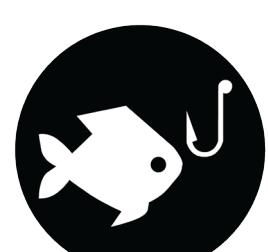
Hiking

Hiking is a popular activity in Olympic, there are hikes of varying length and difficulty throughout the park. It is important to be prepared for changeable weather, including packing food, water, rain gear, and extra clothing. Hikers are advised to stay on the trails.



Camping

There are several campgrounds available at Olympic that offer different amenities. Which grounds are open depends on the weather and season, more details can be found on our website. There are options to camp with tents, an RV, or lodge at a resort.



Fishing

The park protects over 75 miles of Pacific Coast, 600 lakes, and 4,000 miles of rivers and streams. Before you go fishing in the park, you must review the current fishing and shellfish regulations and check the bulletin boards for any changes. For the most part, fishing in the park is catch and release.

Activities

Just like the landscape, the activities available at Olympic National Park are diverse. From boating and fishing to backpacking and photography, there is an activity for everyone. Come visit for a few hours or a lifetime! It is important to plan ahead as Olympic is very large, knowing where you want to go and how far you will need to travel is important. Try to visit each of the major ecosystems to get the most out of your experience. If you plan on visiting between June to September, make the reservations you may need, as it is the busiest season.

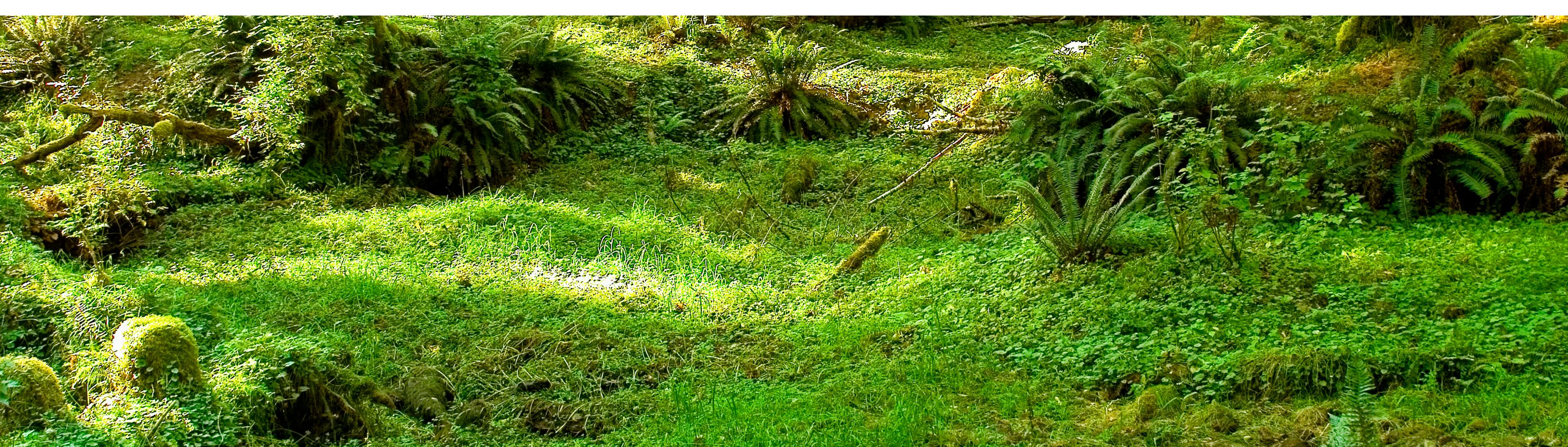
When you arrive, please visit the Olympic National Park Visitor Center to check in to and make the best of your time at the park. From there, you are off to see what Olympic National Park has to offer!

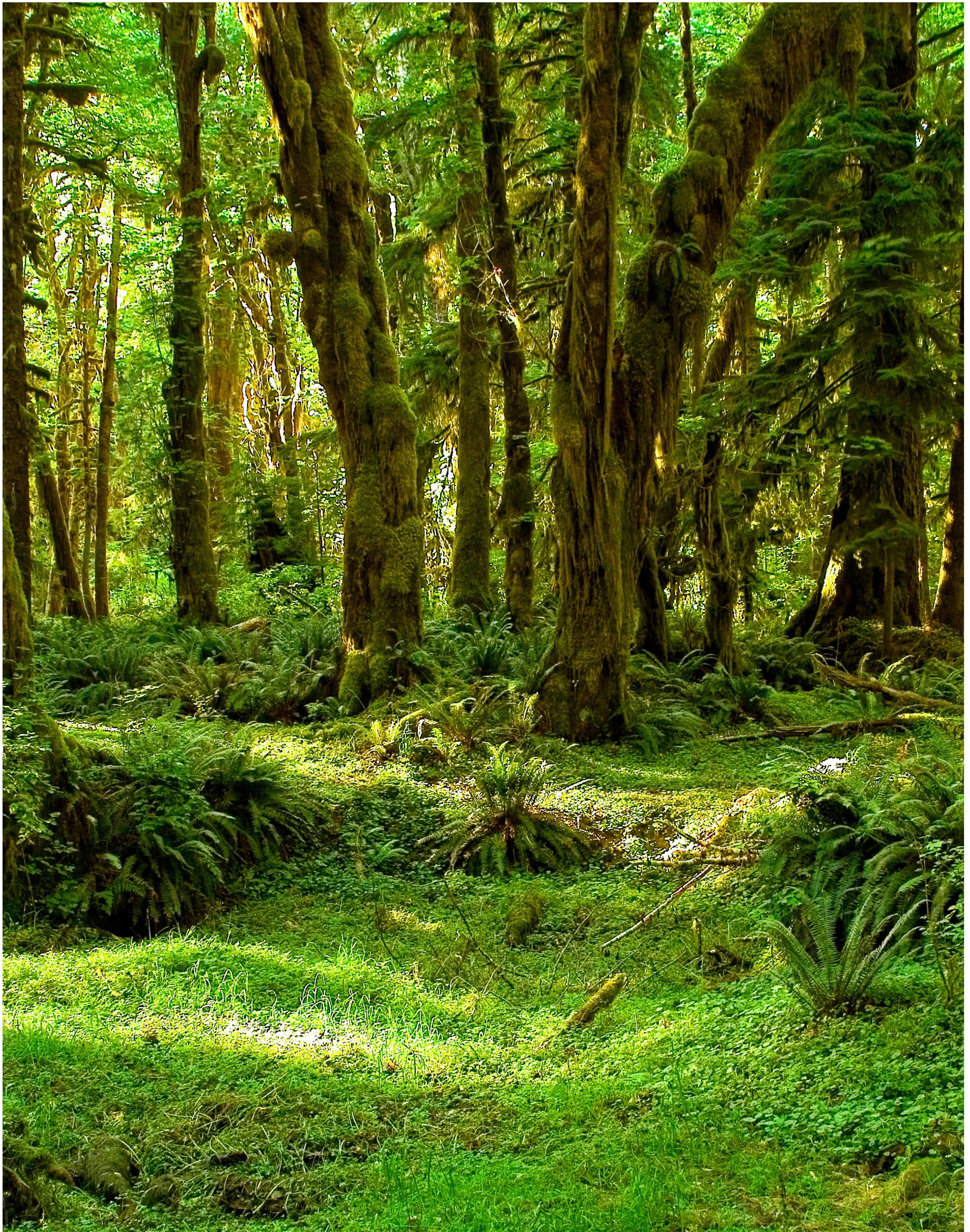
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Dry Tortugas

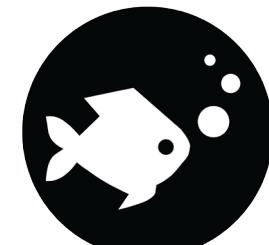


National Park
Florida Keys

About

Dry Tortugas National Park lies nearly 70 miles west of Key West. The remote, 100-square mile park is comprised of seven small islands and mostly open water. The island is only accessible by boat or seaplane. The park is home to Fort Jefferson, beautiful blue waters, gorgeous coral reefs and marine life, and a vast assortment of bird life. Key West consists of seven keys, Garden, Loggerhead, Bush, Long, East, Hospital, and Middle.

Fort Jefferson was designated a National Monument by president Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1935. In 1992, the monument was redesignated as Dry Tortugas National Park to protect the island and marine life. The strategic location of the Dry Tortugas brought a large amount of vessels through the surrounding waters as it connects the Gulf of Mexico, western Caribbean, and the Atlantic Ocean.



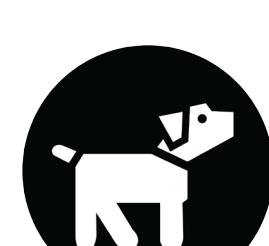
Water Activities

Dry Tortugas has natural wonders above and below the surface. The park has vibrant coral and seagrass, along with abundant ship wrecks! There are several sites to snorkel, swim, and dive. With less than 1% of Dry Tortugas being dry ground, the best way to explore is by getting in the water.



Camping

Camping is available at the Garden Key and is an incredible experience. The campsite is remote and campers must come prepared. The campsites have picnic tables and grills, campers must bring all other necessary supplies, like a tent, fresh water, fuel, and food.



Pet-friendly

Pets can brought to Dry Tortugas with you. Pets are permitted on Garden Key, but not inside Fort Jefferson or any of the other keys. Pets must be on a leash and under physical control at all times. Their waste must be removed by the owner from the park.

Activities

70 miles west of the Key West is where Dry Tortuga National Park lies. The park is rich in significant natural and cultural resources. Not only are there dramatic landscapes and the historical Fort Jefferson, but also underwater adventures such as coral reefs and shipwrecks. The 100-square mile park is mainly open water and consists of seven small islands. There are activities for everyone, ranging from tours to paddlesports to geocaching.

Getting to and around Dry Tortugas can be difficult so it is important to plan ahead. The five primary ways to get to the park are by bringing your own boat, charters, ferry, or seaplane. The Ferry and Seaplanes are modes of public transportation and depart to the park from Key West. Visitors are dropped off at Garden Key and to get around the rest of the park, visitors must have their own mode of transportation.

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Mesa Verde

National Park
Mesa Verde, CO

About

Mesa Verde National Park was established in 1906 by President Theodore Roosevelt. Spanish for green table, the Park was established to preserve archaeological sites built by Ancestral Puebloans who lived there from 550 to 1300 AD. Mesa Verde is rich with archaeological sites, there are over 4,700 within the park! 600 of those are cliff dwelling and mesa top sites of pit houses, pueblos, masonry towers, and farming structures. Even though Mesa Verde is most well-known for the cliff dwellings, for the first six centuries, people primarily lived on the mesa tops. It was not until the final 75 to 100 years that they created and lived in the cliff dwellings.

At Mesa Verde National Park, you can get a look into the lives of the Ancestral Pueblos. For over 700 years, they made Mesa Verde their home and flourished in the region. They built elaborate stone communities in the canyon walls.



Hiking

Hiking is only permitted around developed areas and on designated trails in Mesa Verde. There are a number of trails from which to choose, with a wide range of difficulty and length. Visit the Visitor and Research Center when you arrive for more information.



Camping

Camping is available from April to October at Morefield Campground and Village. With over 260 sites, there is plenty of room. Each site has a table, bench, and grill. Camping is open to tents, trailers and RVs, including 15 full hookup RV sites that require reservations.



Bird Watching

There are several distinct habitats within the park. What types of birds you see, depends on what habitat you are in. A brochure, *Checklist of the Birds* is available to purchase at the Visitor and Research Center. Visit the park during the spring to see the most bird species at the park.

Activities

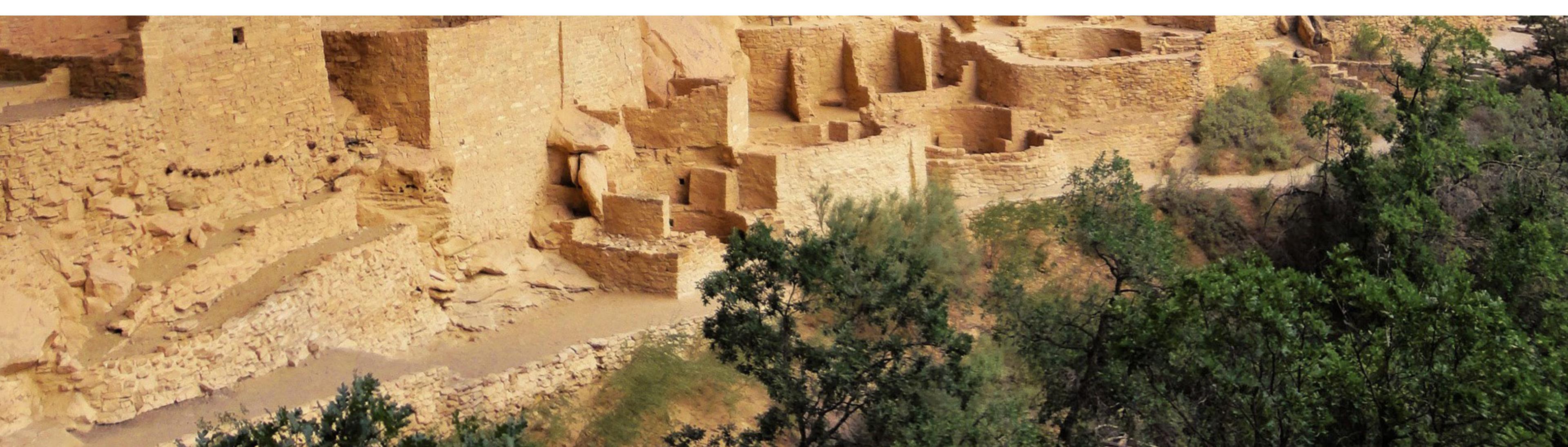
You should plan to spend at least four hours at Mesa Verde. It takes about two hours to drive in and out of the park. You first stop should always be at the Mesa Verde Visitor and Research Center for information and orientation. Depending on how much time you have, the are various activities to do. Activities include the Chapin Mesa Archeological Museum, Spruce Tree House, and the Cliff Palace. Make sure to buy any tickets necessary at the Visitor and Research Center before heading to the specified location.

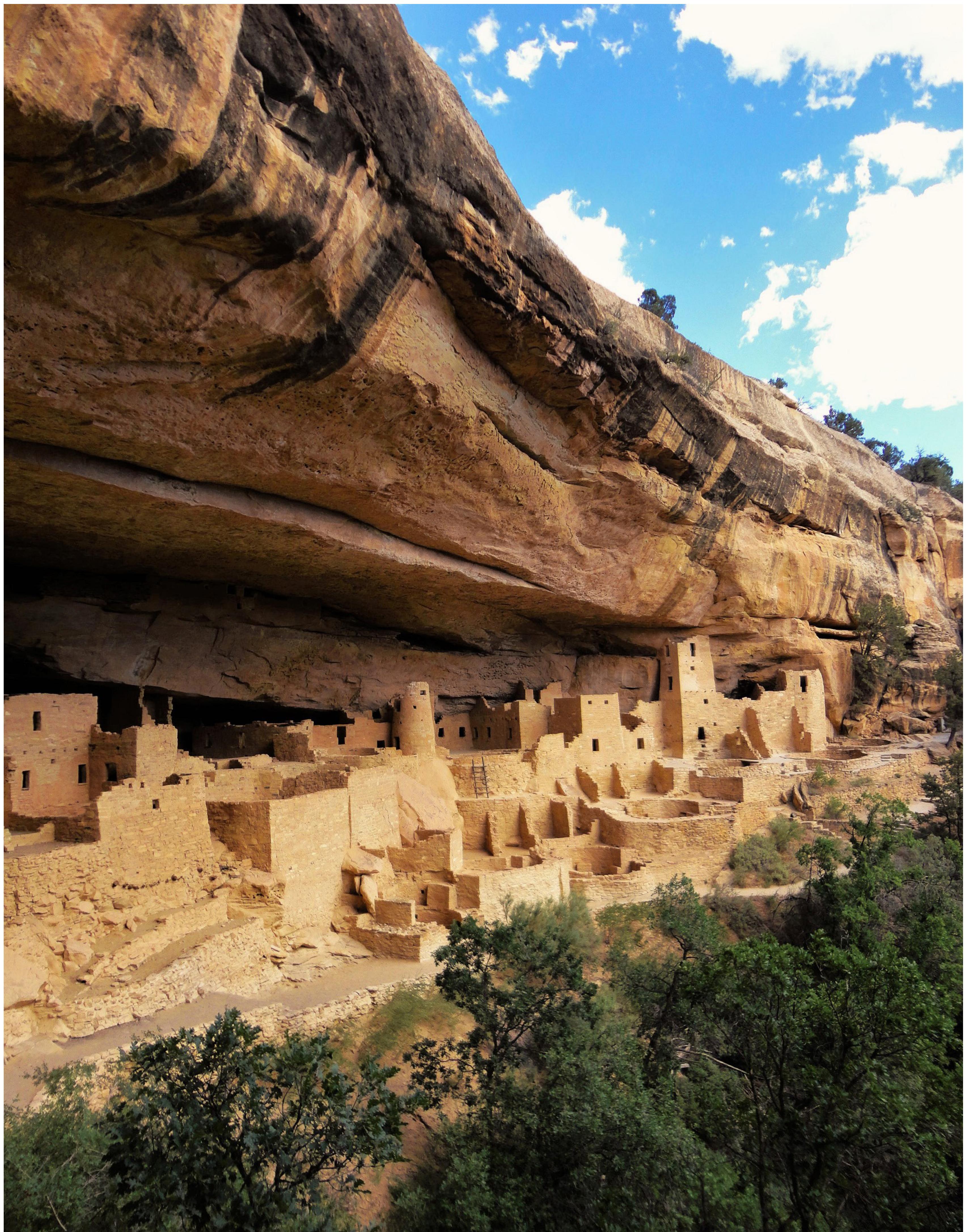
Several different guided tours are available, as well as the ability to explore on your own. Mesa Verde provides opportunities for hiking, camping, and bird watching, which are highlighted to the left. Visitors can also attend lecture series, observe wildlife, or just take in the beautiful geological views. No matter your interests, there are activities for everyone.

Visitor Information
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