NPS History Collection



Making Headlines!

Draw a line to match the year with the headlines about NPS women. Check your answers on the second page!

1. Beauty in the Bus!	1922
2. Yellowstone Women Are Stopping Traffic!	1957
3. She Steers Dudes Over Yellowstone	1918
Girl Ranger Named Aide to Woman Governor	1970
Modern Woman Invades Another Field of Activ- ity — Enlists Sympathy	1970
You Must Have Been A Beautiful Ranger	1921
7. Women Wearing Stetsons End 'Male Monopoly'	1925
8. WHO'LL TRADE JOBS WITH HER?	1971
9. Women Invade Man's Domain Again-As Park Rangers	1973

Check Your Answers

1 The answer is 1970

This headline, "Beauty in the Bus!" appeared in the August 1970 issue of *Courier*. It features Janet McMahon, one of two women bus drivers in National Capital Parks. As she explained it, "There weren't enough guys to drive the buses, so we volunteered."

2. The answer is 1971

The "Yellowstone Women Are Stopping Traffic!" headline came from the October 1971 issue of the *National Park Courier*. The article covers the ways in which Yellowstone was expanding the roles of women, including work like directing traffic on construction projects.

The answer is 1921

Published in the *Tampa Times* on July 27, 1921, "She Steers Dudes Over Yellowstone" is the headline about an short article featuring Marguerite "Peg" Lindsley Arnold. It describes her as the "first honest-to-goodness girl ranger." While not true, it made for a a good story!

⚠ The answer is 1925

The "Girl Ranger Named Aide to Woman Governor" article was published in The Salt Lake Tribune after Frieda B. Nelson "girl rangers" was assigned to assist Montana Governor Nellie Ross of Montana at the official opening of Yellowstone National Park for the 1925 season.

The answer is 1922

This is actually part of a sub-headline reads in full: "Modern Woman Invades Another Field of Activity--Enlists Sympathy in Her Work by Her Wonderful Personality." The headline is "Mrs. Michael, 'Flower Ranger' of Yosemite" would have given too much away! The September 23, 1922 article from the *Stockton Record* profiled Ranger Enid Michael.

6 The answer is 1970

This headline comes from the April 2, 1970 issue of the *NPS Newsletter*. The whole title read "You Must Have Been A Beautiful Ranger... 'Cause Lady, Look at You Now!" The nonsensical headline was for an article launching a new women's ranger. It includes a 1926 photo Frieda B. Nelson in uniform. Instead of using her name, it refers to her as a "Lady Ranger."

7 The answer is 1973

This headline comes from an August 1973 issue of the *National Park Courier*. In the article, the author writes "Not many years ago, the sight of a woman wearing the traditional park ranger's hat caused comment," but that "the men of the Yellowstone staff seem to like this invasion."

8 The answer is 1918

The headline "Who'll Trade Jobs with Her?" comes from an August 17, 1918, article in the *Reno Gazette-Jounal*. It was published with a photo of Clare Marie Hodges and her horse. Hodges was the first women hired as a park ranger. It is both condescending in tone and incorrect in facts. The author suggests "She has nothing to do except wear her khaki riding habit..." Hodges was described as the "lone woman Government forest ranger in Yosemite Park." From the beginning they couldn't get the difference between park rand forest rangers!

9 The answer is 1957

This headline, "Women Invade Man's Domain Again--As Park Rangers" was first published in The Miami Herald on August 26, 1957. It profiles Nancy Larson and Nancy Van Meter, two ranger-naturalists at Everglades National Park. The article opens with the statement, "Women--the maddeningly efficient critters--have crashed still another field that men long thought they had cornered."