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Rocky Mountain National Park Facts

ESTABLISHED The Park was the 10th national park in the system, approved by Congress

on January 26, 1915. It is one of 51 national parks in the country.

SIZE 265,726 acres, about one-ninth the size of Yellowstone; 415 square miles

The Park features over 300 miles of hiking trails.

ELEVATION Park Headquarters at the Beaver Meadows entrance is at 7,800 feet. Longs

Peak, the tallest mountain in the park, is 14,259 feet above sea level.

VISITORS Each year about 3 million people visit the park, a figure similar to that

recorded by Yellowstone National Park.

CAMPING There are five established campgrounds in the Park, including Aspenglen,

Longs Peak, Timber Creek, Glacier Basin, Moraine Park with group facilities at Glacier Basin campground. Backcountry camping is also allowed with permits in a variety of sites: designated sites, stock sites, crosscountry

areas, bivouac areas and winter areas...

OLD FALL RIVER ROAD This one-way, uphill-only route (about ten miles) to the top of Trail Ridge

Road opened September 14, 1920. Entrance to Old Fall River Road is easiest from the northern Fall River entrance station. Because of the steep grades and switchbacks, it is not open to trailers or mobile homes and the road is open only during the summer months, usually early July through late

September.

TRAIL RIDGE ROAD The highest, continuous paved highway in the United States crosses the

Continental Divide. Open from Memorial Day through mid-October (weather permitting) the 45-mile route connects the western entrance town of Grand Lake with Estes Park. At its highest point, the road is 12,183 feet above sea

level, 11 miles of the route are above timberline.

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