Nature-Lovers Rejoice - Four Underrated National Parks Worth Seeing

In the United States, there are 63 national parks. Yet, the large majority of people are aware of the big-name parks, such as Yellowstone, Yosemite, and the Grand Canyon. While visiting these parks delights tourists with fantastic views and unique experiences, there are a lot of other national parks worth visiting. Below are just a few of the country's most under-rated national parks that nature-lovers must visit:

- Lassen Volcanic National Park

Hidden away in Northern California, Lassen Volcanic National Park loses visitors to iconic national parks in the state, including Joshua Tree and Yosemite. However, this park features bubbling mud pots, royal-blue lakes, and hot springs, similar to Yellowstone. Such features are the result of the park's volcanic nature.

- Congaree National Park

With the country's largest old-growth bottomland tract, Congaree National Park covers 26,000 acres of land between Redwood and Everglades. The park appears like a large swamp and carries important nutrients to huge trees via the Congaree River. Several trails wind through the area, as well, including the Boardwalk Loop Trail, a walk through densely-packed, high-canopy forests.

- Voyageurs National Park

The perfect destination for water-enthusiasts, Voyageurs National Park houses plenty of interconnected waterways that are ideal for canoeing and kayaking. Beyond, the park has loads of awe-inspiring forests similar to the natural wonders found in Norway. Despite being close enough to Minneapolis for a weekend trip, the park gets maybe 300,000 visitors a year.

- Big Bend National Park

Franklin D. Roosevelt founded Big Bend in the 1930s as Texas' first national park. Complete with the Chisos Mountains, limestone cliffs, and plenty of cacti, the park is suitable for round-year visits. It is exceedingly diverse in terms of flora, serving as the home of 75 species of mammals and 450 species of birds. The Rio Grande also carves its way through the 800,00-acre park.

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