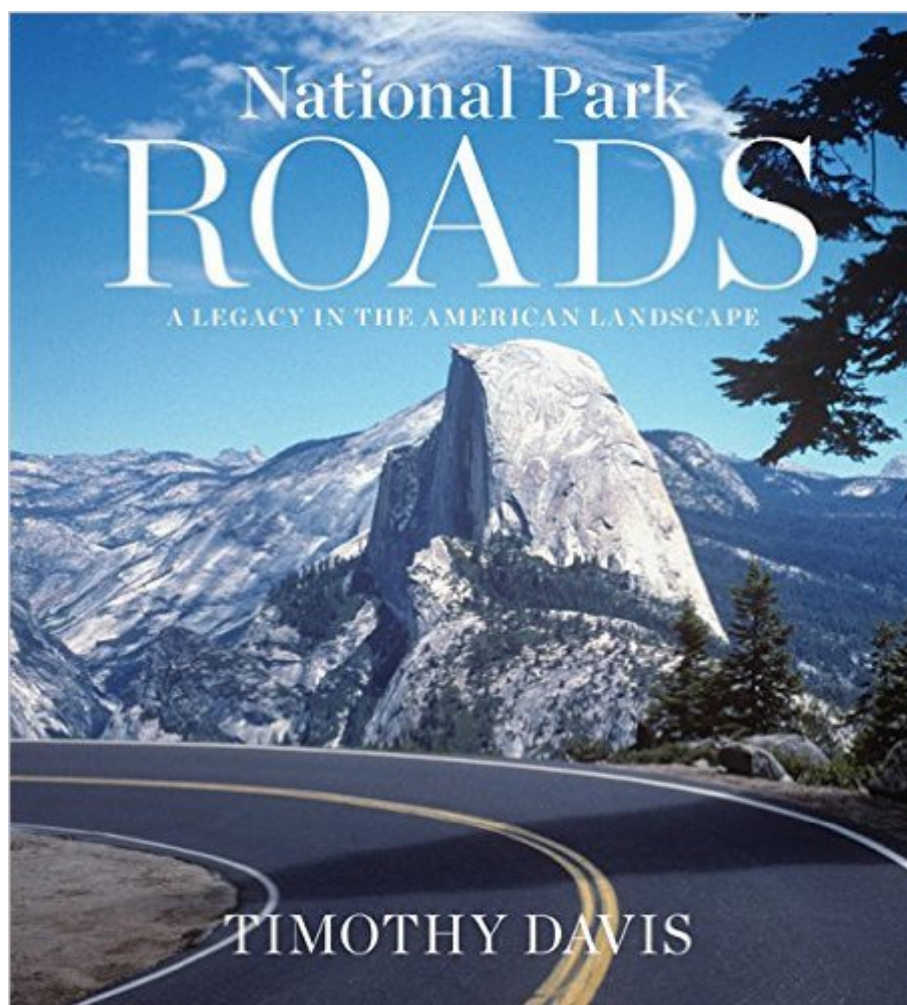


The book was found

National Park Roads: A Legacy In The American Landscape



Synopsis

From Acadia and Great Smoky Mountains to Zion and Mount Rainier, millions of visitors tour America's national parks. While park roads determine what most visitors see and how they see it, however, few pause to consider when, why, or how the roads they travel on were built. In this extensively researched and richly illustrated book, national parks historian Timothy Davis highlights the unique qualities of park roads, details the factors influencing their design and development, and examines their role in shaping the national park experience—from the Blue Ridge Parkway and Skyline Drive to Glacier National Park's Going-to-the-Sun Road, Yellowstone's Grand Loop, Yosemite's Tioga Road, and scores of other scenic drives. Decisions about park road development epitomize the central challenge of park management: balancing preservation and access in America's most treasured landscapes. Park roads have been celebrated as technical and aesthetic masterpieces, hailed as democratizing influences, and vilified for invading pristine wilderness with the sights, sounds, and smells of civilization. Davis's recounting of efforts to balance the interests of motorists, wilderness advocates, highway engineers, and other stakeholders offers a fresh perspective on national park history while providing insights into evolving ideas about the role of nature, recreation, and technology in American society. Tales of strong personalities, imposing challenges, resounding controversies, and remarkable achievements enliven this rich and compelling narrative. Key players include many of the most important figures of conservation history—John Muir, Frederick Law Olmsted, wilderness advocates Aldo Leopold, Bob Marshall, and Ansel Adams, and NPS directors Stephen Mather and Horace Albright among them. An engrossing history, *National Park Roads* will be of interest to national park enthusiasts, academics, design professionals, resource managers, and readers concerned with the past, present, and future of this quintessentially American legacy. As the National Park Service celebrates its centennial, this book offers a fascinating and illuminating account of the agency's impact on American lives and landscapes.

Book Information

Hardcover: 344 pages

Publisher: University of Virginia Press (August 19, 2016)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0813937760

ISBN-13: 978-0813937762

Product Dimensions: 11.3 x 0.9 x 12.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 4.8 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 5.0 out of 5 stars Â Â See all reviews Â (1 customer review)

Best Sellers Rank: #36,489 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #6 in Â Books > Engineering & Transportation > Engineering > Civil & Environmental > Highway & Traffic #7 in Â Books > Arts & Photography > Architecture > Landscape #24 in Â Books > Travel > Food, Lodging & Transportation > Road Travel

Customer Reviews

The history of gaining access to our National Parks

[Download to continue reading...](#)

National Park Roads: A Legacy in the American Landscape
Acadia: The Complete Guide: Acadia National Park & Mount Desert Island (Acadia the Complete Guide Mount Desert Island & Acadia National Park)
Arches National Park - A Photographer's Site Shooting Guide I (Arches National Park - A Photographer's Site Shooting Guide 1)
National Geographic Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks Road Guide: The Essential Guide for Motorists (National Park Road Guide)
Great Basin National Park: A Guide to the Park and Surrounding Area
Hiking Acadia National Park: A Guide To The Park's Greatest Hiking Adventures (Regional Hiking Series)
National Geographic Guide to National Parks of the United States, 8th Edition (National Geographic Guide to the National Parks of the United States)
Central Park, An American Masterpiece: A Comprehensive History of the Nation's First Urban Park
The Best Planned City in the World: Olmsted, Vaux, and the Buffalo Park System (Designing the American Park)
Yosemite National Park (National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map)
Shenandoah National Park (National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map)
Glacier National Park: Adventure, Explore, Discover (America's National Parks)
Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park: Adventure, Explore, Discover (America's National Parks)
Yellowstone National Park (National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map)
Grand Teton National Park (National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map)
Zion National Park (National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map)
Death Valley National Park (National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map)
The Big Roads: The Untold Story of the Engineers, Visionaries, and Trailblazers Who Created the American Superhighways
Jonathan Park Volume IX: The Whispering Sphinx (Jonathan Park Radio Drama) (MP3)
Jonathan Park: The Copper Scroll (Jonathan Park Radio Drama)

[Dmca](#)