

# NATIONAL PARKS



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## *About this Folio*

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Wallace Stegner once said, “*National parks are the best idea we ever had. Absolutely American, absolutely democratic, they reflect us at our best rather than our worst.*”

Although this statement still stands today, a lot has changed since Wallace Stegner’s time. Today our parks have become mere islands in an ever-encroaching sea of humanity and development. Every year nearly every park breaks the previous year’s record of visitation. Traffic jams are an everyday occurrence and popular viewpoints are like a concert mosh pit. Increasingly reservations are required months in advance for everything from campsites to hiking permits, and sometimes even just entering a park. Park administrators and rangers are constantly balancing the impossible task of preserving the nature of parks while also providing visitors with access to their national heritage.

The advent of social media and the resulting tsunami of visitors has pushed our parks to nearly the breaking point. And yes, I cannot ignore the fact that photographers like me are definitely not making the situation any easier. However, it has always been my stance that along with photographing the beauty of our parks and wilderness areas comes a heavy responsibility. And that is, among others, to prioritize preserving nature over my photography, use discretion when sharing images, and help educate others on how to reduce their impact while in the parks.

Therefore, this folio of twelve images from several of our national parks is meant to be more than just a collection of pretty pictures. It is my sincere hope that these images will inspire viewers to realize a deeper appreciation, care, and concern not just for our national parks, but our entire world.

We all can help make a difference, please take a few moments to check out the websites below where you can learn more about how to visit and photograph our parks responsibly, and how to spread the word. Your children and future generations will thank you.

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## *List of Images*



Grand Teton National Park, *Grand Teton*

Grand Teton National Park, *Oxbow Bend*

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Mount Rainier National Park, *Reflection Lake Wildflowers*

Olympic National Park, *Second Beach*

Olympic National Park, *Rialto Beach*

North Cascades National Park, *Diablo Lake*

Yellowstone National Park, *Mammoth Hot Springs*

Glacier National Park, *Lake McDonald*

Zion National Park, *The Subway*

Crater Lake National Park, *Wizard Island*

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## *Artist Statement and Bio*



I'm Alan Majchrowicz a photographer specializing in landscape and nature imagery. My intense passion for our natural world has led me on a lifelong journey to explore and photograph all aspects of our natural environment. With my camera, I actively search out subject matter that evokes the awesome beauty and ever-changing moods of our natural world, whether it be classic grand vistas, or the smallest details of a plant or rock.

Throughout this journey, I strive to record moments in which I feel an overwhelming connection with the natural world. For me, having that intimate connection with the subject is an essential element that gives an image greater depth and meaning. I believe that only through this understanding can I create images that speak to the viewer, helping to bring a deeper appreciation of the world we are all a part of.

My fine art prints have been purchased by individual art lovers, interior designers, and corporate art buyers. They are displayed throughout the world in healthcare facilities, hospitality, corporate offices, and residential venues. My images have also been widely published throughout the world. They have been used in advertising campaigns, product design, tourism brochures, books, magazines, and calendars. Some of my clients include: *National Geographic, Apple Computer, Patagonia, Sierra Club, Audubon, Inner Reflections, BrownTrout*, and many more.



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