

INSIDE AMERICA'S NATIONAL PARKS

October through December 2003, "Inside America's National Parks" airs Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. ET on ESPN2

"Inside America's National Parks" takes hosts Drue Kerns and Mike Atwell off the beaten path and into the heart of America's most beloved National Parks in search of a pure outdoor experience: "Take only photographs, leave only footprints".

America's National Parks serve up timeless beauty, historical triumphs, and those dedicated to keeping our wildlife and natural resources safe for generations to come. From the geological masterpiece of Yellowstone National Park to the natural phenomenon of Crater Lake and on to the marine dynasty of Biscayne National Park in the Caribbean waters, one thing holds true: these gifts have stories to tell.



Mike Atwell (left) and Drue Kerns

TV Schedule

October 4 — Yellowstone NP - Wyoming/Montana

Join brand new hosts Drue Kerns & Mike Atwell as they launch "Inside America's National Parks" second year with a trip to America's favorite national park, Yellowstone. The backcountry of Yellowstone is home to many forms of wildlife, but most well known being the park's Grizzly Bears and Yellowstone's own unique species of cutthroat trout. Join Drue & Mike as they backpack into trout filled Grebe Lake for some great float tube fly-fishing. Also, learn about how to safely camp in Grizzly Country as well as some of the latest techniques in tracking and learning about Grizzly Bear behavior.

Travel Montana
800- VISIT-MT
www.visitmt.com

Holiday Inn Bozeman
800-366-5101
www.hibozeman.com

October 11 — Black Canyon of the Gunnison NP - Colorado

Join Mike & Drue as they raft the famous Black Canyon of the Gunnison in Southwest Colorado. June brings the world-famous stone fly hatch and some of the best fly-fishing for rainbows that anyone can imagine. Enjoy the spectacular canyon and river scenery as our hosts pull out some monster trout! Bill Dvoraks Kayak & Rafting Expeditions

800-842-3795
www.dvorakexpeditions.com

Best Western Red Arrow
800-468-9323
www.bestwestern.com/redarrow

Montrose Convention & Visitors Bureau
800-873-0244
www.visitmontrose.net

October 18 — Rocky Mountain NP - Colorado

The freestone streams and rivers that flow off the 14, 000 foot peaks of Northern Colorado's Rocky Mountains run clear and cold and also harbor some feisty trout. This week, Drue and Mike hike into the alpine splendor of Rocky Mountain National Park in search of some of these local inhabitants. Also, learn how local volunteers help the Park Service protect the Park's healthy herds of Bighorn Sheep and Rocky Mountain Elk.

Aspen Lodge
800-332-6867
www.aspenlodge.net

Rocky Mountain Anglers
303-447-2400
www.rockymtnanglers.com

October 25 — Kings Canyon NP - California

Kings Canyon National Park is nestled in the high peaks of California's massive Sierra Nevada mountain range. Knowing that 90% of this Park is considered backcountry, our Host's Drue & Mike hired some pack horses for a three day fly-fishing safari into the headwaters of the mighty San Joaquin River. Sample some of the regions famous golden trout as well as the stellar alpine beauty of this incredible national park.

High Sierra Pack Station
559-299-8297
www.monohot springs.com/horse.html

November 1 — Yosemite NP - California

California's most famous National Park still holds some secrets in its vast and remote interior. Mike & Drue hike into the wilderness of the Lyell Fork River to test their angling skills on the cagey rainbow trout that inhabit the Tuolumne region of Yosemite. Later, learn about one of the modern masters of Yosemite photography, Howard Weamer.

Howard Weamer Photography
925-284-4470
www.weamerphotography.com

November 8 — Wrangell - St. Elias NP (Part 1 of 2) - Alaska

America's largest National Park is Alaska's Wrangell-St.Elias NP. With 13 million acres of mountains, meadows, forests and glaciers, you could fit 6 Yellowstone's into this one gigantic park. Follow Mike & Drue as they head into the remote "outpost" of McCarthy, located at the end of a 90 mile dirt road in the center of this great park, to learn a bit about the mining history and to sample some of the local glaciers ice climbing. Then follow the glaciers runoff "downhill" as it forms the headwaters of Alaska's great Copper River.

Contact the Alaska Travel Industry Association for information on tourism opportunities at Wrangell-St. Elias National Parks at www.travelalaska.com.

Wrangell Mountain Air
907-554-4411
www.wrangellmountainair.com

Copper River Princess Wilderness Lodge
800-426-0500
www.princesslodges.com/copper_river_lodge.htm

Chitina Native Corp./ Joe Hart Fishing Trips
907-823-2223

November 8 — Wrangell-St.Elias NP (Part 2)

Drue and Mike return to America's largest National Park, Alaska's Wrangell-St.Elias. Following the great Copper River from its glacial headwaters near McCarthy our hosts travel beyond the ice and silt and enter into the crystal clear water of the Copper's prime fishing grounds. Native Alaskan Chitna tribe member and fishing guide Joe Hart introduces our hosts to one of his favorite local fishing spots, Pippin Lake, for some fast action rainbow angling. Later, learn from Joe the century old subsistence salmon fishing method of using Fish wheels on the Copper River.

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McCarthy Lodge