





California

Thunderous waterfalls, glacier-carved valleys and the world's tallest, biggest and oldest trees are just some of the natural wonders that California offers.

This is a state that has it all: the highest peak in the Lower 48, Mt Whitney, tumbles all the way down to Badwater Basin, the nation's lowest point below sea level. The arid expanses of the Mojave Desert reach almost to the underwater kelp forests of the Pacific, while mighty redwoods line the northern coast.

Throw in all the ecosystems in between, and it's no surprise that California has more national parks than anywhere else in the United States. Yosemite and Sequoia became the state's first in 1890, and today there are seven more: Kings Canyon, Death Valley, Joshua Tree, Channel Islands, Redwood, Lassen Volcanic and Pinnacles.