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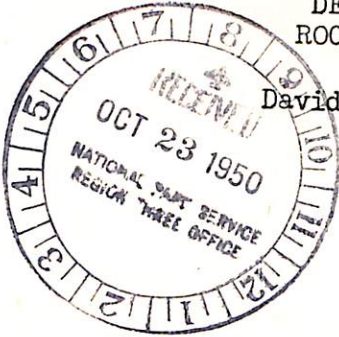
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Estes Park, Colorado  
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### 1950 TRAVEL SUMMARY

The total travel through Rocky Mountain National Park during the 1950 travel year established a new all-time record of 1,265,988 visitors, Superintendent David H. Canfield reported today. This figure represents an increase of 11.2 percent over the 1949 travel year of 1,138,162 persons.

During the period October 1, 1949 to September 30, 1950, which constituted the 1950 travel year, the 1,265,988 visitors arrived in 352,463 cars and came from every state in the Union, 3 United States possessions, and 25 foreign countries. Travel from Colorado represented 28 percent of the total, and following Colorado in the order of number of visitors were Illinois, Nebraska, Texas, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri and California. The smallest number of visitors came from Vermont. Visitors from United States possessions and foreign countries were from Puerto Rico, Guam, the Canal Zone, Alaska, Hawaii, Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, Cuba, Denmark, France, Germany, Holland, Honduras, Italy, Japan, Liberia, Mexico, Nova Scotia, Norway, Newfoundland, Peru, Palestine, Philippine Islands, Persia, Russia, Saipan, Sweden, Venezuela, and the West Indies.

The six public campgrounds in Rocky Mountain National Park received a total of 46,186 camper days of use, and showed a decrease of 34 percent over the 1949 travel year. Visitor day use of hotels, lodges, and cabins in the park showed a 3 percent decrease over the same period. The decreases in camper days and paid facilities together with the fact that the total visitor day use figure is only 7 percent above last year indicates that visitors were spending less time in the park and that large numbers must have been "just passing through".

In addition to exceeding the total travel for any preceding year, a similar record was shattered for single month travel, with the month of August, 1950 showing a total travel of 414,027 persons as compared with 403,528 persons for August, 1949. The greatest travel for any single day occurred on August 13 when 18,811 persons entered the park. The previous record of 19,718 visitors on August 7, 1949 still stands however.

## 1950 ANNUAL TRAVEL REPORT

STATES	CARS	VISITORS
Alabama	552	1,583
Arizona	1,733	6,225
Arkansas	858	3,081
California	16,190	58,147
Colorado	99,777	358,352
Connecticut	650	2,333
Delaware	210	754
D. of Columbia	512	1,838
Florida	1,442	5,178
Georgia	474	1,704
Idaho	828	2,973
Illinois	41,173	147,879
Indiana	9,113	32,729
Iowa	22,219	79,801
Kansas	23,262	83,550
Kentucky	1,094	3,931
Louisiana	2,067	7,424
Maine	118	425
Maryland	719	2,581
Massachusetts	946	3,397
Michigan	8,129	29,198
Minnesota	5,247	18,846
Mississippi	1,152	4,137
Missouri	18,434	66,208
Montana	719	2,584
Nebraska	23,986	86,147
Nevada	612	2,199
New Hampshire	135	484
New Jersey	2,117	7,604
New Mexico	1,410	5,065
New York	5,343	19,191
North Carolina	347	1,247
North Dakota	490	1,759
Ohio	9,430	33,868
Oklahoma	6,188	22,225
Oregon	1,084	3,893
Pennsylvania	3,350	12,033
Rhode Island	302	1,084
South Carolina	187	673
South Dakota	1,300	4,667
Tennessee	823	2,957
Texas	23,408	84,073
Utah	1,564	5,617
Vermont	67	242
Virginia	629	2,259
Washington	1,432	5,142
West Virginia	416	1,495
Wisconsin	5,855	21,030
Wyoming	4,043	14,522
Possessions and Foreign Countries	327	1,254
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>352,463</b>	<b>1,265,988</b>

### GREATEST SINGLE DAY'S TRAVEL

	Cars	Visitors
August 13, 1950	5,315	18,811
August 7, 1949	5,102	19,718
August 8, 1948	4,322	16,618
August 10, 1947	3,749	14,303
August 18, 1946	3,598	13,720
September 2, 1945	2,289	8,832
August 13, 1944	1,141	4,890
July 4, 1943	751	3,210
July 4, 1942	2,013	7,374
August 10, 1941	3,633	14,401
August 11, 1940	3,251	11,947

### 1950 TRAVEL BY MONTHS

Month	Cars	Visitors
October	9,515	33,401
November	4,583	16,040
December	2,431	8,729
January	1,730	6,845
February	2,926	11,554
March	3,143	12,347
April	4,345	17,155
May	11,099	39,438
June	52,223	186,888
July	103,695	372,206
August	115,173	414,027
September	41,600	147,358

### TRAVEL BY YEARS

Year	Cars	Visitors
1950	352,463	1,265,988
1949	314,841	1,138,162
1948	288,748	1,032,755
1947	251,500	898,097
1946	224,215	808,115
1945	90,628	339,928
1944	55,222	204,253
1943	32,400	130,188
1942	109,191	392,565
1941	202,758	685,393
1940	183,658	627,847
1939	183,356	609,029
1938	203,553	659,802
1937	185,605	651,899
1936	161,457	550,496
1935	111,485	367,568
1934	109,642	365,772
1933	60,317	205,742
1932	81,359	282,980
1931	75,429	265,663
1930	73,101	255,874



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1952 Travel Summary

Travel into Rocky Mountain National Park during the 1952 travel year broke all previous records David H. Canfield, Superintendent, announced today. A total of 1,338,511 people entered the Park this year.

The unprecedented heavy visitation exceeded the record set in 1950 by 72,523 persons and was 11.49% higher than last year's figure of 1,200,493 visitors.

During the period October 1, 1951 to September 30, 1952, which constituted the 1952 travel year, the large number of visitors arrived in 368,297 cars and came from every state in the Union, two United States possessions, and 24 foreign countries. Travel from Colorado represented 40% of the total number of visitors and following Colorado in the order of number of visitors were: Illinois, Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, California, Oklahoma, Ohio and Michigan. The smallest number of visitors came from Maine. Visitors from United States Possessions and foreign countries were from Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, Denmark, England, France, Egypt, Germany, Holland, India, Israel, Japan, Latvia, Mexico, Panama, Scotland, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and Venezuela.

Campground use in Rocky Mountain National Park increased 80.48% over the 1951 travel year and 104.58% over 1950. The six public campgrounds in the Park were crowded to overflowing during July, August, and the first part of September, severely taxing the available facilities. The fact that more and more people utilize campgrounds on their vacations might reflect an effort to economize or it might mean that more people are realizing what the National Parks have to offer as recreation areas.

The greatest single day's travel during the year occurred on July 4 when 19,961 people entered the Park. The previous record of 19,718 visitors was established on August 7, 1949.

Use of the Naturalist program was heavy during the season. Museum exhibits were studied by 117,792 visitors and roadside displays were viewed by 142,985. Three hundred twenty-seven Naturalist field trips were given to 10,039 travelers and 228 evening talks received an attendance of 27,891 persons.

The heavy summer visitation to the Park began on May 30 this year when the Trail Ridge Road was opened to travel. This road, highest continuous highway in the United States, normally is closed by snow from approximately October 15 to the first of June. The scenic Old Fall River Road was open for "up" travel only from July 1 throughout the season.

There were no fatal accidents in the Park this year though two people died of heart attacks within the Park. Mountaineering accidents were at a minimum again this season. Most of the accidents in this category were caused by people sliding down snowbanks and piling into rocks below.

The Trail Ridge Road will remain open until snow makes it impassable. About December 1 the road will be plowed open on weekends to the Upper Hidden Valley Ski Area on the eastern side of the Park to permit use of this area.

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# 1952 ANNUAL TRAVEL REPORT

STATES	CARS	VISITORS	GREATEST SINGLE DAY'S TRAVEL		
				Cars	Visitors
Alabama	409	1,442	July 4, 1952	5,659	19,961
Arizona	1,375	4,849	July 22, 1951	4,750	16,730
Arkansas	943	3,325	August 13, 1950	5,315	18,811
California	12,462	43,936	August 7, 1949	5,102	19,718
Colorado	148,772	530,561	August 8, 1948	4,322	16,618
Connecticut	614	2,174	August 10, 1947	3,749	14,303
Delaware	156	549	August 18, 1946	3,596	13,720
D. of Columbia	384	1,354	September 2, 1945	2,289	8,832
Florida	1,591	5,600	August 13, 1944	1,141	4,890
Georgia	452	1,572	July 4, 1943	751	3,210
Idaho	636	2,241	July 4, 1942	2,013	7,374
Illinois	32,801	115,647			
Indiana	4,984	17,808			
Iowa	18,563	65,449			
Kansas	23,104	81,457			
Kentucky	792	2,793	October	6,891	23,486
Louisiana	1,926	6,791	November	1,072	3,752
Maine	90	317	December	1,484	5,452
Maryland	761	2,683	January	1,730	6,272
Massachusetts	902	3,182	February	2,268	8,461
Michigan	6,864	24,198	March	2,133	7,944
Minnesota	4,371	15,409	April	4,568	15,683
Mississippi	557	1,962	May	11,635	39,563
Missouri	16,017	56,470	June	63,727	226,025
Montana	674	2,376	July	101,405	388,825
Nebraska	21,713	76,553	August	123,147	462,701
Nevada	312	1,097	September	42,730	150,347
New Hampshire	134	470			
New Jersey	1,662	5,861			
New Mexico	1,507	5,213			
New York	4,042	14,251	1952	368,297	1,338,511
North Carolina	279	984	1951	332,736	1,200,493
North Dakota	454	1,601	1950	352,463	1,265,988
Ohio	6,976	24,597	1949	314,841	1,138,162
Oklahoma	7,556	26,640	1948	288,748	1,032,755
Oregon	937	3,304	1947	251,500	898,097
Pennsylvania	2,637	9,298	1946	224,215	808,115
Rhode Island	127	449	1945	90,628	339,928
South Carolina	149	562	1944	55,222	204,253
South Dakota	1,211	4,270	1943	32,400	130,188
Tennessee	895	3,153	1942	109,191	392,565
Texas	24,876	87,704	1941	202,758	685,393
Utah	1,204	4,243	1940	183,658	627,847
Vermont	120	423	1939	183,356	609,029
Virginia	698	2,460	1938	203,553	659,802
Washington	1,041	3,671	1937	185,605	651,899
West Virginia	271	957	1936	161,457	550,496
Wisconsin	4,819	16,991	1935	111,485	367,568
Wyoming	3,253	11,470	1934	109,642	365,392
Foreign Countries and Possessions	1,214	4,280	1933	60,317	205,742
			1932	81,359	282,980
Total	368,297	1,304,767			
Misc. Visitors		33,744			
TOTAL		1,338,511			

## 1952 TRAVEL BY MONTHS

## TRAVEL BY YEARS