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Our national parks can't be beat. But they are among many American treasures—forests, seashores, scenic rivers and historic sites—with so much to offer. Grab your best adventure gear and go exploring with our field guide to U.S. public lands. —*Lisa A. Beach*



Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve, Idaho

Created by volcanic eruption as recently as 2,000 years ago, this internationally designated Dark Sky Park (meaning its starry nights are exceptional) rests on lava fields and boasts 360-degree stargazing views. Climb up cinder cones, explore underground caves (also known as lava tubes) or peek inside mini volcanoes.



Kenai Fjords National Park, Alaska

Hop aboard a boat tour and traverse the fjords and waterways to spot humpback whales, sea otters, puffins and peregrine falcons. Because ice covers more than half of this park (including Harding Icefield, home to 38 towering glaciers), ice climbing and dog sledding are available.



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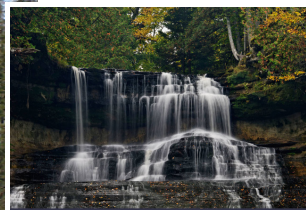
Canyonlands National Park, Utah

Go four-wheel driving in the Mineral Bottom Recreation Site for remarkable canyon views and winding steep switchbacks or bring your kayak for paddling in the Green River. Fancy activities like canyoneering, rappelling, hot air balloon rides or tandem base jumping? They've got those too.



Canaveral National Seashore, Florida

Fly-fish in Mosquito Lagoon, meander along Black Point Wildlife Drive for loggerhead sea turtle and manatee sightings or take hiking trails out to the 50-foot Turtle Mound, a shell midden made up of 1.5 million bushels of oyster shells.



Hiawatha National Forest, Michigan

This Upper Peninsula spot delivers wildlife, lakes, beaches, waterfalls and the Point Iroquois Lighthouse, which towers above Lake Superior. Walk the two-mile Au Train Songbird Trail to hear a woodland concert of chickadees and nuthatches and be sure to stop for the breathtaking overlooks of Grand Island and the cascading Laughing Whitefish Falls.

Books We Love

YOUR AUGUST READING LIST

Sandra Brown gives us romance, suspense and 1920s Prohibition-era Texas in

The Blind Tiger

(Aug. 3, Grand Central), about a woman's entry into the underground world of moonshining and a WWI veteran who becomes the prime suspect of a local woman's murder. **\$28**



What happens when a destination wedding goes wrong?

Sandie Jones' **The Guilt Trip**

(Aug. 3, Minotaur) welcomes you to the sunny coast of Portugal, where six friends learn that everyone has something to hide. **\$28**



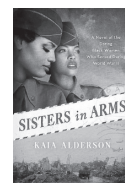
An Irish-Catholic family is torn apart by secrets in **We Are the Brennans** (Aug. 3, Celadon) by Tracey Lange, for fans of *Ask Again, Yes*. **\$27**



Two women battle racism, army bureaucracy and warfront enemies in **Sisters in Arms**

(Aug. 3, William Morrow) by Kaia Alderson, based on the true story of the only all-Black battalion of female soldiers deployed to Europe during WWII. **\$17**

—Megan O'Neill Melle



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