

Protecting & Restoring Asian American and Pacific Islanders History & Culture in our National Parks

Our national parks and public lands document the diverse histories, cultures, and spiritualities that are a part of our nation including those associated with Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. It is critical to properly preserve and ensure access to sites that protect and tell the stories of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the building of our nation such as the transcontinental railroad system, the fight for civil rights, and tragic history of Japanese American internment during World War II, so that future generations know and understand the highs and lows of our country’s complex and dynamic heritage.



The nearly \$12 billion deferred maintenance needs throughout our national parks pose one of the greatest risks to protecting sites that document the history and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to our nation.

Deferred Maintenance Highlight: Manzanar National Historic Site

Key Information

-  Location: Inyo County, CA
-  Visitors in 2018: 104,081
-  Deferred Maintenance Amount: \$7,215,289

Manzanar National Historic Site preserves and tells the story of the incarceration of Japanese American citizens and immigrants in internment camps during World War II as a reaction to Pearl Harbor and misguided fear of espionage in America.

Manzanar War Relocation Center was one of ten internment camps where over 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry were forced to relocate to between 1942 and 1945. Living conditions in the camps varied. In Manzanar, barracks housed several families together, farmland provided for subsistence and recreational and communal areas were used as community meetings space.

As of 2018, Manzanar National Historic Site has a deferred maintenance need of over \$7 million. Of that, more than \$5.2 million is needed to address repairs to historic assets on site.

Manzanar National Historic Site, like many other National Park Service sites, needs adequate funding to address deferred maintenance needs in order to continue educating visitors about nation’s history and heritage.



Examples of Deferred Maintenance in National Parks Associated with Asian American and Pacific Islanders:

National Park Site:	State:	Deferred Maintenance Amount:
National Park of American Samoa	AS	\$1,353,626.00
Manzanar National Historic Site	CA	\$7,215,289.00
Cesar E. Chavez National Monument	CA	\$657,317.00
Tule Lake National Monument	CA	\$2,265,905.00
Death Valley National Park	CA	\$128,869,756.00
Golden Gate National Recreation Area	CA	\$323,803,049.00
San Francisco Bay Maritime National Historic Park	CA	\$145,764,619.00
Point Reyes National Seashore	CA	\$71,752,129.00
War in the Pacific National Historic Park	GU	\$4,966,538.00
Pearl Harbor National Memorial	HI	\$11,796,622.00
Honouliuli National Monument	HI	\$610,172.00
Pu'ukoholā Heiau National Historic Site	HI	\$1,986,759.00
Kalaupapa National Historic Park	HI	\$27,260,130.00
Kaloko-Honokōhau National Historic Park	HI	\$1,648,048.00
Pu'uhonua o Hōnaunau National Historic Park	HI	\$4,868,494.00
Minidoka Internment National Historic Site	ID	\$4,513,183.00
Lowell National Historical Park	MA	\$20,627,205.00
Golden Spike National Historic Park	UT	\$1,896,119.00