Snapshot of NCTA’s current work with the National Park Service

Over 50 years of partnership at 70 sites in 33 U.S. states and territories since 1970

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NCTA has begun working with SAJU in offering a weekly series called *Pleneando en el Castillo San Cristóbal*.

This weekly interactive series features Afro-Puerto Rican *plena* ensemble La Máquina Insular, and takes place every first Sunday from November 2021 through August 2022.
Beginning in 2020, the NCTA has commissioned an ongoing Louisiana Lifeways film series produced by Cajun musicians and cultural advocates Joel Savoy and Jo Vidrine. Each episode takes viewers on a journey through the region’s cherished traditions.

Find the series on our YouTube channel!
Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park (HATU)
Church Creek, Maryland

With nearby Salisbury, Maryland, hosting the National Folk Festival since 2018, the NCTA continues to assist this Park with community outreach through free, outdoor concerts at the Park’s Visitors Center, as well as demonstrations in the Festival’s Family Area.

In 2020, we presented a virtual concert with Piedmont blues artist Phil Wiggins, and in 2021, a live concert by the Savoy Family Cajun Band in conjunction with the National Folk Festival.
Richmond National Battlefield Park (RICH)
Richmond, Virginia

The NCTA has partnered with this Park since 2005, co-producing the Richmond Folk Festival onsite.

In 2020, we collaborated with the Park and other partners on the festival’s Virtual Celebration.

The Richmond Folk Festival returned in person in 2021. Plans are underway for October 7-9, 2022.
Lowell National Historical Park (LOWE)
Lowell, Massachusetts

We’ve worked with this Park since Lowell first hosted the National Folk Festival in 1987, and continue to support its successor event, the Lowell Folk Festival.

In 2020, we supported the creation of the short film Keeping the Tradition: A Celebration of the Lowell Folk Festival. Watch it on our YouTube channel!

Plans for the return of the Lowell Folk Festival are underway! Mark your calendar for July 29-31, 2022.
Blue Ridge Parkway (BLRI)
North Carolina & Virginia

Now in its 5th decade collaborating with the Parkway, the NCTA recently supported and provided consulting services for the Blue Ridge Music Center’s venue upgrades and readiness.

Also in 2020, NCTA and the BRMC celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Roots of Music, the Center’s permanent, interactive exhibit, which the NCTA helped establish in 2009.
The NCTA has worked with this site since 2015 on preserving and expanding access to Gullah Geechee cultural materials, and with developing strategies to further their work to the benefit of the Gullah Geechee community and the nation.
Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument (FLFO)

Florissant, Colorado

IN 2019, the NCTA helped support Hip Hop Boot Camp, a program offering at-risk, city-dwelling students a mind-expanding geological and archeological experience paired with creative engagement with hip hop. Two Oakland, CA-based young hip hop artists—Joey Lovett, aka Cangaroo and Nehemiah Vaughn, aka Nuisance—created songs about their experiences.
Park Partners in Development:

- Chamizal National Memorial
- Denali National Park
- Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument
- Juan Bautista De Anza National Historic Trail
- Virgin Island National Park
- Great Smoky Mountains National Park
- San Antonio Missions National Historical Park
- New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park