

The First National Park



Early in the 1800s, explorers traveled west and came upon a special land. When they returned, they asked congress to make a law to protect it. Congress passed a bill to make the land into a park. On March 1, 1872, President Ulysses Grant signed the bill into law, and Yellowstone became our first national park.

National parks have been called “America’s best idea” because they preserve the land for everyone to enjoy.

