



GET LOUD



Toolkit:

by park rangers +
public school educators

How YOU Can End Censorship in Our National Parks



What's been going on with censorship at parks?

Did you know the National Park Service is the largest group of public historians in the US?

Park rangers are sworn to tell **all** American Stories at our **433 national park sites**, but now they've been ordered to be silent.

In 2025, parks were ordered to “restore [whitewash] truth and sanity to American history” & to report any signs that “fail to emphasize...beauty, grandeur, and abundance”

They're hiding our history and science, and **don't want you to know about it!**

Do they think Americans can't handle the truth?

Hundreds of signs on **Black History, Indigenous History, and Climate Science** are under attack!

Here's an example



**some text here that's
really like “look at how
dumb this is”**

**next to a photo of a sign
that was taken down**





Why is this a big deal, and what can I do about it?

Why does this matter

**When people are
informed, they ACT.
And thats why you're
here!**

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They want to silence you!
GET LOUD!

FIGHT BACK AGAINST CENSORSHIP!

Our **433+ national park sites**, and the history, science, and knowledge they preserve, are being censored. Hundreds of signs across the country are under attack!

Here are simple and direct actions you can take to make a difference.



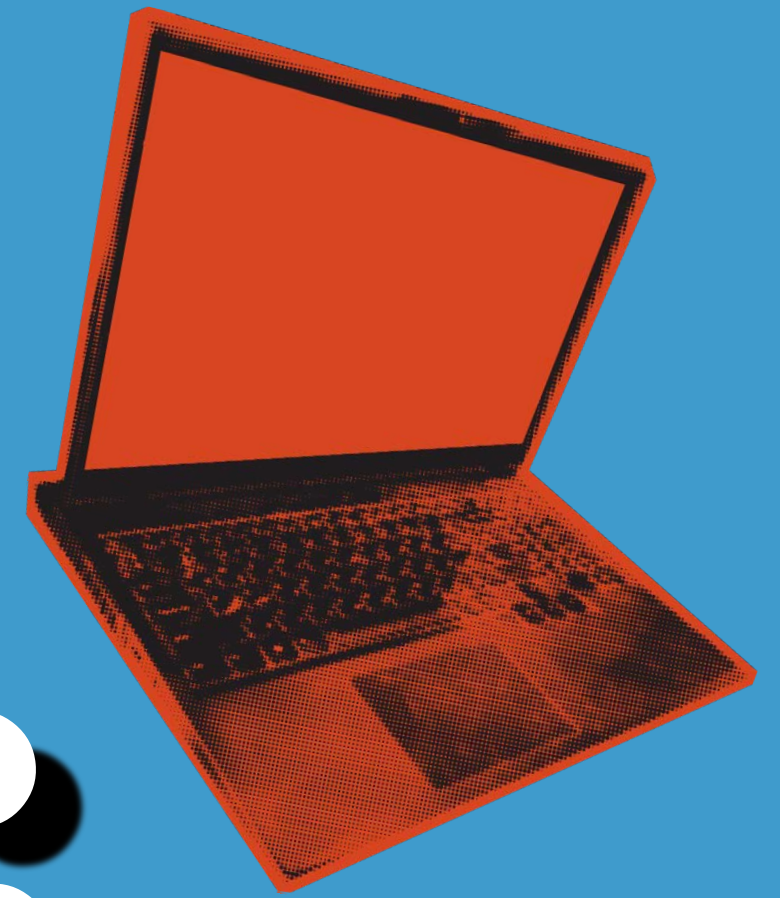
ACTION 1:

Complete the
**Junior
Resistance
Ranger
Challenge!**



[Click here](#) to find out how to get your badge and level up your resistance!

Start the next level of your activism!



ACTION 2:

Get Loud at your park!

**Hand out censored materials
at your nearest NPS site!**



1. CHOOSE A NATIONAL PARK SITE

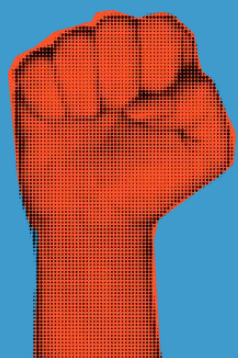
Identify a public site where you can take action—it could be the national seashore where you go to the beach, the recreation area where your family camps, or the historic house in your town.

All 433 NPS sites across the country are at risk!



RESOURCES:

- **[America433.org](https://america433.org)**: find an NPS site near you—you can look them up by state! Our website tells you what signs & stories are in danger at each park.
- **[Save Our Signs StoryMap](#)**: explore the leaked National Park Service censorship data and identify issues at specific park sites.



Good Trouble Tip: Choose an NPS site that is meaningful to you or where you have local connections!



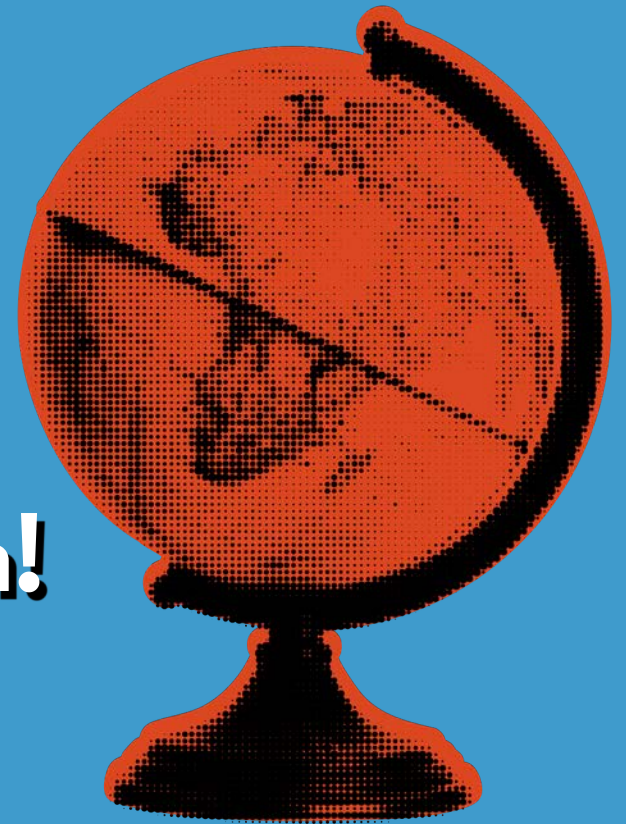
2. CREATE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

DEVELOP A SIMPLE FLYER, POSTCARD, OR HANDOUT THAT EXPLAINS:

- **What information or resources might be at risk at that site.**
- **Why the site's history, science, or cultural interpretation matters.**
- **Where visitors can learn more.**

KEEP MATERIALS:

- **Fact-based (clearly sourced), easy to read, and educational in tone. Being Pro-Parks is nonpartisan!**

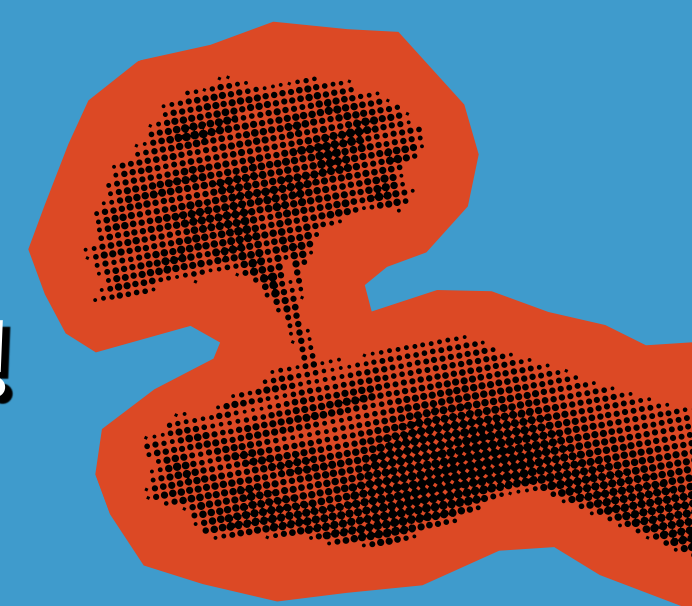


Good Trouble Tip: Use the sample flyers and design resources on America433.org as templates!



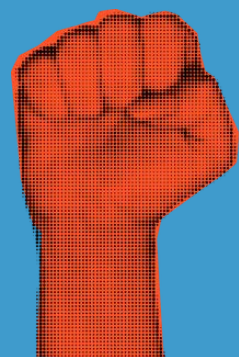
3. KNOW THE RULES

It is LEGAL and FREE for you to Get Loud & take action!



BEFORE YOUR VISIT:

- Check whether your planned activity requires a permit. Usually, any free-speech related activities with less than 25 people, and without sound amplification (PA system, megaphone) do NOT require a permit.
- Handing out materials may be limited to First Amendment (1A) areas that EVERY park is required to designate and let you know about if you ask.



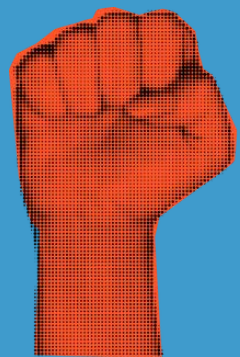
Good Trouble Tip: Understanding the rules helps ensure your outreach is effective and respectful.
Having trouble finding the info you need? Email us! info@America433.org



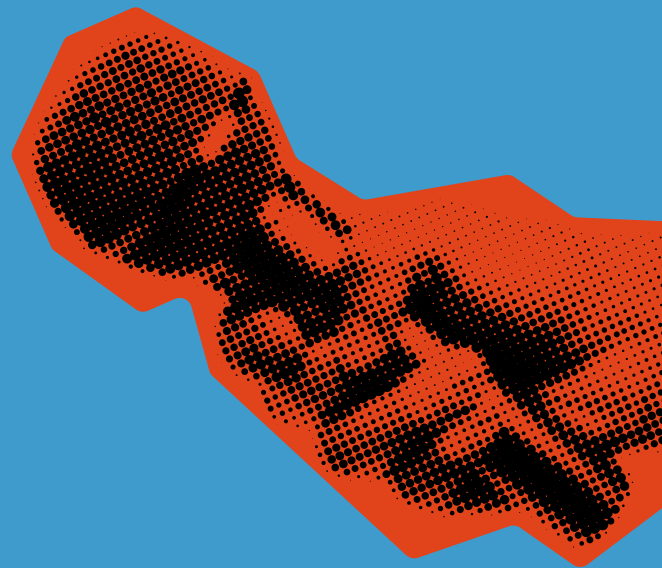
4. BUILD YOUR TEAM

CONSIDER:

- Inviting local historians, educators, conservation groups, or community organizations.
- Talking to your scout troop, book club, Sunday school class—wherever you are already organizing in your community.
- Asking freinds and family to help photograph, talk with visitors, or distribute materials.



Good Trouble Tip: Contact local newspapers, radio stations, or TV reporters BEFORE the event so they know what you're doing and why.

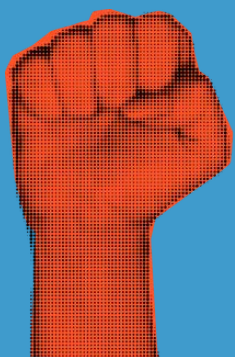
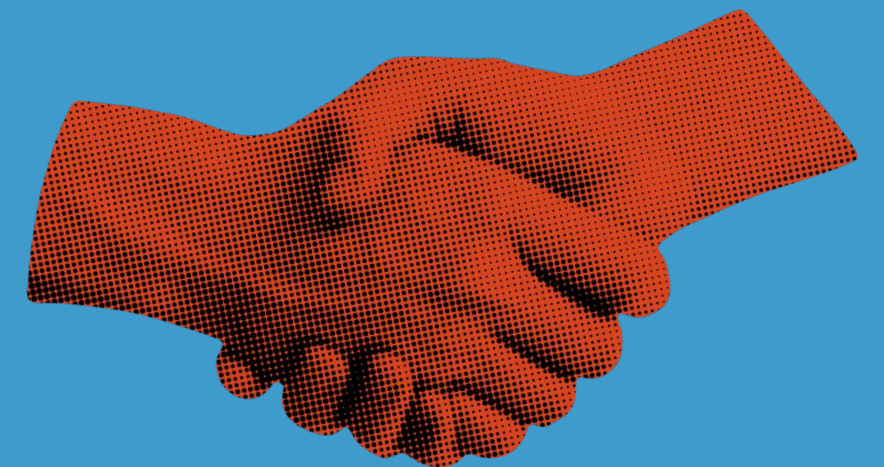


5. ENGAGE VISITORS RESPECTFULLY

Your goal is conversation — not confrontation!

HELPFUL PRACTICES:

- **Approach interactions with park visitors as opportunities to share information and learn on both sides, rather than debate.**
- **Ask visitors if they'd like to learn more before beginning a conversation.**
- **Listen with curiosity and respect differing viewpoints.**
- **Focus on the importance of preserving accurate, inclusive public history and science.**



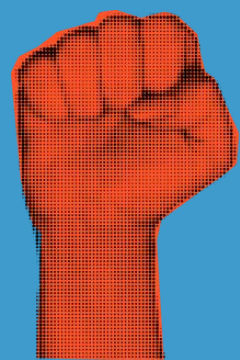
Good Trouble Tip: This approach reflects the principles of ethical interpretation—inviting dialogue, encouraging curiosity, acknowledging that people can have strong feelings about these stories, and helping people make their own connections.



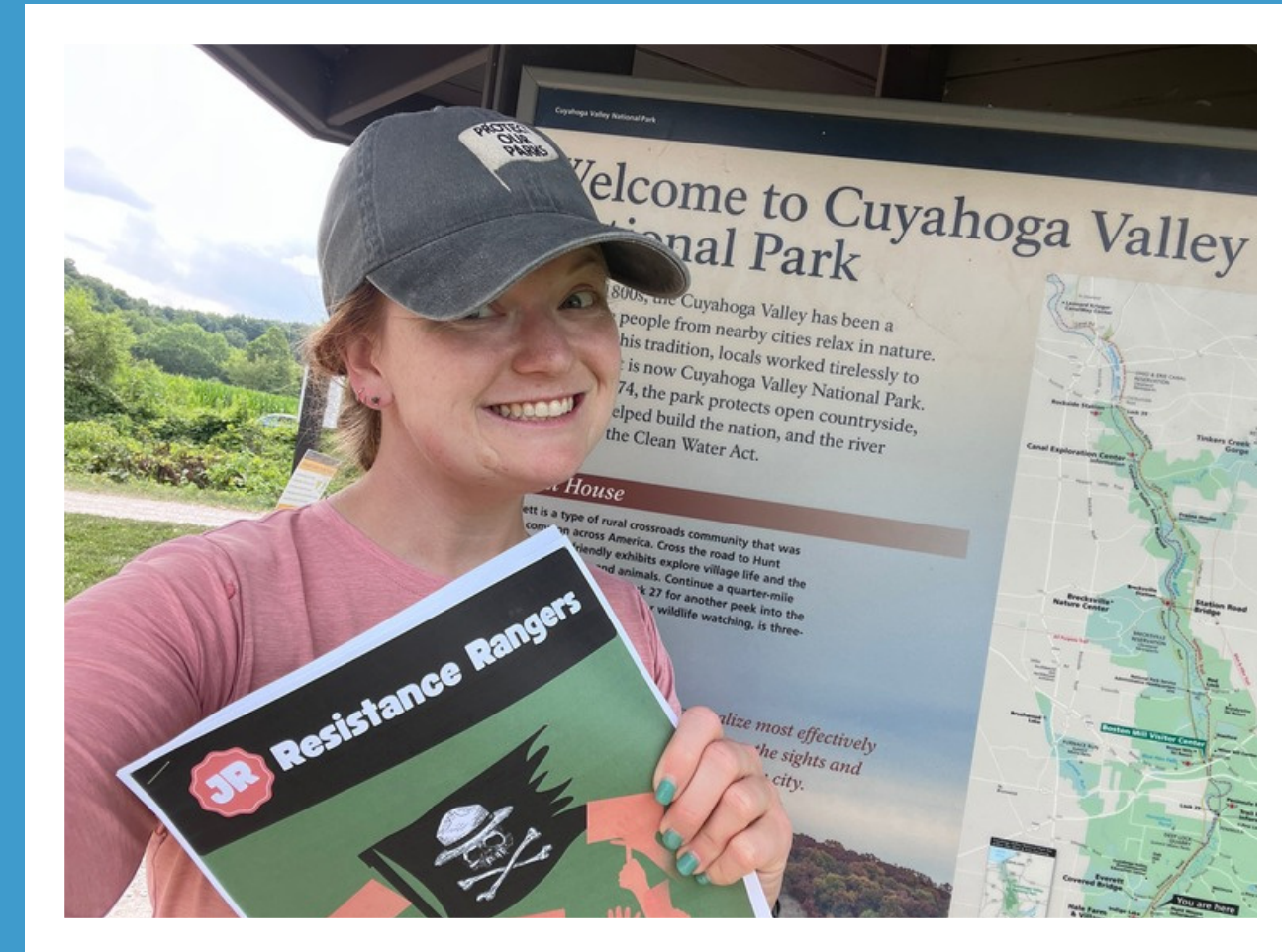
6. SHARE WHAT YOU LEARNED

AFTER YOUR VISIT:

- Take photos (while respecting park rules and visitors' privacy).
- Write a short summary (think blog posts) of what happened.
- Post on social media with hashtag **#America433**
- Join the America433 Padlet
 - Learn how on the next slide!



Good Trouble Tip: Sharing your work helps others build on your experience, improve future outreach, and expand public access to educational resources.



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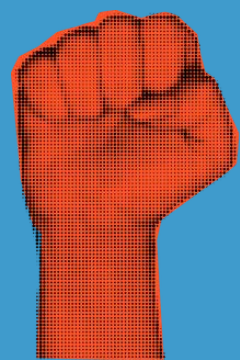


JOIN THE COMMUNITY

- Upload your photos, flyers, postcards, social media graphics, and reflections to the [America 433+ Padlet](#).
- Create a free account.
- Browse other resistance actions and comment.
- Get great ideas for your next action!



Example of the Padlet



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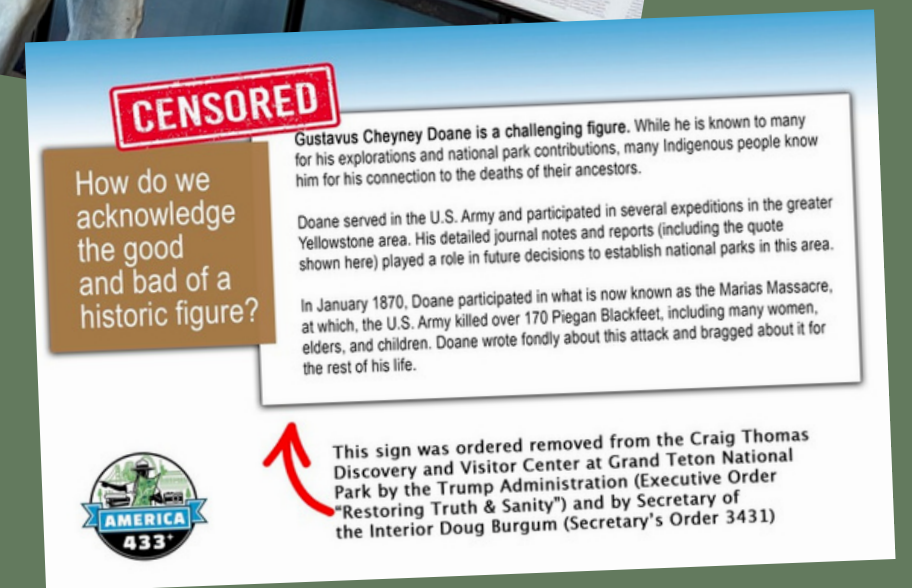
MATERIALS AND EXAMPLES

Use the provided templates as guides for your activism!

- **United States Elected Officials:** find your elected officials and representatives!
- Download the post card template **here!**
- View or download example flyers **here!**



**Post Card Example:
Front (Top), Back (Bottom)**



**Infographic Example:
Activism at work!**

Every Conversation Matters!

Whether you reach one visitor or one hundred, your efforts create thoughtful conversations about the stories our national parks tell.

By acting respectfully, lawfully, and collaboratively, you contribute to public understanding and help others engage with these places in meaningful ways.

THANK YOU FOR ENGAGING IN GOOD TROUBLE!

