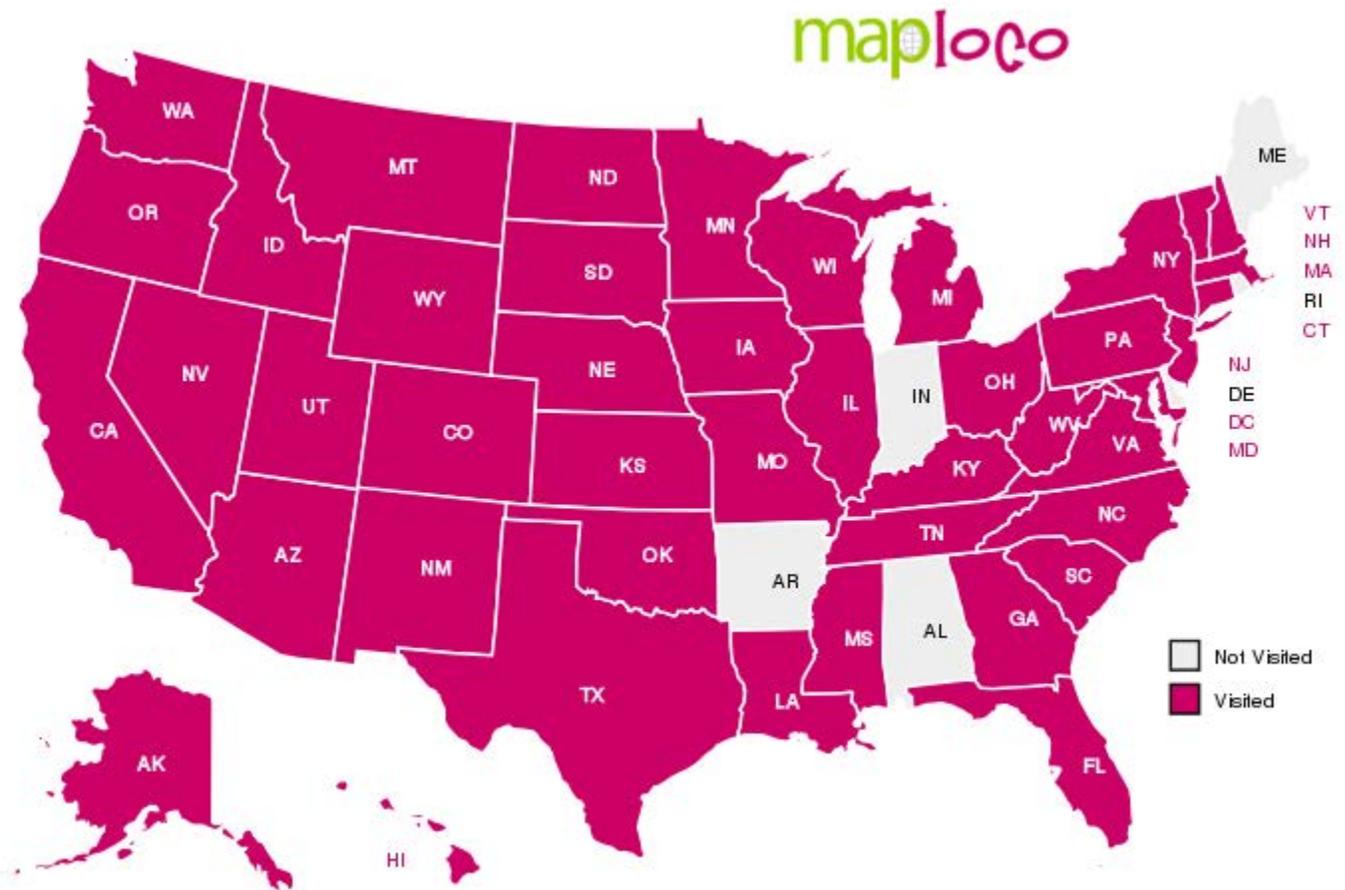


Attendance for *POSTERity: WPA's Art Legacy & America's Public Lands*

From April 9, 2014 (opening day) through May 29, 2015 (closing day), gallery visitation totaled **15,712**.

The exhibition's guestbook provided an opportunity for visitors to leave comments and indicate where they were visiting from. Not everyone signed the guestbook or provided visitation demographics, but of those that did, 44 states, the District of Columbia and 10 foreign countries (Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Dominican Republic, France, Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom) were represented.



Visitor Feedback

Representative comments written in the exhibition guestbook, located within the gallery, are transcribed verbatim below:

- 5/29/2015: I loved the discussion of what Doug Leen had guessed from photos and then the discovery and comparison with the originals. Great text on the often surprising differences. Also appreciated the inclusion of the historic artifacts and discussion of the artistic process. It worked well to have 2 rooms, with the second devoted to Leen's recent enterprise. Remarkable history of artist integration into government work! Beautiful posters – interesting serendipity of some of the surprising colors due to limited paints/scarcity. Wonderful exhibit. THANK YOU.
- 5/29/2015: Wonderful and enjoyed seeing the “real thing” and learning about the process.
- 5/29/2015: Love to see your history
- 5/28/2015: Such an informative and aesthetically pleasing exhibit. Kudos to the staff – I learned a lot!
- 5/28/2015: So pleased I got to see this exhibit. I first saw the WPA National Parks posters while visiting Devils Tower in 1999 and I have been drawn to them ever since. Thanks, Ranger Doug!
- 5/28/2015: What a wonderful project, Doug! We are so glad we were in Wash. DC during the time your posters were on exhibit!
- 5/27/2015: I first noticed a WPA poster during a vacation last month to Grand Canyon NP. I knew I had to see more—and I was thrilled to learn this museum is about five blocks from my office! (Visitor from Alexandria, VA)
- 5/26/2015: I saw an example of WPA posters in a pop-up book at Yosemite which led me to google them where I found Doug's website and the information on this exhibit. Thank Doug for the wonderful art work and thank Department of Interior for extending and hosting the exhibit! I hope it brings more attention to the national parks! (Visitor from Brooklyn, NY)
- 5/22/2015: Loved the exhibit. Hope to visit each and every location. The serigraphs are enticing and magnificent depictions of our country's greatest federal program.
- 5/20/2015: Thank you for this exhibit! They reflect the magnificence of American natural sites - they are treasures of their own. Wonderful posters! (Visitor from France)
- 5/20/2015: Distinctive posters – iconic! Love the subtlety of the originals. (Visitor from Sandwich, NH)
- 5/19/2015: Like the originals for comparison. ☺ (Visitor from Fredericksburg, VA)
- 5/18/2015: I keep framed copies of your postcards in my Portland, Oregon, USGS office! It's great to see the originals, and can't wait to collect more (but only after I've been to that park!)

- 5/15/2015: Lovely posters. Nice work, Doug! (Visitor from Bethesda, MD)
- 5/15/2015: My husband and I loved the exhibit. We live in DC, but this was our first time ever in your museum. A lovely show!
- 5/12/2015: Nice, colorful and well done, good tribute to our parks (Visitors from MS)
- 5/12/2015: Lovely. A nice way to feel connected to America's history and present. Thank you! (Visitor from Washington, DC)
- 5/11/2015: Just absolutely wonderful. (Visitors from Las Vegas, NV)
- 5/8/2015: Thank you for bringing the parks a little closer to us with this exhibit. (Visitors from Washington, DC)
- 5/4/2015: Having discovered these posters on my visits to many NPS, I was so happy that this exhibit opened and I could see it! Thank you, and thank you for keeping our parks open, accessible and beautiful. (Visitor from Monmouth, NJ)
- 4/29/2015: Wonderful posters and memories of visits to parks. (Visitors from UC Davis, CA)
- 4/27/2015: Been a fan of these prints for years—thanks to Doug for keeping them alive! They certainly have inspired my work (Erick Sahler Serigraphs)
- 4/24/2015: Thank you! Wonderful exhibit. (Visitors from Nova Scotia, Canada)
- 4/23/2015: Cam Corey was a friend of ours who died a few years ago from ALS.
- 4/10/2015: Wonderful exhibit! I really appreciate the posters. (Visitor from San Antonio, TX)
- 4/10/2015: My favorite exhibit among all Smithsonians. Please make a book. (Visitor from New York, NY)
- 4/3/2015: NPS for life! ☺ (Visitors from Charlotte, NC)
- 4/2/2015: Poster-tively the best (Visitor from VA)
- 4/1/2015: Love it! (Visitor from Victoria, Australia)
- 3/25/2015: [I] was here from Pinbrook Elementary! ☺ #Awesomemuseum!
- 3/25/2015: So happy Interior still has a museum open to the public. (Visitor from Camarillo, CA)
- 3/19/2015: Love the work! Love the exhibit! Thanks for also showing the painting process!
- 3/19/2015: Beautiful! I've been buying the postcards for some time, but the prints are breathtaking. Modern yet "retro," they capture the feeling of the 30s mural style and CCC posters and sum up one of the many things I love about traveling in the US.
- 3/18/2015: These images are wonderful and richly evocative of America's national parks and monuments. Hats off to Doug Leen for rescuing the Jenny Lake poster from a horse corral in 1973 and for reviving this splendid art from the 1930s.
- 3/17/2015: Very interesting information about our National Parks. Thank you.
- 3/16/2015: Thank you for displaying the posters.
- 3/13/2015: We live in a great, beautiful country.

- 3/12/2015: “This land is your land, this land is my land, from California to the New York Island, from the Redwood Forest to the Gulf Stream waters, this land was made for you and me” – Thank you!
- 2/23/2015: I’ve been collecting the postcard-sized versions of Doug’s work for years without knowing the story behind it. So glad I could experience this wonderful exhibit! (Visitor from CA)
- 2/19/2015: These posters are wonderful – have such vibrant colors (Visitor from Northville, MI)
- 2/9/2015: I have always loved the WPA/CCC prints and it is wonderful to have so many of the original and the contemporary in one place! I particularly enjoy the “progress” and “process” portions of the exhibit. Thank you! (Visitor from Worcester, MA)
- 1/29/2015: Magnificent building, beautiful art. (Visitor from St. Petersburg, FL)
- 1/23/2015: What a fantastic exhibit – thoroughly researched, great visuals, well explained. I’m so glad I took the time to visit. (Visitor from San Francisco, CA)
- 1/22/2015: Both the tour of the murals and the poster exhibition were fantastic! Very lovely to see and interesting to learn about. (Visitor from Washington, DC)
- 1/16/2015: Great exhibit – makes me want to hit the road. (Visitor from Brooklyn, NY)
- 12/23/2014: Really beautiful work!
- 12/17/2014: WPA all the way!!! (Visitor from San Francisco, CA)
- 12/12/2014: Awesome! (Visitor from Alexandria, VA)
- 12/9/2014: These posters are a pleasure to see. What is it about this old style of print that makes them so appealing? (Visitor from Auburn, AL)
- 12/9/2014: I think Arches N.P. is fabulous! (Visitor from Colorado)
- 12/5/2014: Lovely exhibit – wish we could harken back to those more genteel days. Thanks
- 12/5/2014: Thank you so much for sharing these iconic images of iconic parks. How awesome!
- 12/4/2014: We love collecting Ranger Doug posters from different parks we’ve visited. A really cool adult version of the NPS passports we had as kids. Our honeymoon was a cross-country trip to National Parks as we moved from GA to WA in 2011. We love the Dept. of Interior and how it inspires love of country, nature and fellow citizens – and fantastic art like Ranger Doug’s posters! (Visitors from Williamsburg, VA)
- 12/4/2014: Hooray for the DOI!
- 12/3/2014: I like the Mt. McKinley National Park on the best – it looks really iconic. They’re all great!
- 12/2/2014: We love National Parks! Nice exhibit! (Visitor from Castle Rock, WA)
- 11/21/2014: Thank you to all those in the Park Service! (Visitor from Lansing, MI)
- 11/20/2014: This is a great exhibit. My family has collected a few posters in the past, but now we are on a mission. Keep up the great work.

- 11/20/2014: Fantastic! (Visitor from Honolulu, HI)
- 11/19/2014: I love every single [poster] and have been wanting to come since I heard about it on NPR!!!! (Visitor from Newtown, CT)
- 11/17/2014: I finally made it to DOI – I'm on the email list for weekly updates and, as a volunteer, I am frequently serving on crews in the N[ational] Parks! Thanks for putting up a super exhibit! Visitor from Fort Collins, CO and seasoned camper in Sequoia, Yosemite, Crater Lake, Mesa Verde, Death Valley, Rocky Mtn., Glacier, Yellowstone, Acadia, Mammoth Caves, Cyr Canyon, Bryce, Zion, Arches, Shenandoah, Blue Ridge, Olympic, Rainier, Devils Tower, Badlands, Big Bend, Smokies – etc.)
- 11/14/2014: Incredible – with gratitude for all who have worked—and continue to work—on preserving such awesome artwork. These prints represent [a] rich part of American history. Thank you!
- 11/13/2014: Great exhibit! So happy to be at the Department of the Interior! (Visitor from Pittsburgh, PA)
- 11/12/2014: Have reproductions of these posters hanging on my wall. They're remindful of adventures during my time working for NPS during the summers. Thanks for bringing the parks closer to Washington. (Visitor from Ann Arbor, MI)
- 11/7/2014: Thank you for sharing with America (visitor from Columbia, PA)
- 11/7/2014: Love these posters. Now just have a lot of parks to visit still! (Visitor from Stowe, VT)
- 11/5/2014: Excellent (USGS employee from Denver, CO)
- 11/4/2014: Almost like being there, almost (Visitor from Springfield, VA)
- 11/3/2014: Very nice! Thank you for this display. For me, the loveliest was the Blue Ridge Pkwy (Visitor from NC)
- 10/30/2014: Very cool!!! (Visitor from Chicago, IL)
- 10/24/2014: Love the posters! (Visitors from Boise, ID)
- 10/22/2014: Great exhibit! I have loved these posters while visiting parks individually. To see the exhibit and learn about the process of creating and recreating them is amazing. Thanks! (Visitor from Avondale, AZ)
- 10/21/2014: Growing up in Southern New Mexico, the Carlsbad Caverns were our "backyard playground." I knew them so well, I knew where the light switches were! I'm so happy the posters have been restored – showing the natural beauty that this country has – in all its regions. Thank you for the exhibit and sustaining the knowledge/educating what this government agency is all about.
- 10/20/2014: We came to DC specifically to see this exhibit. It is outstanding!
- 10/18/2014: So glad you finally opened for a Saturday! Excellent exhibit – both historic and contemporary posters alike. This park ranger's dream has come true!
- 10/18/2014: This was wonderful! Thank you!! (Visitor from Stockton, NJ)
- 10/18/2014: Incredible exhibit – such treasures and a great story behind the originals/reproductions. THANK YOU!
- 10/17/2014: We view this with awe and pride. Mahalo! (Visitors from Honolulu, HI)

- 10/17/2014: Simply wonderful. Makes you feel great!
- 10/16/2014: We loved seeing so many posters from places we visited this summer!
- 10/14/2014: Wonderful posters – gem of a museum. Thank for opening to public.
- 10/14/2014: Keep our park open and well preserved – great exhibit (Visitors from Baton Rouge, LA)
- 10/14/2014: Outstanding exhibit (Visitor from Evanston, IL)
- 10/10/2014: Thanks for a great exhibit – beautiful posters of gorgeous landscapes.
- 10/9/2014: Great museum! (Visitor from Atlanta, GA)
- 10/8/2014: Right next to the Dept. of State and I didn't know – cool Museum! (Visitor from Rockville, MD)
- 10/7/2014: Wonderful exhibit! (Visitor from Berkeley, CA)
- 10/6/2014: Viewing the posters brings back memories of visits to our beautiful parks! Love the NPS!! (Visitor from Lake Forest, IL)
- 10/2/2014: What a gem!
- 10/2/2014: Inspiring! Time to hit the open road.
- 10/2/2014: Fabulous depictions of our national treasures – the national parks and monuments.
- 10/2/2014: Wonderful, outstanding and thank you so much (Visitor from Morenci, AZ)
- 9/17/2014: Very cool. (Visitor from Tampa, FL)
- 9/10/2014: Wonderful exhibit. (Visitor from Seattle, WA)
- 9/10/2014: Been to a few of these lovely places. What a gorgeous collection. (Visitor from Pasadena, CA)
- 9/9/2014: We love the Ranger Doug posters and have been collecting them—where possible—at the National Parks we've visited during our road trip across the USA. A great set of mementos from our time here. Great to see them full size and learn more about them (Visitors from London, UK)
- 9/8/2014: Thank you for the engaging exhibit, Dept. of Interior! (Visitor from Chicago, IL)
- 9/5/2014: Wonderful exhibit for us on our 5th wedding anniversary! We are already big park enthusiasts, and our growing family is looking forward to many more visits in the future. (Visitors from New York, NY)
- 9/5/2014: I am so pleased to have seen and enjoyed this poster exhibit. Many thanks to everyone who made this possible. Great job! (Visitor from VA)
- 9/4/2014: Thank you for this incredible collection! I have a few postcards and want more to decorate my home. And of course, I want to visit all of these places. (Visitor from Washington, DC)
- 8/28/2014: Very enjoyable (NPS employee)
- 8/28/2014: Really wonderful. Thank you!
- 8/28/2014: Many thanks to the DOI for this exhibit and for making available an important treasure of American history. (Visitor from Portland, OR)
- 8/28/2014: Wonderful installations
- 8/27/2014: Happy to see all these wonderful posters. Thank you, Mr. Leen and DOI!
- 8/26/2014: Great exhibits

- 8/22/2014: As an avid outdoorswoman and an advocate for our public lands, I say thank you for such an incredible tribute to our national parks and public lands. (Visitor from Crooks, SD)
- 8/20/2014: Visited the Posterity exhibit to see the work of Doug, Cam, Scott and Brian. We are proud! The work is gorgeous. Thank you for honoring art and the outdoors and public lands. How magical.
- 8/7/2014: Just gorgeous – so glad to have visited. Will let everyone know what a treasure this is.
- 8/6/2014: Beautiful. Wonderful memories of Mesa Verde and Bandelier brought back by these wonderful prints.
- 8/6/2014: What a fantastic exhibition – beautiful prints and nicely curated space!
- 7/29/2014: Love our parks – just retired and donating time as Hosts and V.C. Interpreters. Hope to visit all the parks here! (Visitors from Vancouver, WA)
- 7/29/2014: So glad I was able to visit this exhibit with my daughter. I have been looking forward to seeing it for quite a while. (Visitor from Indianapolis, IN)
- 7/28/2014: [My favorite poster is] Jenny Lake Museum because it made all the future posters possible. P.s. I also love that you show the process.
- 7/24/2014: My father worked for the National Park Service for 34 years and began as a seasonal ranger at what is now Castillo de San Marcos. It was great to see the poster as re-created by Ranger Doug—and makes me miss Florida.
- 7/22/2014: Love the original 1930s pieces (Visitor from CA)
- 7/22/2014: Fabulous! Beautiful colors and learned much that I can use doing tours at the National Portrait Gallery.
- 7/21/2014: I'm a huge fan of the WPA serigraphs. I have a few prints mounted at home (thanks, Ranger Doug). Love the exhibit. (Visitor from Chicago)
- 7/11/2014: Love the art style and historical content, and the histories behind each poster are fascinating! Thanks to the museum for having this! (Family from VA/LA/TX)
- 6/30/2014: What a wonderful collection. Thanks for the inspiration. (Visitor from Richmond, VA)
- 6/17/2014: Wonderful prints. Going to rangerdoug.com to purchase! (Visitor from Rochester, NY)
- 6/12/2014: Love the WPA style art – have a few of Ranger Doug's pieces framed in my own house (Visitor from MN)
- 6/10/2014: Love it. I'm a National Park junkie!
- 6/10/2014: Very good job! Glad to see WPA heritage carefully curated and displayed (Employee, Smithsonian American Art Museum)
- 6/6/2014: Awesome! Doug and Brian are national treasures! (Visitor from Paterson, NJ/Washington, DC)
- 6/5/2014: Beautiful and really well done, informative and inspiring for us (Group visiting from National Geographic Society)
- 5/29/2014: A very fine and uplifting museum. Congratulations!

- 5/28/2014: Thoroughly enjoyed the exhibit. A hidden treasure. What a great journey by Doug Leen.
- 5/28/2014: Love the posters – great way to highlight the past and present in our national parks.
- 5/23/2014: I love these posters, and finding all of them here was a dream come true – entirely by surprise! Thanks for this beautiful, informative exhibit. (Visitor from Philadelphia)
- 5/14/2014: Gorgeous exhibit. I’m a longtime fan of these posters. Thank you, DOI and Ranger Doug!
- 5/12/2014: Amazing exhibition. Colorful, informative, amazing! (Visitor from Tennessee)
- 5/7/2014: These are fantastic and a real historical and artistic treasure. Can’t wait for the 100th anniversary in 2016.
- 4/25/2014: Beautiful exhibit. I learned a lot. (Visitor from Baltimore, MD)
- 4/23/2014: What a fantastic exhibition. Thanks for showcasing the originals as well.
- 4/18/2014: We love the exhibit! So well-curated and described.
- 4/18/2014: Today was my last day working [at the Main Interior Building] – the museum has been closed since I started in August 2013 and I’ve been hoping to see an exhibit ever since. Thank you for making it happen. ☺
- 4/17/2014: Loved the exhibit and am inspired to go home and frame my posters from this series.
- 4/16/2014: Awesome exhibit! Thank you for sharing this interesting part of history and the beautiful artwork (Representative from the National Park Foundation)
- 4/12/2014: What a great display. Glad that the posters are still being made (Visitor from Martha’s Vineyard, MA)
- 4/9/2014: Finally open. And what a great exhibit. Nice work.
- 4/9/2014: Beautifully curated, kudos to the team. Love the “ticklers,” the information, the display and creativity in presenting – so youthful and timeless at the same time! Congrats and looking forward to more space!
- 4/9/2014: Beautiful. Timeless.
- 4/9/2014: Fantastic art – the old and the new (Sally Jewell, Secretary of the Interior)

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