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Subject: Our National Parks

Interlochen and Kingsley – As cities sprang up in the nation and people migrated to them for work, the idea of nature as a refuge and therapy from the stress of urban life began to emerge. The first time the federal government moved to protect nature was with the Yosemite Land Grant of 1864. The land was given to the state of California. Later, in 1890, it would become the nation's fifth official national park. The need to protect the area of Yellowstone paved the way for the first national park in 1872.

"The parks do not belong to one state or to one section," Stephen Mather, the first director of the National Park Service, emphasized, "The Yosemite, the Yellowstone, the Grand Canyon are national properties in which every citizen has a vested interest; they belong as much to the man of Massachusetts, of Michigan, of Florida, as they do to the people of California, of Wyoming, and of Arizona."

Join Chris Doyal, award winning photographer, to celebrate National Parks Month as he takes you on a photographic tour of the Yellowstone, Yosemite and Grand Teton National Parks. The first presentation will be on Wednesday, August 9, 12:30 p.m., in Kingsley, 115 E. Blair Street. The second presentation is on Thursday, August 10, 12:30 p.m., at the Golden Fellowship Hall, 9700 Riley Road, Interlochen.

The photographic tour is free, but advance registration is appreciated.

For more information and to register, email dmikowski@grandtraverse.org or call 231-922-4911.

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