

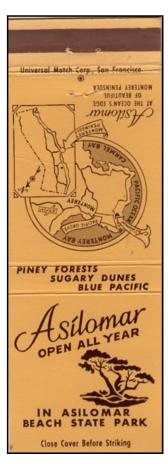
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When we hear about 'parks' in the hobby, it always seems to be National Parks, and, granted, it's tough to compete with the big boys—Yosemite, Yellowstone, the Grand Canyon, and the like—but what about those 'other' parks. You know, those 'poor relations'—State Parks.

I tried researching the history of State Parks on the internet, but all I came up with is page after page of web pages focusing on individual parks, no overall perspective. But, whether considering the world or just the United States, I would *assume* that first came urban parks, then state parks, and finally national parks. Seems logical, but I can't swear to it. In any event, there are *covers*!

Judging from the ones I have represented by covers and boxes (shown in the list below), there's actually quite a nice sprinkling from state parks around the country, both older and newer, and I'm assuming that there are probably quite a few more that I've never even seen. Most are 20-strikes, but there are 30s, 40s, and a variety of boxes. If you save State Parks, take a look at these and see which you have and which you don't...and which I don't!



-Alabama State Parks -Alabama State Park Resorts -Alabama Super Park Resorts -Alabaster Caverns State Park, OK -Arkansas State Parks -Armstrong Woods State Park, CA -Asilomar Beach State Park, CA -Audubon State Park, KY -Bear Mountain State Park, NY -Beavers Bend State Park, OK -Bennett State Park, MO -Bethpage State Park, NY -Big Basin Redwood State Park, CA -Big Bone Lick State Park, KY -Blackwater Falls State Park, WV -Borrego Desert State Park, CA -Brown County State Park. IN -Cacapon State Park, WV -Caledonia State Park, PA -Canaan Valley Resort St. Park, WV -Carter Caves State Park, KY -Clifty Falls State Park, IN -Colonel Denning State Park, PA -Columbia Historic State Park. CA -Connecticut State Parks -Cowan's Gap State Park, PA -Cumberland Falls State Park, KY -Custer State Park, SD -Deer Park State Park, OH -Devil's Den State Park, AR -Devil's Lake State Park. WI -Dunes State Park, IN -General Butler State Park, KY -Gennie Wiley State Park, KY -Georgia State Parks -Greenleaf Lake State Park, OK -Hawks Nest State Park, WV -High Cliff State Park, -Highlands Hammock State Park, FL -Illinois Beach State Park, IL -Jacksonport State Park. AR -Jones Beach State Park, NY -Kentucky Dam Village St. Park, KY -Kentucky Lake State Park, KY -Kentucky State Parks -Lake Catherine State Park, AR -Lake Cumberland State Park, KY -Lake Murray State Park, OK -Lake Ouachita State Park. AR

-Lake Texoma State Park, OK

-Lake Wister State Park, OK

-Letchworth State Park, NY

-Maguoketa Caves State Park, IA -McCormick's Creek State Park, IN -Minnesota State Parks -Missouri State Parks -Mohican State Park, OH -Mont Chateau State Park. WV -Natural Bridge State Park, KY -New Salem State Park, IL -North Bend State Park, WV -North Carolina State Parks -Ohio State Park Lodges -Ohio State Parks -Ohio State Park Resorts -Oklahoma State Parks -Old Town State Park, CA -Ozark Folk Center State Park, AR -Paris Landing State Resort Park, TN -Pennyrile State Park, KY -Pere Marquette State Park, IL -Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, CA -Pickwick Landing State Park, TN -Pikes Peak State Park, IA -Pipestem State Park, WV -Pokagon State Park, IN -Port Isabel Lighthouse St. Park, TX -Punderson State Park. OH -Ouartz Mountain State Park, OK -Oueen Wilhelmina State Park, AR -Robber's Cave State Park, OK -Roman Nose State Park, OK -Salt Fork State Park, OH -Saratoga State Park, NY -Sequoyah State Park, OK -Shawnee State Park. OH -Silver Creek Falls State Park, OR -South Carolina State Parks -Spring Mill State Park, IN -Starved Rock State Park, IL -Stone Mountain State Park, GA -Sunken Meadow State Park, NY -Tenkiller State Park. OK -Tennessee State Parks -The Mounds State Park, IN -The Springs State Park, WV -Thousand Hills State Park, MO -Turkey Run State Park, IN -Tygart Lake State Park, WV -West Virginia State Parks -White Pines Forest State Park. IL -Will Rogers' State Park, CA -Wisconsin State Fair Park, WI



