



Letter-Writing Campaign for Ocmulgee National Park

We are one step closer to having a national park in central Georgia. The National Park Service has been doing a feasibility study, and it is now asking for PUBLIC COMMENTS. Your voice at this juncture is very important. Letters will be accepted through March 26. **Can you help?**



If you only have 5 minutes, you can go to this site and enter your comments online. (They'll give you the option of printing out what you wrote & mailing it. Do that if you have time.)

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/5e55f35b8e344bf2a104ec7ffa42a81e>

IF YOU CAN, write and mail a letter. A good form for a letter is:

1. Your address
2. The NPS address (below)
3. Date
4. Dear Ocmulgee National Park Study Group:
5. Thank them for the chance to comment.
6. Establish your credibility – who you are & why you care.
7. Tell them why you want a national park
8. Ask them to please move forward to make this happen.
9. Sincerely,
10. Your signature

National Park Service
Denver Service Center
Attn: Ocmulgee River Corridor SRS
12795 West Alameda Parkway
PO Box 25287
Denver, CO 80225-0287

Some things to consider that are unique to Ocmulgee:

- an archaeological landscape with over 900 historical sites in the study area, representing 17,000 years of human history
- homeland of the Muscogee Creek Nation
- a unique bear population (1 of 3 in Georgia)
- migratory & breeding bird habitat
- high reptile & amphibian diversity
- the largest block of contiguous swamp-forest habitat on the upper Coastal Plain
- excellent aquatic and migratory fish connectivity along one of the longest undammed river systems (Ocmulgee-Altamaha) remaining in the eastern U.S.
- Endangered species, like the fringed campion
- The South has few national parks. The closest one to Macon is Great Smoky Mountains National Park (which is the most visited park in the country.)

Economic Impact:

- A National Park & Preserve could lead to a six-fold increase in visitation within 15 years and add \$206.7 million in annual economic activity
- The majority of this economic activity—about 90%—would come from increases in visitor spending
- A National Park & Preserve would support an additional 2,814 jobs

For more facts and information: <https://www.facebook.com/ONPPI>

Please write your letter today! All Comments MUST BE received by mid-March! **Tell 5 friends!**