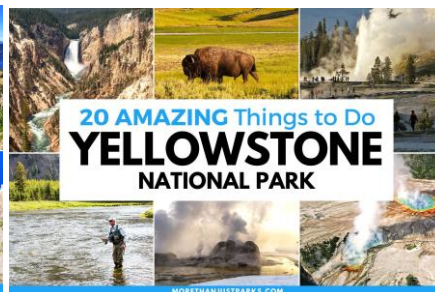
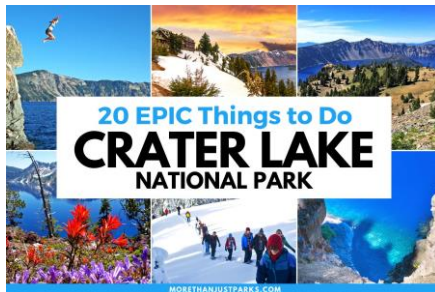
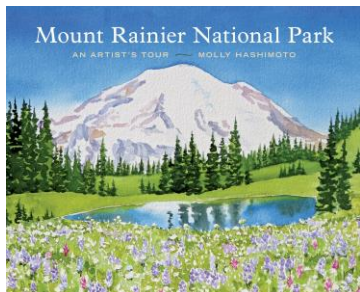


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## PNW NATIONAL PARKS

Learn about the geologic forces of nature that shaped the scenic beauty of the National Parks in the Pacific Northwest. This knowledge is great when you travel to these parks in the summer. After an overview of basic geology, each week will show-case a big variety of National Parks (and Monuments) of the Pacific Northwest.

Item#45009, **Winter term 2026**, Fee: \$125, Prime-Time/Life-Long Learning series

Date: Wednesday afternoons (5 sessions); **January 28th, February 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th**; 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Where: CTC campus (18700 SE Mill Plain Blvd), *in-person*, Room #338

Instructor: Prof. Kyle Dittmer, office (day/VM): 503-731-1314, [kdittmer@clark.edu](mailto:kdittmer@clark.edu)

### TOPICS:

- Week#1: Overview of Plate Tectonics, Volcanoes, mountain building forces, the Rock Cycle.
- Week#2: Glaciers, Streams/Sedimentation, Hillslopes, Deserts, Groundwater/Caves, etc.
- Week#3: Washington – Mt. Rainier, Olympics, North Cascades.
- Week#4: Oregon – Crater Lake, John Day Fossil Beds, Oregon Caves.
- Week#5: Idaho/Wyoming/Montana – Craters of the Moon, Yellowstone, Grand Tetons, Glacier.

### FORMAT:

Lecture format, PowerPoint slideshows, and You-Tube videos. Students are encouraged to share their views and experiences of the PNW National Parks.



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