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ABOUT THE GEORGE WRIGHT FORUM

The George Wright Forum was the journal of the George Wright Society from 1981 through 2018, published in 35 volumes with a total of 125 issues. Its mission was to “examine critical issues and present new research related to parks, protected areas, and cultural sites around the world.” The hallmark of the journal was its interdisciplinary approach, covering all fields relevant to natural and cultural heritage stewardship.

Early volumes of the journal did not carry dates embedded on each page, so that information is provided on this cover sheet.

The George Wright Forum ceased publication at the end of 2018. Beginning in 2020, it is continued by *Parks Stewardship Forum*, an open-access journal co-published by the George Wright Society and the University of California, Berkeley, Institute for Parks, People, and Biodiversity. *Parks Stewardship Forum* continues both the mission and the interdisciplinary approach of *The George Wright Forum*. The first volume of *Parks Stewardship Forum* is denominated as Volume 36 to indicate this continuity. *Parks Stewardship Forum* is published at <https://escholarship.org/uc/psf> and has been selected by the Library of Congress to be archived as “an important and valuable addition to our collections and to the historical record.”

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ABOUT THE GEORGE WRIGHT SOCIETY

The George Wright Society supports parks, protected/conserved areas, cultural sites, and other kinds of place-based conservation by encouraging communication among and convenings of researchers, managers, educators, practitioners, and the public to facilitate informed decisions and actions that embrace our values.

GWS is a membership organization and we would welcome your support. To find out more, or to donate, please go to <https://www.georgewrightssociety.org>.

THE MEMBERSHIP

The George Wright Society grew out of a need that became apparent during the first and second conferences on Scientific Research in the National Parks [1976 in New Orleans and 1979 in San Francisco]. The need: an instrument of continuing duration, dedicated to the exchange of information within the community of researchers, managers and other professionals, to give continuity to the broad range of topics having to do with cultural and natural park and reserve management and preservation. Such a need is from time to time underlined by vacillations and changes in government policies concerning parks and reserves, by budget restrictions and by other vicissitudes that make for broken chains of information.

The emphasis is on multidisciplinary synthesis and the aim is to promulgate and disseminate integrated information in a form useful to the goal of improved park and reserve management. Existing scientific, cultural and conservation organizations tend to be subject-oriented and do not address such process oriented issues except peripherally. Existing organizations fill other very important needs. The aims and goals of the Society grew out of intensive discussions and are perhaps most succinctly stated in the Society's motto which represents the culmination of those discussions:

*Dedicated to the Protection, Preservation and Management of
Cultural and Natural Parks and Reserves
Through Research and Education*

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I am interested in promoting the application of knowledge, understanding and wisdom to the management of the resources of natural and cultural parks, sites and equivalent reserves, and seeking such knowledge and understanding through cooperation with others of like mind—as stated in Article II of the By-Laws; therefore, please enroll me as a

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Incorporation of the Society took place on 18 August 1980, and a membership drive began in March 1981. Resulting response has been slow but steady...70 members as this is written. Those who know about such things tell us that about 1% returns from membership solicitation is about par; this is cause for mild cheer since about 7% of our March mailout has resulted in memberships. To date, invitations have been extended only to rather restricted groups: registrants at the 1st and 2nd conferences on Scientific Research in the National Parks; science and technology professionals of the U. S. National Park Service; historians, archeologists and anthropologists of the U. S. NPS; and each U. S. NPS system area headquarters. The Society is designed to include much more than these: state and provincial park personnel, local area park and reserve system personnel, as well as national park and reserve system personnel —worldwide. Obviously, time (and funds) will be required to reach all of those who should be considered for membership in the Society; the goal is to reach most of these (at least in North America) by the end of 1981. Another method of reaching people, of course, is by word-of-mouth; and this depends upon how well the Society proves itself to be of value to its members. Time will tell that.

Bob Linn, Secretary
The George Wright Society

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