



## ***Healthy Parks Healthy People U.S. 2011*** **Strengthening A Common Well-being**

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*Healthy Parks Healthy People* is a global movement to harness the power of our parks and protected areas to address some of our most pressing health challenges.

On April 5-6, leaders will gather for *Healthy Parks Healthy People U.S. 2011*, an event convened by the National Park Service to draw a vision for a healthier nation. The forum will bring together leaders who share a commitment to meeting our nation's health challenges in innovative ways. Together, we will forge new partnerships and strengthen the nexus between public lands and public health.

There are more than 10,000 parks and protected areas in the United States, that serve as reservoirs of biodiversity, sources of clean air and water, and places to reconnect with nature. This April event will open the discussion of how our parks and open spaces can become purposefully connected to the health of our people and our planet.

A few of the questions we hope to address at this meeting include:

- How can parks combine forces with business innovators, healthcare leaders, scientists and advocacy organizations to promote wellness and drive down healthcare costs?
- How can we influence a cultural shift to value parks for health? What can community leaders and managers learn from experts and visionaries in order to make this a sustainable idea that affects behavior at its core?
- How is human health dependent on the health of all species and the planet we share, and in what ways can parks and open spaces strengthen these connections?

Join the National Park Service at the drawing table in April for *Healthy Parks Healthy People U.S. 2011* and contribute your vision for a healthy nation.



*Healthy Parks Healthy People U.S. 2011.* is co-hosted by the Institute at the Golden Gate, a program of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy in partnership with the National Park Service. For more about the Institute, please visit [www.instituteatgoldengate.org](http://www.instituteatgoldengate.org).

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