

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3641

AN ACT

To establish Pinnacles National Park in the State of California as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Pinnacles National
3 Park Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress makes the following findings:

6 (1) Pinnacles National Monument was estab-
7 lished by Presidential Proclamation 796 on January
8 16, 1908, for the purposes of protecting its rock for-
9 mations, and expanded by Presidential Proclamation
10 1660 of May 7, 1923; Presidential Proclamation
11 1704 of July 2, 1924; Presidential Proclamation
12 1948 of April 13, 1931; Presidential Proclamation
13 2050 of July 11, 1933; Presidential Proclamation
14 2528 of December 5, 1941; Public Law 94–567; and
15 Presidential Proclamation 7266 of January 11,
16 2000.

17 (2) While the extraordinary geology of Pin-
18 nacles National Monument has attracted and en-
19 thralled visitors for well over a century, the ex-
20 panded Monument now serves a critical role in pro-
21 tecting other important natural and cultural re-
22 sources and ecological processes. This expanded role
23 merits recognition through legislation.

24 (3) Pinnacles National Monument provides the
25 best remaining refuge for floral and fauna species
26 representative of the central California coast and

1 Pacific coast range, including 32 species holding spe-
2 cial Federal or State status, not only because of its
3 multiple ecological niches but also because of its
4 long-term protected status with 14,500 acres of Con-
5 gressionally designated wilderness.

6 (4) Pinnacles National Monument encompasses
7 a unique blend of California heritage from pre-
8 historic and historic Native Americans to the arrival
9 of the Spanish, followed by 18th and 19th century
10 settlers, including miners, cowboys, vaqueros, ranch-
11 ers, farmers, and homesteaders.

12 (5) Pinnacles National Monument is the only
13 National Park System site within the ancestral home
14 range of the California Condor. The reintroduction
15 of the condor to its traditional range in California
16 is important to the survival of the species, and as a
17 result, the scientific community with centers at the
18 Los Angeles Zoo and San Diego Zoo in California
19 and Buenos Aires Zoo in Argentina looks to Pin-
20 nacles National Monument as a leader in California
21 Condor recovery, and as an international partner for
22 condor recovery in South America.

23 (6) The preservation, enhancement, economic
24 and tourism potential and management of the cen-
25 tral California coast and Pacific coast range's impor-

1 tant natural and cultural resources requires coopera-
2 tion and partnerships among local property owners,
3 Federal, State, and local government entities and
4 the private sector.

5 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF PINNACLES NATIONAL PARK.**

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE.—There is here-
7 by established Pinnacles National Park in the State of
8 California for the purposes of—

9 (1) preserving and interpreting for the benefit
10 of future generations the chaparral, grasslands, blue
11 oak woodlands, and majestic valley oak savanna eco-
12 systems of the area, the area’s geomorphology, ri-
13 parian watersheds, unique flora and fauna, and the
14 ancestral and cultural history of native Americans,
15 settlers and explorers; and

16 (2) interpreting the recovery program for the
17 California Condor and the international significance
18 of the program.

19 (b) BOUNDARIES.—The boundaries of Pinnacles Na-
20 tional Park are as generally depicted on the map entitled
21 “Proposed: Pinnacles National Park Designation
22 Change”, numbered 114/111,724, and dated December
23 2011. The map shall be on file and available for public
24 inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park
25 Service.

1 (c) ABOLISHMENT OF CURRENT PINNACLES NA-
2 TIONAL MONUMENT.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—In light of the establishment
4 of Pinnacles National Park, Pinnacles National
5 Monument is hereby abolished and the lands and in-
6 terests therein are incorporated within and made
7 part of Pinnacles National Park. Any funds avail-
8 able for purposes of the monument shall be available
9 for purposes of the park.

10 (2) REFERENCES.—Any references in law
11 (other than in this Act), regulation, document,
12 record, map or other paper of the United States to
13 Pinnacles National Monument shall be considered a
14 reference to Pinnacles National Park.

15 (d) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary of the Interior
16 shall administer Pinnacles National Park in accordance
17 with this Act and laws generally applicable to units of the
18 National Park System, including the National Park Serv-
19 ice Organic Act (16 U.S.C. 1, 2–4).

20 **SEC. 4. REDESIGNATION OF PINNACLES WILDERNESS AS**
21 **HAIN WILDERNESS.**

22 Subsection (i) of the first section of Public Law 94–
23 567 (90 Stat. 2693; 16 U.S.C. 1132 note) is amended by
24 striking “Pinnacles Wilderness” and inserting “Hain Wil-
25 derness”. Any reference in a law, map, regulation, docu-

1 ment, paper, or other record of the United States to the
2 Pinnacles Wilderness shall be deemed to be a reference
3 to the Hain Wilderness.

Passed the House of Representatives July 31, 2012.

Attest:

Clerk.

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