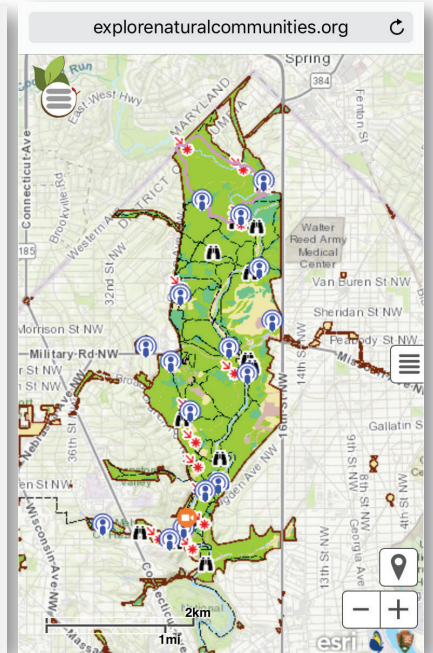
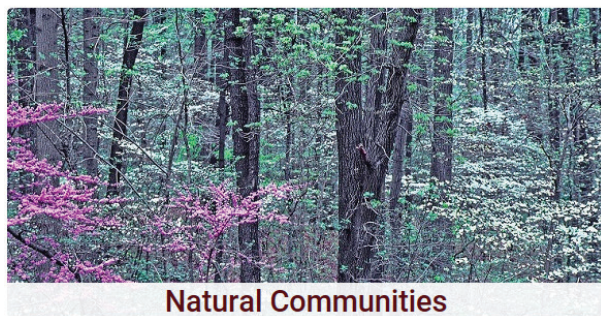




# Explore Natural Communities

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## Why

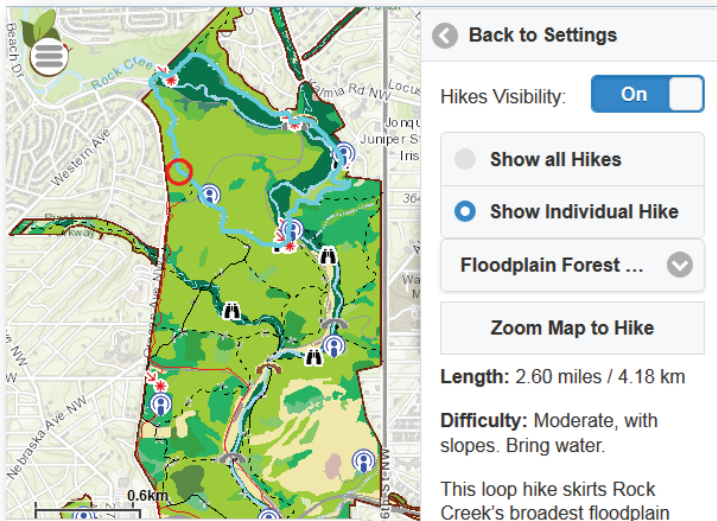
Our national parks are home to plants, animals, and ecosystems with intriguing stories! Park visitors can develop a sense of connection and appreciation by learning about the natural communities, plants, and animals found in the park. National Park Service staff has access to this place-based encyclopedia at their fingertips.

## What

ExploreNaturalCommunities.org, a NatureServe website, is packed full of interesting information about natural communities in our national parks. The website offers rich descriptions, images, interactive maps, podcasts, and videos of natural communities and the plants and animals that live in them. Users can track their location in the park on mobile interactive maps while following suggested hikes, learn about natural communities and natural highlights along the trails, and listen to informational podcasts. Visitors can learn how they can get involved and help protect the park's natural resources. Park staff can more effectively interpret and manage the natural resources in their park with customizable scientific information, tools, and detailed maps.

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## Explore Natural Communities in Action



### Explore the Interactive Map

Discover natural communities in the park and where to find them.

Build a customized hike on the desktop interactive map or find a pre-built hike on the mobile map.

Locate natural highlights and good places to view natural communities.

Listen to short, informative podcasts on mobile maps.



### Dig Deeper with Explore Natural Communities to Learn:

How to recognize a natural community

How plants and animals interact with each other and the environment

What plants and animals to look for in different parks and in different seasons

Threats faced by natural communities

Ways you can help protect natural communities

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