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## **JOSHUA TREE** News Release

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## Joshua Tree National Park Announces the Centennial Hiking Challenge

**Joshua Tree National Park, Twentynine Palms, CA** – As part of the centennial year, the park is offering a healthy and invigorating challenge to people of all ages. You are invited to stop by any visitor center at the park and pick up your free Centennial Hiking Challenge booklet. Inside you will find, suggested hikes, a log to record your hikes and a ranger sign off page which will qualify you for special stickers to reward your effort. Each booklet allows you to log up to 100 miles. Stop by and get your copy today.

The remaining superintendent led hikes are:

Monument Mountain 4834', 6 miles – February 6<sup>th</sup> (Meet at Cottonwood Visitor Center 0830, half day)

Eagle Peak 5350', 10 miles – March 5th, (Meet at Cottonwood Visitor Center 0830, all day)

Queen Mountain 5687', 4 miles – April 2<sup>nd</sup>, (Meet at Joshua Tree Visitor Center 0800, half day)

Quail Mountain 5813' 12 miles – April 30<sup>th</sup>, (Meet at Joshua Tree Visitor Center 0700, all day)

These hikes are all challenging and participants should be fit and in good health. Be sure and bring appropriate footwear for hiking as well as a hat, sunscreen, food and water. Please call 760 367-5502 to RSVP.

The National Park Service invites each and everyone to take advantage of these and other programs offered during the centennial year. Come out and "Find Your Park!"

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