

BIENNIAL CONFERENCE 2017

APRIL 2-7, 2017

George Wright Society

Connections Across People, Place and Time
April 2-7, 2017 ~ Norfolk, VA

The 19th George Wright Society Conference on Parks, Protected Areas, & Cultural Sites



Connecting thinking, judgement and action — this is where professionals and practitioners come together to reconnect, refresh and recommit to the core values of our parks community.

The George Wright Society invites you to the **premier interdisciplinary conservation conference on parks, protected areas, and cultural sites** to be held in Norfolk, VA on April 2-7, 2017.

Now more than ever, it is vital for us to come together. Natural and cultural resource managers, government representatives, researchers, Indigenous peoples, academic communities, students, nonprofit sectors, private land managers, marine and aquatic conservationists, and more.

Our cross-cutting approach is unique among professional conservation meetings. We connect you to **breakthrough research, latest management practices, and the core values** that motivate us as members of the international parks community.

ADVANCING THOUGHT,
PRACTICE AND
ACTION

DYNAMIC KEYNOTES,
BREAKOUT AND
POSTER SESSIONS

CONNECT WITH YOUR
COMMUNITY AND
PEERS



What's different about GWS Conferences?

GWS is unique among professional organizations because our mission is to promote protected area stewardship by bringing together professionals and practitioners from all fields to share their expertise.

GWS delivers useful information and new skills you can use right away.

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GWS2017 will encourage presentations and discussions that explore the challenges of **making connections ...**

... Across people: How do we create an environment in which everyone has a stake in place-based conservation, working and growing together?

... Across place: How do we join the deeply felt particular places and stories that inspire each of us individually with those of others so as to gain an understanding of how they all are connected at different levels across various systems?

... Across time: How do we build a conservation practice which seeks to learn from the past, be aware of the present situation, and identify the possibilities for a thoughtful way forward?

Refresh — or Kickstart — Your Career! A chance to catch up with old friends and colleagues, create new connections, and diversify your perspective on parks and protected areas. If you are a student, #GWS2017 is an outstanding opportunity to build your network and meet future mentors.



**Many thanks to our Conference
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REGISTRATION OPEN *Day Passes Available.

**The George Wright Society promotes protected area stewardship by
bringing practitioners together to share their expertise.**

VALUE FOR YOUR TIME AND MONEY

In a world where every organization operates on a tight training budget, conferences must deliver demonstrable benefits at a good price. At GWS, we plan and carry out our conference with value foremost in mind. Our results-oriented program emphasizes presentations that deliver take-home benefits to attendees. Our fees are at the lower end of comparable meetings. Our conferences consistently receive high marks from attendees on overall satisfaction.

