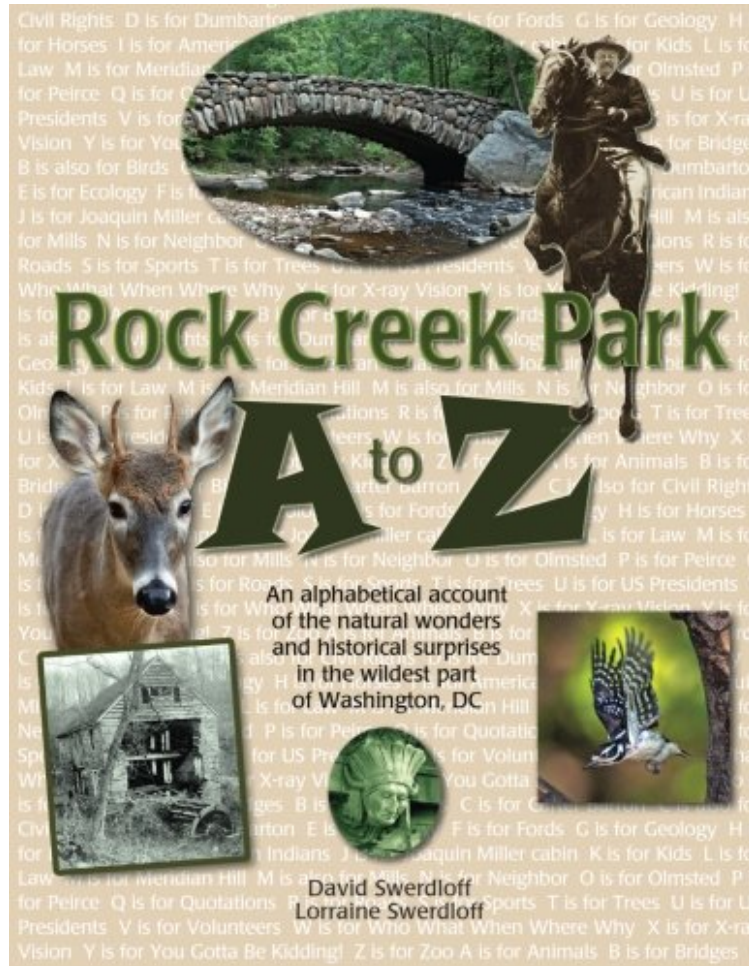


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This colorful guide to Rock Creek Park reveals the surprising natural wonders in the wild woodland in the heart of the Nations Capital...and its rich history as a Presidential playground, Native American campground and Civil War battleground. Illustrated with more than 250 images, Rock Creek Park A to Z answers questions that arise with every twist and turn of the valley: How did the rocks get into Rock Creek? In whose footsteps might you be walking each time you visit? How can the Park be preserved in the face of major threats to its environment? Where was Abe Lincoln nearly shot down by a Confederate sniper? The alphabetical account begins with A is for Animals: from newly arrived

coyotes to non-native black squirrels introduced more than a century ago. Along the way, F is for Fords: where horses and until 1994, autos could splash through the creek. M is for Mills: featuring the technology that made Rock Creek Valley a high-tech corridor for 19th century Washington. Q is for Quotations: what naturalists, poets, politicians and songwriters have to say about Rock Creek Park. U is for US Presidents: including hiking, rock-climbing, skinny-dipping and trespassing Teddy Roosevelt. Y is for You Gotta Be Kidding: a rundown of serious proposals that, happily, were never enacted like damming the creek to turn the valley into a reservoir. And anyone who has visited Washington's lions and tigers and (panda) bears oh my! knows that Z is for Zoo. Enjoy this entertaining account of one of Americas pioneering urban parks established in 1890, when America had only two other National Parks. From A to Z, get to know Rock Creek Park: it's where Washington insiders go when they go outside!

About the Author Native Washingtonian David Swerdloff and his wife Lorraine Swerdloff noticed something visiting National Parks around the country. When they explained they lived in DC next door to a National Park, even most of the rangers were stumped: which park could that be? So they decided to spread the word about Rock Creek Park celebrating its 1,700 acres as a haven for hikers and history buffs, birders and bicyclists...and for its significance as a pioneering urban park. Davids career involved painting word pictures for the Voice of America and major DC radio stations. Lorraine told stories using images and design as a graphic artist and national magazine editor. From the windows of their home, they see deer, foxes, owls and many other examples of the Parks wildlife. Previously, they told the tale of three centuries of DC history in and around their neighborhood in their book, Crestwood: 300 Acres, 300 Years.