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Scenario Planning: An Introduction

START COURSE

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Get to Know Scenario Planning

Learning activities formerly hosted on the NPS Common Learning Portal are slowly beginning to reappear on DOI Talent. The reimagined modules feature updated content and improved learner functionality.

[Scenario Planning: An Introduction](#) introduces learners to the basics of scenario planning through a series of videos and interactive activities. The module is available to all employees across the Department of the Interior and takes about one hour to complete.



Ready to Take A Deeper Dive into Climate-smart Planning?

Registration for the next offering of the *Planning for a Changing Climate in National Parks* virtual course is [now open on DOI Talent](#). The class provides training on the incorporation of climate-smart adaptation principles into existing National Park Service planning efforts. Through exploration of several real-world case studies, participants will learn how climate-smart principles have been used to manage resources and values in the face of projected climate hazards.

Class size is limited, so [please register ASAP if you are interested in attending](#).

Note: All registrants will be waitlisted by default, and—due to the nature and depth of course content—priority will be given to NPS planners.

Recently Published

Paleoecology Provides Context for the Importance of Fire



Consistent prescribed burning of a globally-imperiled ecosystem at Apostle Islands National Lakeshore may become increasingly important in the face of climate change, according to [a new study](#) in *Ecological Applications*. The pine barrens ecosystem on Stockton Island has been incredibly resilient over thousands of years—possibly due to regular low-intensity fire, like the prescribed burning practiced by the Ojibwe people. Bigger fires tended to happen during droughts or after periods of fire suppression. As the climate changes, more intense droughts could lead to more intense wildfires, making prescribed burning important to keep the ecosystem healthy.

An Assessment of NPS Climate Change Educational Resources



National parks provide great opportunities for teaching and learning about climate change. [A new article](#) in *The Science Teacher* explores climate-focused resources from Mount Rainier, New River Gorge, and Glacier National Parks.

This article builds on [earlier work by Beaver & Navy](#) to assess the availability and quality of climate change educational resources from 63 national parks. Surveyed parks offer a wealth of opportunities, from professional development workshops and in-person field trips to virtual classroom visits and ready-to-go curriculum materials.

Available Now



The [Climate Change in National Parks unigrid brochure](#) [PDF] returns! Over 200 parks have shared this brochure with visitors over the last decade, and this new edition has been fully revised for 2023.

Interested NPS sites can contact climate_change@nps.gov to receive one box of 600 brochures. (Due to recent increases in printing costs, just one box can be mailed initially to each site.)

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