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Dear Club Member,

I normally try to keep an eye on anniversaries of key dates in history... but this one bypassed me slightly. In 2016 the National Parks Service in the USA celebrated it's 100th anniversary. The First National Park was designated in 1871, and Yellowstone National Park is now one of the most well known National Parks over the whole world. After that many more parks were created, including ones such as Yosemite, Rocky Mountains, and Hawaii. In 1916 Woodrow Wilson created the National Park Service to look after these parks, and any future parks. The aim of the service was to "conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

In 2015 307million people visited America's National Parks, and visitor numbers have been rising ever since. The service now manages many more parks, and other historic sites. I'm off to America later this year to go to Rhinebeck Sheep and Wool festival, and there are several National Park sites that are on the to-do list.

More recently the National Park Service made headlines worldwide for their twitter accounts, which "went rogue" during the inauguration of Donald Trump. The accounts are now back to posting photos of scenery, but the "Alt" accounts are now being very vocal in their opposition to policies that might cause damage to the very sites the service was set up to look after.

These National Parks were the basis for all other national parks in countries around the world, including of course, the one I'm sitting in right now, the Welsh mountains of Snowdonia.

When thinking of a way to transform this centenary of care in to fibre I decided to commemorate the wide open spaces, natural green, and small bursts of colour from beautiful wild flowers. It won't be an even spin, embrace the texture, let yourself go a little wild.

Happy Spinning,

Katie