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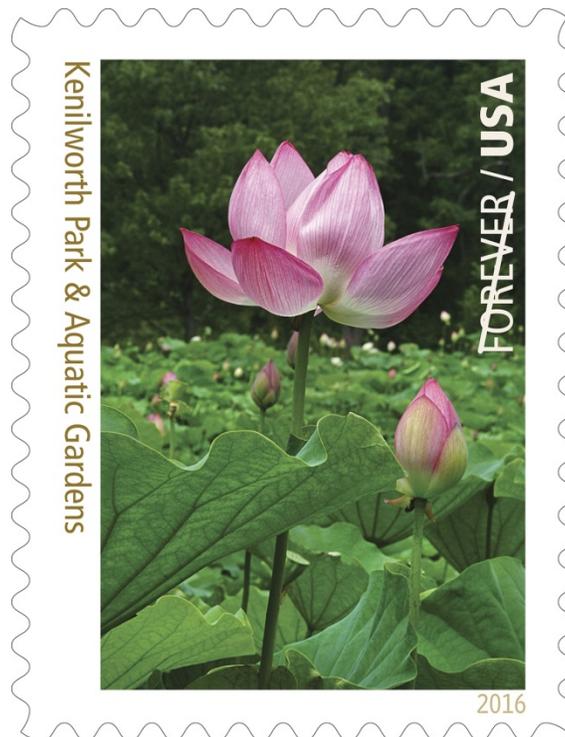
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Postal Service Previews 11th of 16 Stamps Celebrating National Park Service's Centennial *Stamp Highlights Kenilworth Park & Aquatic Gardens*

WASHINGTON — A Sacred Lotus with a bloom the size of a basketball in Washington, DC's Kenilworth Park & Aquatic Gardens is featured on the 11th of 16 Forever Stamp images. The stamps are being revealed individually over a three-week period to celebrate the National Park Service's 100th anniversary.

Kenilworth Park & Aquatic Gardens, DC

The stamp image was photographed by [Cindy Dyer](#) of Alexandria, VA, who also provided the images from Kenilworth for the [Water Lilies Forever Stamps](#) issued last year. The Sacred Lotus (*Nelumbo nucifera*), is the star attraction at Kenilworth Park and Aquatic Gardens during its blooming period from late June to early September.

This breathtaking plant is a sample of the hidden treasures tucked away in this time capsule surrounded by urban neighborhoods in our nation's capital. The original water lilies were planted by a [Civil War veteran](#) who bought the 30-acre parcel in the 1880s. The park's wetlands also provide habitat for many animals including fox, mink and otter. Visit this [link](#) for more information.

Other National Park Forever Stamps previewed to date include [Acadia National Park](#), [Arches National Park](#), [Assateague Island National Seashore](#), [Bandelier National Monument](#), [Carlsbad Caverns National Park](#), [Everglades National Park](#), [Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve](#), [Grand Canyon National Park](#), [Gulf Islands National Seashore](#) and [Haleakalā National Park](#).

The June 2 first-day-of-issue ceremony for the National Parks Forever Stamps pane will take place at New York City's [Javits Center](#) at 11 a.m. as part of the world's largest stamp show that only takes place in the United States once a decade, [World Stamp Show-NY 2016](#). Dedication ceremonies will also take place at or near each of the National Parks depicted on the stamps. Individuals are asked to spread the news on social media by using the hashtags [#NPSStamps](#), [#FindYourPark](#) or [#NPS100](#).

World Stamp Show-NY 2016 will take place May 28–June 4. There will be something for everyone there, no matter what you collect. Stamp collecting is a hobby for a lifetime. No matter what your specialty, you'll find it at the show.

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