

## You are Invited

## A Conversation about National Parks for All People

The National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) is excited to let you know about a conversation about access to national parks.

We are hoping to come up with ideas and actions we can take together to create a more inclusive National Park System – a National Park System that reflects all Americans and all backgrounds. We hope to identify what is fueling patterns of exclusion and unequal engagement with our national parks.

We plan to use the results of the conversation to develop our action plan with your input. You can greatly help all of us and improve the results of NPCA's work and efforts for the future of our national parks.

**What:** Conversation and workshop to help determine what is fueling patterns of disengagement and non-engagement with our national parks

**When:** This conversation will take place over two days, March 1 to 2, 2018, from 9am to 5pm each day

**Where:** NPCA, 256 W. 36<sup>th</sup> Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY

**Food:** Breakfast, hearty lunch and delicious snacks will be provided

**Who:** Our facilitator will be Sayra Owens Pinto. Please see information about Sayra below

**RSVP:** By February 23, 2018 to Timothy Leonard at <u>tleonard@npca.org</u> or 212-244-6088

*Information about our facilitator and the conversation:* 

Sayra Pinto, PhD, MFA will facilitate a systems-theory based justice, equity, diversity and inclusion workshop to develop a strategy for the NPCA's Northeast region, home to some of the most diverse urban regions adjacent to national parks in the country. The workshop will be held over a two-day period on March 1-2, and will include partners in New Jersey, New York, and other parts of the region. This systems thinking session will engage participants a systems theory method of dialogue that utilizes the three-legged stool, the ladder of inference, reinforcing and balancing loops, root cause analysis, network mapping, and vision-driven action planning.