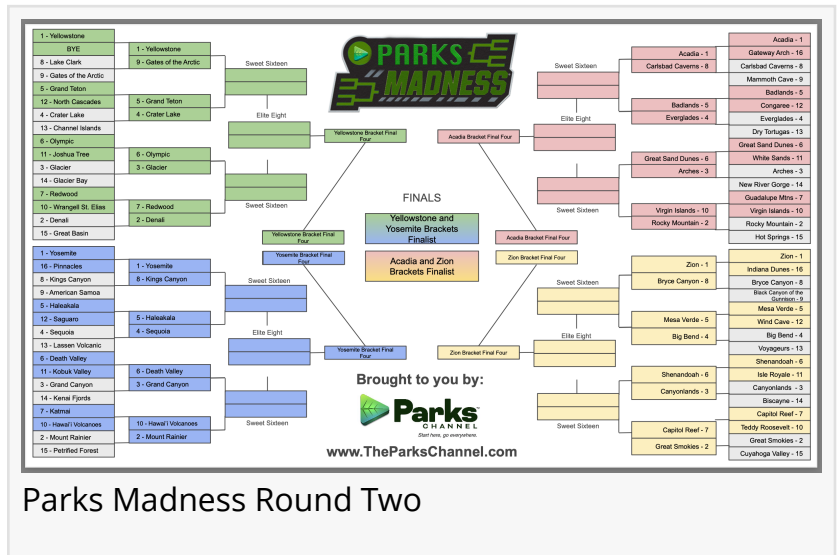


Parks Madness Round One: Fat Bears Lose, Iconic Parks Win

No. 1 Seeds Yellowstone, Yosemite, Zion and Acadia All Move on Two Round Two - Voting Opens Today

BETHESDA, MD, UNITED STATES, March 28, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The 2024 [Parks Madness](#) Round One on the [Parks Channel](#) featured hard-fought battles from coast to coast and some tight contests, but there were no Cinderella shockers for the top seeds, who dominated their competitors. Yosemite, Zion and Acadia all defeated their first-round opponents by at least 90% of the votes. With Yellowstone getting a first-round bye, our competition still has all four of the iconic parks whose names are on the brackets, along with perennial powerhouses the Great Smokies and the Grand Canyon.



Parks Madness Round Two

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The No. 2 seeds also breezed through, although Mount Rainier faced a scrapper-than-expected Petrified Forest, whose effort proved anything but fossilized. No. 3 seed Grand Canyon also had a tough matchup. Despite an annual visitation advantage of 5 million to under 400,000, the “Mountain Lying Down” gave upstart Kenai Fjords a fighting chance.

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hibernation, unable to overcome the powerful geologic forces of No. 10 seed Hawai'i Volcanoes. The sun-kissed beaches of another No. 10 seed, Virgin Islands National Park, proved too alluring for No. 7 seed Guadalupe Mountains. No. 9 seed Gates of the Arctic, despite “no roads, no trails and no established camping sites” (per NPS) managed to upset No. 8 seed Lake Clark, which can at least boast 7 miles of trails and great bear-watching.

In matchups of sibling biospheres the top seeds prevailed, with No. 3 seed Glacier easily putting

No. 14 seed Glacier Bay on ice and No. 6 seed Death Valley offering No. 11 Kobuk Valley. Eighth-seeded Carlsbad Caverns buried No. 9 Mammoth Caves and No. 6 Great Sand Dunes made No. 11 White Sands bite the dust.

Among the narrow escapes, No. 6 seed Shenandoah faced an august challenge from Michigan's No. 11 Isle Royale, and No. 4 Everglades had to swim for its life against No. 13 Dry Tortugas.

As Round Two of Parks Madness opens today, there are several marquis matchups to look out for:

- Yellowstone bracket - No. 6 Olympic, which won the ring from fan favorite No. 11 Joshua Tree, now faces the chilling challenge of No. 3 Glacier.
- Yosemite bracket – we have a white-hot matchup of dormant and active volcanoes, with Mount Rainier up against Hawai'i Volcanoes.
- Acadia bracket – the dry fury of No. 5 Badlands enters the swamp to meet No. 4 Everglades.
- Zion bracket – Mighty No. 1 Zion, beloved but often overcrowded in the lane and slowed by permits, must take on Utah sibling No. 8 Bryce Canyon, which has been among the top picks for overall winner in the early voting.

Ballots for Round Two open today, with a deadline of midnight ET on April 2. The 2024 Parks Madness Sweet Sixteen will be announced at 10 am ET on April 3.

To submit Round two ballots, visit <https://theparkschannel.com>

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