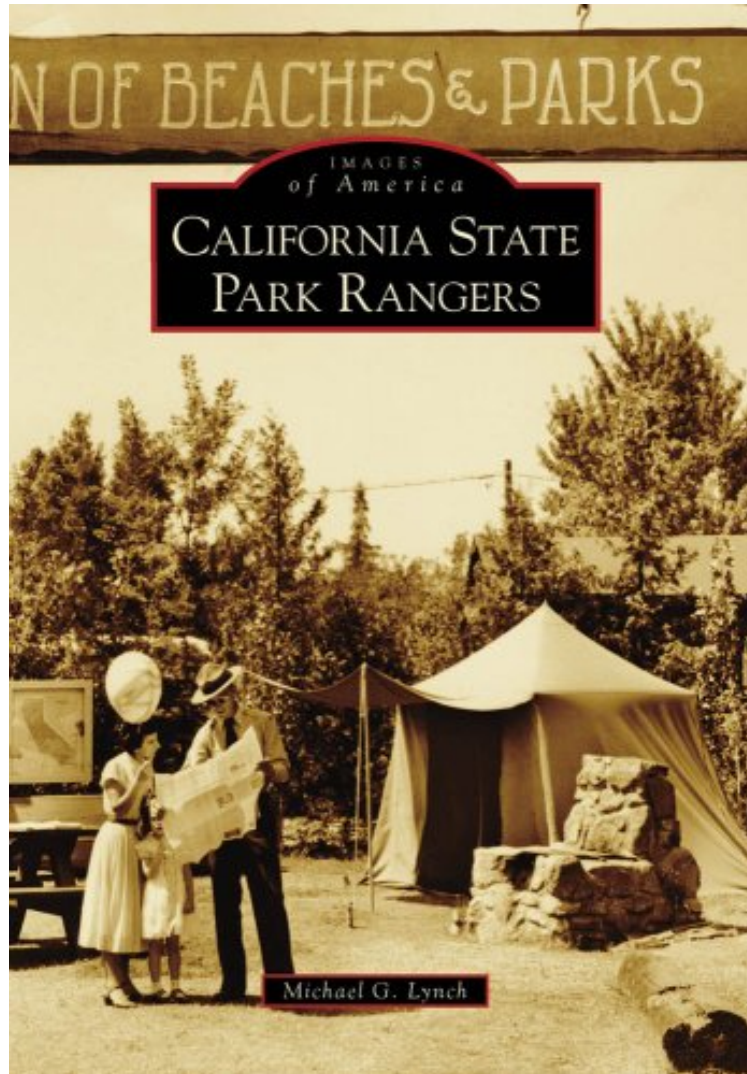


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Title: New park ranger book by Mike Lynch Author: Staff Writer Publisher: International Police Association: Region 29 Bulletin Date: March 2009 Past IPA National President and Auburn State Park Ranger Mike Lynch is back with another book on a favorite subject of his. The new book details the history of California's state park rangers. A 35-year veteran of the State Parks Department, Lynch is currently serving as acting superintendent for the Auburn State Recreation Area. He's worked in the recreation area in the canyon near Auburn for more than three decades. Lynch has appeared in books both as a subject and author. Lynch is the author or co-author in his own right of four books, starting with 1996's "Rangers of California's State Parks" and including 2004's "Auburn Images," 2005's "Insignia of the California Resources Agency" and "American River Canyon Hikes," also in 2005. Lynch, is known as the authority on the many and varied bridges that have spanned the north and middle forks in the vicinity of the American River confluence. VISUAL HISTORY TOUR His "California State Park Rangers" provides a visual tour of the history of the men and women who have protected some treasured Golden State landmarks for more than 100 years. Lynch starts from the beginning. The first park ranger in the world was appointed in California in 1866. Galen Clark was chosen as "Guardian of Yosemite," at what was then Yosemite State Park. From there, Lynch guides readers through chapters on everything from celebrity encounters to brushes with bad guys. There are even a few Auburn-area photos in the mix. The majority of the images come from the state park ranger anniversary photograph collection and there are more than 200 of them. Lynch has a couple of goals in keeping with the spirit of the book. He said, "I hope the book will help someone to seek a career as a park ranger, with a realistic idea of what ranger work involves." And a portion of the proceeds will be donated to a good cause the state park anniversary committee. Title: New park ranger book penned by Auburn author Author: Gus Thomson Publisher: Auburn Journal Date: 2/12/2009 Auburn State Park Ranger Mike Lynch is back with another book on a favorite subject of his. The new book details the history of Californias state park rangers. A 35-year veteran of the State Parks Department, Lynch is currently serving as acting supervisor for the Auburn State Recreation Area. Hes worked in the recreation area in the canyon near Auburn for more than three decades. Lynch has appeared in books both as a subject and author. When Jordan Fisher Smiths Nature Noir came out four years ago, it wasnt too hard for Auburn-savvy readers to figure out that the ranger named Dave Finch who played a role in many of the stories surrounding the American River Canyon was actually Lynch. On the other end of the word processor, Lynch is the author or co-author in his own right of four books, starting with 1996s Rangers of Californias State Parks and including 2004s Auburn Images, 2005s Insignia of the California Resources Agency and American River Canyon Hikes, also in 2005. Lynch, known as the authority on the many and varied bridges that have spanned the north and middle forks in the vicinity of the American River confluence, has now joined a couple of other local history experts in creating fascinating books for Arcadia Publishing that feature historical images and illuminating text. Carmel Barry-Schweyer, who recently retired as Placer County archives curator, started things off in 2004 with Mining Camps of Placer County under the Arcadia imprint. She later penned a second book on Rocklin images. Auburns Arthur Sommers provided some extraordinary images from his own photo collection to produce a well-received Auburn book for Arcadia this year. It was so popular that Sommers found no copies available from Arcadia when he wanted some of a December book signing. The first print run had already all been spoken for. VISUAL HISTORY TOUR Lynchs book could prove as popular, but on a bigger stage. His California State Park Rangers provides a visual tour of the history of the men and women who have protected some treasured Golden State landmarks for more than 100 years. Lynch starts from the beginning. The first park ranger in the world was appointed in California in 1866. Galen Clark was chosen as Guardian of Yosemite, at what was then Yosemite State Park. 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5/6/09 In Michael G. Lynch's new book, a ranger confronts a Velma Melmac for defoliating 22 acres in Yosemite. She does not take it well. "Mother Nature is a slob and you know it, bug lover," she shouts. Fortunately, Melmac is not a real problem. She's a comic-strip character named for a brand of plastic dinnerware of the 1950s. But there are plenty of genuine do-badders in Lynch's new Images of America book, "California State Park Rangers" (Arcadia, 128 pages). There are nudists at beaches, poachers in the woods and pot farmers in isolated mountain areas. Park rangers have had to deal with a lot since Galen Clark was put in charge of Yosemite in 1866. Lynch captures it all, from Clark to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, in the 200-photo book. Lynch, a retired ranger who is back working as the interim superintendent for the Auburn State Recreation Area, is the de facto historian for rangers. He began collecting the photos in 1990 and approached Arcadia Publishing, which generally publishes photo histories of towns, communities or neighborhoods under the Images of America name. When Arcadia agreed to the project, he already had 1,500 photographs. "It was a matter of winnowing them down to the 200 that best told the story," Lynch said. The story includes Velma Melmac, the creation of cartoonist Phil Frank, who was made an honorary park ranger. It also includes depictions of an outdoor magazine's short-lived plan to have pinup faux-ranger centerfolds, a ranger vehicle stuck in the dunes, and a sprinkling of cute baby forest animals. Of course, it also tells the serious story of State Parks' establishment and how parks have been used through the decades. The focus is on the rangers who patrolled and protected the parks, the parks' natural assets and the people who visited them. The book is available in bookstores, and at arcadiapublishing.com and [.com](http://arcadiapublishing.com). Title: Outdoor Library: Photo book shows another side of park rangers Author: Carlos Alcal Publisher: The Sacramento Bee Date: 2/26/2009 A park ranger meets all kinds of oddballs. In Michael G. Lynch's new book, a ranger confronts a Velma Melmac for defoliating 22 acres in Yosemite. She does not take it well. "Mother Nature is a slob and you know it, bug lover," she shouts. Fortunately, Melmac is not a real problem. She's a comic-strip character named for a brand of plastic dinnerware of the 1950s. But there are plenty of genuine do-badders in Lynch's new Images of America book, "California State Park Rangers" (Arcadia, \$21.95, 128 pages). There are nudists at beaches, poachers in the woods and pot farmers in isolated mountain areas. Park rangers have had to deal with a lot since Galen Clark was put in charge of Yosemite in 1866. Lynch captures it all, from Clark to Gov. 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The focus is on the rangers who patrolled and protected the parks, their natural assets and the people who visited them. The book is available beginning Monday, and will be sold in bookstores, park gift shops and online at arcadiapublishing.com. Title: New Book: California State Park Rangers Author: Staff Writer Publisher: CSPRA Wave Date: Jan/Feb 2009 Mike Lynch, historian, author, and California State Park Ranger, has written a pictorial history of the ranger to be published as part of the Images of America series. Mike is also the author of Rangers of California's State Parks, published in 1996 for the 125th Anniversary of the California State Park Ranger. This new book should be available at the California Parks Conference in March. The first park ranger in the world was appointed in California in 1866. Galen Clark was chosen as Guardian of Yosemite, at what was then Yosemite State Park, and the concept of rangers to protect and administer America's great nature parks was born. The tradition continued in 1872 with the establishment of the first national park at Yellowstone. From the earliest days, park rangers have been romanticized; they are explorers, outdoorsmen, tree lovers, animal protectors, police officers, nature guides, and park administrators. The park ranger has become an American icon, whose revered image has maintained itself to this very day. CALIFORNIA STATE PARK RANGERS by Michael G. Lynch On Sale Date: 02/23/2009 128 Pages, ISBN: 0738559938 Publisher: Arcadia Publishing About the Author Author Michael G. Lynch is a 35-year veteran of California State Parks as a field ranger, supervising ranger, and superintendent. He has been active in a wide variety of park-ranger and law-enforcement associations, including the California State Park Rangers Association and the International Ranger Federation. He was named Police Historian of the Year in 2006 by the California Law Enforcement Historical Society. For nearly two decades, he has developed and maintained a large collection of photographs chronicling the history of California's dedicated state-park professionals.