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## Chickasaw National Recreation Area News Release

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### **Park Lecture Series Presents “City on Wheels,” the Early History of Platt National Park**

SULPHUR, OK — The National Park Service turns 100 on August 25, 2016, and everyone can take part in the celebration. As part of the centennial celebration, Chickasaw National Recreation Area will host a three part lecture series about park history beginning March 3rd. These presentations will be held on the “First Thursday” of March, April, and May at the Travertine Nature Center at 7:00 p.m. On March 3<sup>rd</sup> park staff will present “*City on Wheels*,” about the events leading up to the creation of Platt National Park. This will be followed by presentations April 7<sup>th</sup> about the Chickasaw National Recreation Area and May 5<sup>th</sup> about the National Park Service, its centennial, and the future of national parks.

Sulphur Springs Reservations was authorized July 1, 1902, then renamed and re-designated Platt National Park on June 29, 1906. This area received early protection and designation because of its spring’s resources. Chickasaw National Recreation Area was created in 1976 when Platt National Park and the Arbuckle Recreation Area, including Lake of the Arbuckles, were combined. The stories leading up to the establishment of Platt National Park are fascinating. Come and be a part of learning about the early park history.

For more information about Chickasaw National Recreation Area, visit [www.nps.gov/chic](http://www.nps.gov/chic) or call the Travertine Nature Center at (580) 622-7234.

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