

In 1906 the U.S. Congress passed the Antiquities Act, a highly influential piece of historic preservation legislation that established a national policy to protect and preserve America's important sites.

The same year, Congress created Colorado's Mesa Verde National Park.

One hundred years later, grassroots organizations and governmental agencies at the local, state, and national levels continue to carry on the legacy of archaeology and historic preservation.

For more information, contact the Colorado Historical Society's Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation at (303) 866-3395. The statewide Preservation Month events calendar, funded in part by the Colorado Historical Society's State Historical Fund, is available online at www.coloradohistory-oahp.org.

For opportunities to participate, contact the Colorado Archaeological Society at www.coloradoarchaeology.org, or Colorado Preservation, Inc. (303) 893-4260.

Circa 1920 photograph by Harry Mellon Rhoads showing his daughters, Mary Elizabeth and Harriet, gazing upon Spruce Tree House at Mesa Verde National Park. To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the park, the Colorado Historical Society and the Denver Public Library are jointly hosting a photo exhibition titled "From Nordenskiold to Nusbaum: Photography, Archaeology, and Tourism in the early years of Mesa Verde" from March 1 to May 31, 2006 at the Denver Public Library, 10 W. 14th Avenue Parkway, Denver. Photo from Denver Public Library, Western History Collection, Call No. Rh-271.























