

Shelton Johnson, Park Ranger/Author

Shelton Johnson is a ranger at Yosemite National Park and an advocate for bringing minorities to the National Park system and connecting them with the natural world. He dedicated his work to this issue when he discovered the history of the Buffalo Soldiers, the African American regiments of the U.S. Army. Johnson is known for his research and publications on the Buffalo Soldier regiments which were assigned to protect the new National Parks in California's Sierra Nevada.



Johnson maintains a section on the Buffalo Soldiers on Yosemite National Park's official website. He also wrote and still performs a living history program called *Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier, 1904*, which is presented as an interpretive program at the park and at locations around the country. In 2009, Johnson received the National Freeman Tilden Award as the best interpreting ranger in the National Park Service for his work with Ken Burns and Dayton Duncan on their National Parks documentary.

