

The Origin and Promotion of National Parks



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Stories from a national park

Listen to the following excerpt from a radio show where a park ranger is talking about her work at a national park.



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The radio quiz

Can you answer the following questions from the radio quiz correctly?

Choose the correct answer for each question.

What is the primary source of funding for Banff National Park?

- ☐ Revenue from logging activities ☐ Income from mining activities
- ☐ Government funding, park entry fees, and tourism revenues
- ☐ Donations from international NGOs

How does Banff National Park ensure the natural environment is preserved?

- ☐ By allowing unrestricted hunting ☐ By restricting all human activities in the park
- ☐ By focusing on eco-tourism ☐ By promoting commercial development

What is one of the major challenges faced by park rangers in Banff National Park?

- ☐ Poaching ☐ Drought ☐ Overfishing ☐ Urbanization within the park

What significant event in Banff National Park's history took place in 1885?

- ☐ The park was officially established ☐ The first ranger station was built
- ☐ The first hiking trail was opened ☐ The park was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site

Which animal is considered elusive in Banff National Park?

- ☐ Moose ☐ Grizzly bear ☐ Mountain caribou ☐ Elk

How did Sarah's grandfather contribute to Banff National Park?

- ☐ He donated land for the park ☐ He wrote the first guidebook for the park
- ☐ He worked as a ranger and helped address early conservation challenges
- ☐ He was the park's first visitor

What is a key focus of Banff National Park's conservation programs?

- ☐ Expanding urban development ☐ Protecting endangered species
- ☐ Increasing hunting quotas ☐ Building more tourist attractions

What makes the bond among rangers at Banff National Park special?

- ☐ They work in isolation ☐ They support each other through thick and thin
☐ They compete to see who can spot the most wildlife ☐ They rarely interact with each other

What experience did Sarah describe as particularly memorable during her time as a ranger?

- ☐ Rescuing a lost hiker in the backcountry ☐ Organizing a large public event in the park
☐ Publishing a research paper on local flora ☐ Leading a successful anti-poaching operation

What is one of the persistent threats Banff National Park faces, according to Sarah?

- ☐ Lack of visitor interest ☐ Human-wildlife conflict ☐ Frequent forest fires
☐ Severe water pollution

Your questions

Which questions would you like to ask the park ranger?

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Promotion of national parks: pros and cons

In the following part of the radio broadcast, the aim is to gather listeners' opinions regarding the government promotion of national parks. Listen to the contributions from two callers and list the pros and cons of government promotion in the table below.



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Fill out the table with information from the two calls.

Pros	Cons

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Additional information for teachers

Danica's Arguments

- Preservation of natural beauty and biodiversity (pro)
- Boost to local economies through tourism (pro)
- Educational experiences for schools and families (pro)
- Space for recreation and mental health benefits (pro)
- Bureaucratic red tape may slow down projects or increase costs (con)

Jacob's Arguments

- Increase in rules and restrictions (con)
- Diversion of attention and resources from local parks (con)
- Potential better use of land for agriculture or development (con)
- Issues with wildlife management and ecological imbalances (con)
- Provides recreational space and a great escape (pro)

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Read through all the arguments one more time, then answer the question: What is your opinion on government funding of national parks? Give reasons for your opinion.

