

Geography Knowledge Map – Summer 2 – National Parks

Important things I will know, understand and be able to do:

1) The names and locations of the fifteen National Parks of Great Britain. The main distinctive physical features of National Parks.

2) How the distribution of National Parks compares with the distribution of uplands and urban areas. What the term 'cultural heritage' means.

3) The distinctive physical and cultural features of a National Park that is close by. The three aims or purposes of National Parks.

4) Why areas of Great Britain are chosen as National Parks.

5) That sometimes these three purposes of National Parks conflict with each other and that because of this potential conflict, National Parks have to be carefully managed.

6) How and why National Parks in the USA are similar to and different from National Parks in Great Britain.

FACT FILE

- There are 15 National Parks in the United Kingdom.
- The country's 'breathing spaces', they are areas of great unspoilt beauty and some of the most wild and remote places in the United Kingdom with lots of open space. By conserving them, we protect the open countryside as the population increases.
- They are important because they tell us about the unique ways of life that have developed in places throughout history and are still developing. The National Parks are home to distinctive places, buildings, customs, events, beliefs, traditions and lifestyles that are unique to that place – this is their 'cultural heritage'.
- People are actively encouraged to come from across the country to visit and enjoy them.
- Every year over 100 million people visit at least one of the United Kingdom's National Parks!



Vocabulary

National Park	An area of countryside, sea or fresh water that is protected by the state for the public to enjoy.
protected land	An area that is protected through legal means to achieve long-term conservation of nature, ecosystems and cultural values.
tourism	Travelling to a specific area for fun.
Environment -	the natural world as a whole or in a particular geographical area
Landscape	- the visible features of an area of land
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	- is an area of countryside in England, Wales or Northern Ireland which has been designated for conservation due to its significant landscape value.