

National parks of the UK

Task 1 Read the description and then do the tasks

SNOWDONIA

Dominated by the impressive Snowdonia mountain range, the area is full of picturesque villages, steep rivers and waterfalls and a coastline of fine sandy beaches.

Key areas of interest:

- Snowdon, the highest mountain in Wales
- Rich and varied landscapes including wooded valleys, peatlands and moorlands
- Historic castles
- 23 miles of coastline with sand beaches
- The Welsh language, spoken by over half the population
- Just 2 hours from Manchester



LOCH LOMOND & THE TROSSACHS

With 22 large lochs, 21 Munros and about 50 rivers and streams, it is never far from a fantastic view across water.

Key areas of interest

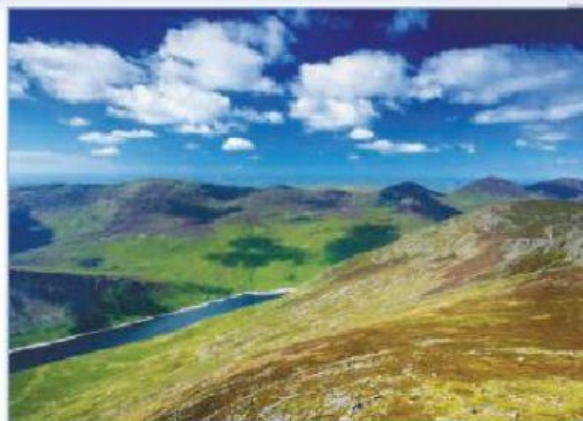
- Dramatic mountain landscapes
- Great for hillwalking and climbing
- Boat trips, sailing and canoeing
- Less than an hour from Glasgow

LAKE DISTRICT

High fells, deep Ice Age lakes and well off country communities, the Lake District has inspired writers and visitors for centuries.

Key areas of interest:

- Scafell, England's highest mountain
- 16 main lakes and many smaller ones
- Boat trips, sailing, canoeing and swimming
- Wainwright's famous 214 fell walks
- Less than 2 hours from Manchester



Northern Ireland does not have national parks at the moment, however, serious moves have been made to create a national park in the breathtaking MOURNE MOUNTAINS.

The mountain range attracts hundreds thousands of visitors each year with its outstanding natural beauty as well as outdoor activities such as hillwalking, cycling, horse riding, fishing, golf and climbing. The Mourne Mountains also include the highest peak in Northern Ireland – Slieve Donard raising 849 metres above sea level.

Task 2 True or false

- 1. The highest mountain in Wales is Snowdon**
- 2. Snowdonia is full of picturesque villages, steep rivers, waterfalls and a coastline.**
- 3. Just 3 hours from Manchester.**
- 4. There are a lot of historical castles in Snowdonia.**
- 5. The coastline with sand beaches is 25 miles.**
- 6. Loch Lomond is less than an hour from Glasgow.**
- 7. Dramatic mountain landscapes are in Lake District.**
- 8. The Trossachs are great for hillwalking and climbing.**
- 9. Boat trips, sailing and canoeing are in Loch Lomond.**
- 10. About 50 rivers and waterfalls are in Loch Lomond.**
- 11. Lake District has inspired writers and visitors for centuries.**
- 12. England's highest mountain is Scafell.**
- 13. Lake District is famous for boat trips, sailing, canoeing and swimming.**
- 14. It is less than 2 hours from Manchester.**
- 15. Northern Ireland has a lot of national parks.**
- 16. Mourne Mountains are in Northern Ireland**
- 17. It doesn't attract visitors each year.**
- 18. Mourne Mountains is famous for boat trips, sailing, canoeing and swimming.**
- 19. Slieve Donard is the highest peak in Northern Ireland.**
- 20. Horse riding, fishing, golf, climbing, cycling and hillwalking are famous activities in Mourne Mountains.**