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NATURAL ECOPARKS IN COLOMBIA

Ecoparque de la Salud (The Health Ecopark)

Cali is the biggest city in the south west of Colombia. Like other cities in Colombia, it has an ecopark nearby. The Health Ecopark in Cali is a large park which borders the beautiful Pance River. At 564 km² it is the most important park in the area. The forest is a relaxing place for people from the nearby city to get fresher air and cooler temperatures. There are lots of trees in the forest and a wide variety of animals and birds. People visiting the ecopark can see birds such as guacharacas, eagles and other native species. Along the river they can see amphibians such as toads and frogs in the clear water.



Tayrona Ecopark

Tayrona Ecopark near Santa Marta in the north of Colombia is smaller than the Health Ecopark, with an area of 150 km². This ecopark is more famous than the Health Ecopark. Tayrona has beautiful beaches, exotic nature and clear blue sea. It has a wide variety of wildlife as the park is located between the sea and the mountains.

In terms of wildlife, there are 300 species of birds and 70 species of bats, as well as jaguars, deer, iguanas, turtles and other native species.

Visitors can walk in the forest or relax on the beaches. You can camp in Cañaveral or El Cabo or go swimming in La Piscina - a natural sea water lake.



Read the text and the sentences. Are they true (T) or false (F)

1. Tayrona Ecopark is bigger than the Health Ecopark. _____
2. People from Cali can enjoy fresher air by visiting the Health Park. _____
3. In the Health Park people can see wildlife in the sea. _____
4. The Health Ecopark is more famous than Tayrona Ecopark. _____
5. The Health Ecopark has both mountains and the sea. _____
6. Tayrona Ecopark has places where you can stay the night. _____

Write HE for (Health Park) or TR (Tayrona Ecopark) according to the following statements

7. which park has more variety birds _____
8. which park is larger on extension _____
9. which park can be hotter by the sea _____
10. which park has clearer water _____