

National Parks

The Greenland National Park

The Greenland National Park was established in 1974. The Park is located in one of the most northern places on our planet and is considered to be the largest one in the world. Although most areas of the Park are covered with ice and snow, there are some along the coast which are ice-free. There is little sunlight for four months of the year and summer temperatures seldom go above 5 degrees. Even though the Park has very few species of trees, it is a unique ecosystem hosting the most exciting wildlife that the northern hemisphere has to offer. There are 9 species of land animals living in the Park, including the polar bear, the Arctic fox and the reindeer. In its waters, you can see a lot of whales, seals and sharks. The Park is also home to 60 different species of birds.

Apart from some researchers working at the weather stations in the Park, no other people live in the area now. The park doesn't attract a lot of visitors due to its extreme weather conditions. The very few visitors who dare to travel to this cold, inhospitable wilderness must have a permit from the government. The Park may not be a popular destination for tourists, but it **draws** a lot of international scientists who want to study the wildlife and habitat of the area.

9. What is **FALSE** about the Greenland National Park?
 - A. It is bigger than any other park in the world.
 - B. The whole Park is covered with ice.
 - C. There isn't much sun for four months a year.
10. According to the 1st paragraph, the Greenland National Park is said to have
 - A. a smaller variety of birds than land animals.
 - B. low temperatures even in the summer months.
 - C. many different kinds of trees.
11. Few visitors go to the Greenland National Park because
 - A. there are no people staying there at all.
 - B. the government gives permits only to scientists.
 - C. the weather conditions are extreme.
12. Which of the following can best replace the word '**draws**' in the 2nd paragraph?
 - A. attracts
 - B. causes
 - C. covers

The Yellowstone National Park

There are 7,000 national parks around the world and the Yellowstone National Park in the USA is one of the most dazzling. Created in 1872, the Yellowstone Park is America's **original** national park. It covers an area of 8,983 kilometres, with lakes, waterfalls, forests, canyons, rivers, hot springs and mountain ranges. There is also a volcano in the Park, which has not erupted for thousands of years. The park supports hundreds of species of mammals, birds, fish and reptiles, some of which used to be in danger of extinction. The vast forests are also home to a large variety of plant species.

Visitors of all ages can enjoy themselves participating in various outdoor recreational activities. When the weather is warm, one of the best ways to explore the park is to go on a river rafting or kayaking adventure. Other fun activities in good weather are horseback riding and mountain biking. Despite the cold weather, there are also winter activities including cross-country skiing and snowmobile tours. And for those visitors who want to camp in the area, there are several shops where they can find the camping supplies they need. Before leaving the park, visitors can visit the local shops and take a souvenir home with them.

13. Which of the following can best replace the word '**original**' in the 1st paragraph?
 - A. famous
 - B. first
 - C. crowded
14. A visitor to the Yellowstone National Park can see
 - A. a volcano erupting.
 - B. a variety of landscapes.
 - C. plants that are dying out.
15. What is **TRUE** about the National Park according to the 2nd paragraph?
 - A. The cold weather prevents visitors from participating in winter activities.
 - B. There are hardly any outdoor activities offered.
 - C. Campers can find camping supplies there.