

## Podilski Tovtry National Nature Park

**1** Podilski Tovtry is a national park located in the Podillia region, in Western Ukraine. The park covers an area of 17,000 hectares and includes nature reserves and protected areas. This is the largest park in Ukraine and one of the largest in Europe. This park is located along the banks of the Dniester River. The park has various different ecosystems, including wetlands, grasslands and forests. The park is one of the Seven Natural Wonders of Ukraine.

**2** National Park Podilski Tovtry is home to a wide variety of wildlife, including roe deer, wild boars, wolves, wild cats, red foxes, badgers, otters, and others. A lot of local caves have become a cosy home for 14 kinds of bats. In addition, in this national park, you can find 65 animal species and 60 types of plants from the Red Book of Ukraine.

**3** Podilski Tovtry is a great place to visit if you love observing nature and having fun. You can go hiking, bike riding, or birdwatching. You can even try a hot-air balloon ride! There is an educational centre that teaches people about the animals and the environment in the park.

**4** Podilski Tovtry region is known as the possible birthplace of the Ukrainian language. This area is also famous for its ancient churches and monasteries. There are more than 300 archaeological sites and historical objects, but the most popular tourist location is Atlantis Cave. This natural wonder is full of fantastic stalactites and stalagmites. There is also an underground river that used to be part of the Dniro River. It is a really special and magical place that is worth seeing.

**5** This national park offers a variety of activities for mobility impaired people. The park provides accessible trails, viewing platforms, as well as wheelchair-accessible restrooms and shelters. The park also has several interactive exhibits that are interesting to visitors of all ages and abilities.



Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

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| <b>1</b> Podilski Tovtry is the largest park in Europe.                  | <b>6</b> Atlantis Cave is the only tourist attraction in this region. |
| <b>2</b> A lot of different animals live in the park.                    | <b>7</b> There is also an underground waterfall in Atlantis Cave.     |
| <b>3</b> This national park is a great place for spending time actively. | <b>8</b> There are many activities for people with special needs.     |
| <b>4</b> You can learn about the environment there.                      |   |
| <b>5</b> You can't find ancient churches there.                          |   |