🎧📝 Gapped-text: Smoky Mountains

Audioscript (first half, gapped) Hi! My name's Cherie Sullivan. I'm going to tell you about a trip I went on to the Smoky Mountains National Park with the other guys in my class. First of all, let me tell you a bit about the park itself. Like I said, it's a national park and the idea of creating one there was first suggested way back in 1926. By 1._____ , enough money had been raised to buy the land and that's when work started on the park, which was officially opened in 1940 by President Roosevelt. In 1983, the park was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The park covers an area of around two-thousand square kilometres, which makes it the biggest in the Eastern USA. The park is ninety-five percent forested and thirty-six percent of that is what's called 2._____ forest, where the trees predate European settlement of the area. There are also plantations of coniferous forest. So what is there to see in the park? We started off at the 3. _____ near the main gate. They've got, like, exhibitions about the history of the park, including stuff about the Cherokee people who lived there centuries ago, but more interesting is the information about the wildlife. There are around fifteen-hundred black bears and two-hundred different species of birds. Strange as it seemed some of the rarest creatures in the park are actually 4._____ . We didn't see any of those unfortunately. Then there's also a place selling maps and books and things, where I was able to get hold of some 5._____ , having stupidly forgotten to put mine in my bag. They actually have all sorts of souvenirs, but I'd say nothing out of the ordinary really.

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