



1. Read the text. In each question choose the right option.

- The writer recommends the park to _____.
 - hikers.
 - swimmers.
 - horse riders.
 - nature lovers.
- A popular activity is _____.
 - visiting a sculpture exhibition.
 - climbing a mountain.
 - hiking across a glacier.
 - learning how to use an ice axe.
- The temperature in Viti _____.
 - is always 30°C.
 - changes.
 - is freezing cold.
 - is too hot to swim.
- On a horse ride you can see _____.
 - reindeer.
 - seals.
 - fish.
 - birds.
- At the lagoon visitors should _____.
 - swim.
 - go fishing.
 - play with the seals.
 - take pictures.
- A special winter activity is _____.
 - driving across a glacier.
 - watching the night sky.
 - driving a snowmobile.
 - going to the theatre.



A Land of Ice and Fire

Are you interested in exploring nature? How does hiking through giant glaciers, swimming in hot springs and going horse riding sound? If that sounds exciting, then come to Iceland for your next holiday and visit the Vatnajökull National Park.

The easiest way to see the glaciers of Vatnajökull is to take a tour with an expert guide who will teach you all about the ice formations. One of the most popular tours is visiting the Falljökull glacier. Before the tour starts, visitors learn how to use special equipment, such as an ice axe. Then, the hike across the ice begins. Visitors find the shapes of the glacial ice amazing. Often, these natural forms look like wonderful glass sculptures. From the peak of the glacier the view of the surrounding area is spectacular. Some of the more adventurous visitors can also try ice climbing on the glacier.

Another popular attraction is the park's many hot springs. One of the most impressive places to visit is Viti, a lake inside a volcanic crater. It's perfect for swimming because it has an average temperature of 30°C. But in spring the temperature drops when the ice around the crater melts into the lake.

There are also plenty of activities for animal lovers. The North East of the park is home to many beautiful reindeer. One of the best ways to see them is by taking a horse ride across the park. The Jökulsárlón Lagoon is also a great place to see wildlife. Visitors can take a boat ride across the lagoon's calm blue waters and watch arctic birds flying overhead and playful seals swimming after fish. The lagoon is one of the most famous places in Iceland, so it's a great place to snap some photos to show your friends back home.

If you come to the park in winter, there's one last attraction you can't miss – the Northern Lights. The best way to see them is on an evening snowmobile trip across a glacier. You can watch the colourful lights dance across the dark sky! It's the greatest natural show on Earth!

So, next time you are planning a holiday, why not visit the natural wonders of Vatnajökull? It's an experience you won't forget.