



GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

Tell the Tale

Chapter One of this book explores one person's experience hiking in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Imagine you and your friends are taking a trip to the park. Write 200 words about what you want to see. Why are these sites important? Why do you want to visit them?





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Why Do I Care?

Maybe you don't live anywhere near the Great Smoky Mountains. But that doesn't mean you can't think about why it's important to preserve natural spaces. How do natural spaces and parks affect your life? Have you visited any national parks? How might your life be different if national parks didn't exist?





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Another View

This book talks about the ways fire can be necessary for maintaining healthy ecosystems. As you know, every source is different. Ask a librarian or another adult to help you find another source about this practice. Write a short essay comparing and contrasting the new source's point of view with that of this book's author. What is the point of view of each author? How are they similar and why? How are they different and why?





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Take a Stand

Before Great Smoky Mountains National Park existed, the land belonged to members of the Cherokee Nation. The US government stole their land and gave it to white settlers. Do you think the land should be returned to the Cherokee Nation? Why or why not?

