



What should I already know?

I already know that:

- ⇒ Great Britain is made up of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- ⇒ Britain is divided into 'counties' and we live in the county of Lincolnshire.
- ⇒ Britain has a diverse range of native plant and animal life.
- ⇒ Britain is made up of areas that are 'rural' (the countryside) and areas that are 'urban' (towns, cities).

Interesting Facts

- ⇒ National Parks are areas of the UK countryside, including some towns and villages, that are protected by law.
- ⇒ These areas are special, because of their wildlife, nature and cultural heritage. People who live there can help decide how to look after them.
- ⇒ There are 15 National Parks in the United Kingdom (UK).
- ⇒ The Peak District was officially the first UK National Park established in 1951.
- ⇒ The Cairngorms is the UK's biggest national park.
- ⇒ The smallest of the UK's national parks is the New Forest which covers only 570 square kilometres across Hampshire and Wiltshire. It's also a relatively young one, officially launched in 2005.
- ⇒ The Lake District is the most visited national park in the UK.

Diagrams/Timelines/Pictures

NATIONAL PARKS. Britain's breathing spaces



A map of the UK's National Parks

Recommended Books and Websites

[BBC Bitesize: National Parks](#)

[BBC Bitesize: Contours, Keys and Symbols](#)

National Parks of the USA (Kate Siber)



Key Vocabulary

environment	Everything around us, both living and non-living.
urban	A town, city or area surrounding a city.
rural	Areas which are not towns or cities. They are often farming or agricultural areas.
National Park	Protected areas because of their beautiful countryside, wildlife and cultural heritage.
World Heritage Site	Places of 'Outstanding Universal Value' to the whole of humanity. This means that their cultural and/or natural significance is so exceptional that it has special importance for people everywhere, now and in the future.
valley	A lower part in the land, between two higher parts which might be hills or mountains.
contour lines	Lines drawn on maps that join places of the same height.
stream	A body of running water (as a river or brook) flowing on the earth.
heritage	Something passed down from previous generations.

What else could I do to help me learn?

- ⇒ Research one of the 15 National Parks in the UK. Compare and contrast with a National Park in the USA.
- ⇒ Research and make a visitors guide for one of the UK's National Parks. What is there to see and do there? How far away is it from where we live in Lincolnshire?