

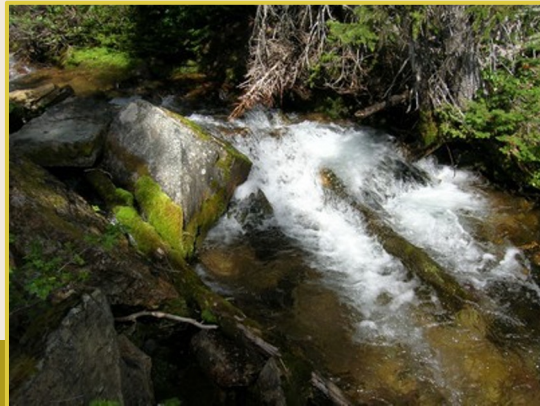
A Sense of the Land

Preserving National and Provincial Parks and Protected Areas





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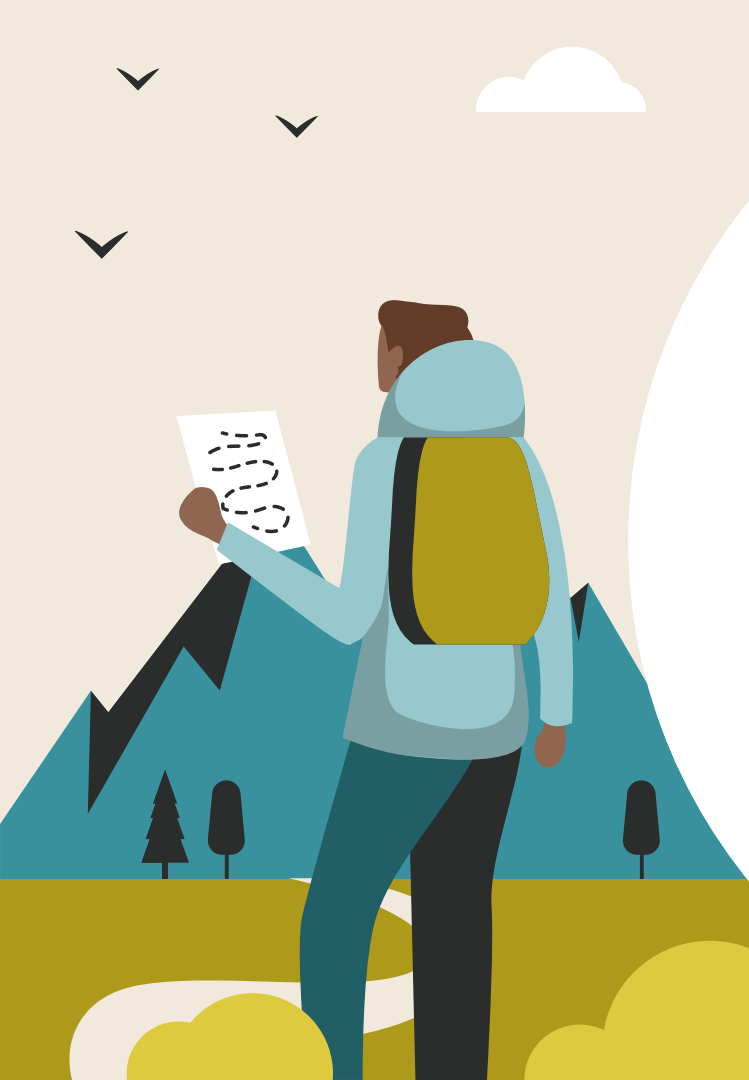




**Why is it
important to
preserve these
areas?**



**Preserve: to protect from
damage or harm.**



**Who's responsible
for ensuring that
these areas are
preserved?**



Preserving parks and protected areas

Definitions

- **National Park:**
 - Parks that are on federal land.
 - They were established to protect natural landscapes, wildlife and their habitats.
 - Also made to show people these natural landscapes.
 - Examples: Banff, Jasper, Waterton, Wood Buffalo and Elk Island
- **Provincial Park**
 - They were made to preserve a province's natural heritage such as landscapes.
 - Ex. Fishcreek, Saskatoon Island, Aspen Beach, Bragg Creek, Park Lake
- **Protected Area**
 - A geographical area that is protected by laws that are trying to conserve the nature in it.



History of Parks

- Before Alberta became a province, the lakes, rivers, mountains and land supported many Indigenous communities
- In 1929, Premier Brownlee created a committee to find areas that would be suitable for large parks
 - These parks were made to preserve wildlife
- In 1932, Aspen Beach provincial park became the first park to be opened
- In the creation of these new park boundaries, many Indigenous Peoples were forcibly removed from their homes and sent to reserves. They were not allowed to return to their land.
 - Authorities even burnt some of their homes
 - Many provinces even banned their hunting
- Because of this, authorities are thinking of ways to reconcile with the Indigenous Peoples such as by adopting some of their practices and including them in decision making.
 - **Do you think that this is enough?**



Issues with preserving the land

- Many of the issues that we see with preserving the land and its environment (example: National parks) has been due to colonial practices such as taking the resources from the land without replacing it and visitors leaving garbage around



So who is responsible for preserving it?

- On a legislative level:
 - **Parks Canada**
 - They are responsible for protecting National Park areas and managing them for visitors to see the natural beauty
 - **The Provincial Park Act**
 - Discusses rules for provincial parks such as what you can and cannot do in them
 - What are some rules that you have seen in a park?



Who Else Might Be Responsible?



Who Else is Responsible?

- **YOU:**
 - To make sure that you are taking care of the land
 - To make sure that you are not littering and damaging it
 - To push the government to include more Indigenous voices in land-based decisions
 - Indigenous voices are important for land-based decisions because Indigenous Peoples have been stewards of the land for many years, have a nurturing long-term relationship with it and know a lot about it.



Your Task

Pretend that you are on a committee that makes rules that govern parks.

Your task is to create **3-5 rules** that will protect and preserve the land on the park.

Give your park a name.

Your rules need to align with Indigenous beliefs and practices about the land

Then, you need to **explain why you chose your rules** and **explain how they match Indigenous beliefs.**

Indigenous views of the land



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