

## Great Smoky Mountains National Park Printable Reading Comprehension

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A national park is a natural place that is protected by the government. In the United States, there are 58 national parks right now. National parks are created to preserve important habitats for wildlife, to preserve important historical places, to protect natural and unusual landscapes, and to create spaces where people can enjoy nature.

Great Smoky Mountains National Park is the most visited national park in America. It is located on the border of North Carolina and Tennessee in the American south. Over eleven million people visit every year. The mountains are named for the bluish fog that sometimes appears to cover the peaks. The park includes many of the highest mountains in the Appalachian range and is home to thousands of kinds of plants, hundreds of birds and 50 kinds of fish. It is also home to over 1,500 black bears!

### 1. Great Smoky Mountain National Park...

- A. is located in two states
- B. is located in the American North
- C. is located in the Rocky Mountains
- D. is named incorrectly

### 2. What does this sentence suggest?

In the United States, there are 58 national parks right now.

- A. There are 58 national parks
- B. National parks are important
- C. National parks are protected by the government
- D. There could be more or less national parks in the future

### 3. Which BEST supports the fact that people like to visit the park?

- A. There are over 200 kinds of birds found within the park
- B. It is located on the borders of Tennessee and North Carolina
- C. Over 11 million people visit every year
- D. There are tall mountains in the park

**4. What is NOT true about Great Smoky Mountains National Park?**

- A. There are plenty of black bears that live in the park
- B. It is one of 58 American national parks
- C. The park is part of the Appalachian Range
- D. It is home to thousands of kinds of fish