For FUTURE GENERATIONS

THE NATIONAL PARKS OF CANADA
BECAUSE OF THE PRESSURES AND TENSIONS WHICH BEAR ON THE LIVES OF SO MANY PEOPLE TODAY, THERE IS A DEFINITE NEED FOR MAN TO "GET BACK TO NATURE." A NATIONAL PARK IS A SANCTUARY WHERE ALL NATURAL FEATURES ARE PRESERVED IN THEIR NATURAL STATE, BUT IT IS MORE THAN JUST THAT. IT IS AN INVIGORATING SETTING WHERE MAN CAN RENEW HIS SPIRIT AND GAIN INSPIRATION FROM THE BEAUTY AND SERENITY WHICH CAN BE FOUND ONLY IN THE MIDST OF UNSPOILED NATURE. THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AS GUARDIAN OF THIS NATURAL TREASURE AVOWS ITS CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITY THROUGH THE NATIONAL PARKS ACT. AN EXCERPT FROM THIS ACT READS: "THE PARKS ARE HEREBY DEDICATED TO THE PEOPLE OF CANADA FOR THEIR BENEFIT, EDUCATION AND ENJOYMENT AND SUCH PARKS SHALL BE MAINTAINED AND MADE USE OF SO AS TO LEAVE THEM UNIMPAIRED FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF FUTURE GENERATIONS."

THE MARTIN FAMILY ON ITS FIRST VISIT TO A NATIONAL PARK

WELCOME

THIS PARK IS PART OF YOUR NATURAL HERITAGE. PLEASE HELP TO PRESERVE IT FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

“THIS HANDY BOOKLET WILL HELP YOU APPRECIATE THE MANY FORMS OF NATURE, PRESERVED HERE FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT, IN THEIR UNSPOILED, NATURAL STATE.”
"Bobby! Don’t you remember what the book told you about animals?"

Do not feed or touch animals. Even if they seem like pets, all animals in national parks live under natural conditions and therefore are wild.

Some animals become accustomed to relying on humans to give them food and this habit may cause the animals to become angry and dangerous if refused.

A wide variety of animals enjoy the natural surroundings of our national parks; some of these are: bear, wolf, elk, deer, coyote, caribou, mountain goat, wolverine, raccoon, moose, marmot and mountain sheep.
"CENTURIES OF EROSION HAVE CHANGED THE SHAPE OF THESE ROCKS."

"OH, DON'T PICK THOSE FLOWERS!"

WILD FLOWERS ARE VERY FRAGILE. THEY HAVE A SHORT AND DIFFICULT LIFE, IN MOUNTAIN AREAS; THEY MAY NEVER GROW AGAIN, IF PICKED.

NATIONAL PARKS ARE PLACES WHERE NATURE SHOULD BE STUDIED AND APPRECIATED BUT NEVER DESTROYED.
AT THE END OF AN EXCITING DAY THE MARTIN FAMILY RETURNS TO THE MOTEL

"HI, FOLKS! HOW DID YOU ENJOY THE NATIONAL PARK?"

"JUST FINE, WARDEN. WE'VE ALREADY MADE PLANS FOR TOMORROW."

"WE'RE GOING TO VISIT THE LAKES."

"WE'RE GOING ON AN ORGANIZED HIKE. THE MAN IN CHARGE OF IT IS CALLED A NATURALIST."
"Our children are sure to be safe because their leader is a trained naturalist, working for this national park."

"At one time, children, every human being lived among animals and had to defend himself in order to stay alive. Things sure have changed! Today most people have to come to a national park to find life in its natural form. Are we all ready? Remember to stay together on this hike. I'll be right with you at all times."
"YOU'LL SEE A WIDE VARIETY OF DUCKS AND GEESE AROUND HERE. MANY BIRDS YOU SEE TODAY WILL BE FLYING TO OTHER CLIMATES LATER IN THE YEAR."

"HAS ANYONE EVER SEEN A BEAVER FROM CLOSE UP? THERE ARE A LOT OF THEM THROUGHOUT THIS AREA."

"EVERYONE WHO PASSES THROUGH OUR NATIONAL PARKS SHOULD LEAVE THEM NEAT AND TIDY, SO THAT OTHERS CAN ENJOY THEM AS WELL. NOW THAT WE HAVE FINISHED OUR LUNCH, LET'S MAKE SURE THAT WE PUT ALL UNUSED FOOD AND PAPER IN THE TRASH CONTAINER."

"SOME OF THESE ROCKS ARE MORE THAN TEN MILLION YEARS OLD."

"ARTISTS LOVE THIS AREA OF THE PARK."

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THIS WAS ONE OF THE PLACES THE CHILDREN DECIDED THEY MUST SEE
THE MARTINS BEGIN ANOTHER DAY OF ADVENTURE IN THE NATIONAL PARK

THESE DEPOSITS OF IRON OXIDE FLOWING DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAINSIDE WERE ONCE USED BY INDIANS AS WAR PAINT. SINCE THEN, THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE NAME "PAINT POTS".

THEY WATCHED A MOUNTAIN GUIDE ROPING DOWN A CLIFF.

THEY ALSO SAW BUFFALO. ONCE NEAR EXTINCTION, BUFFALO ARE NOW PRESERVED IN NATIONAL PARKS. THE LARGEST HERD, 12,000, IS AT WOOD BUFFALO NATIONAL PARK.
THEY MEET VISITORS WHO TELL THEM ABOUT FEATURES IN OTHER NATIONAL PARKS

"IN THE CAPE BRETON HIGHLANDS, THE CABOT TRAIL PROVIDES EXCITING SEASCAPES. ON A CLEAR DAY ONE MAY SEE ISLANDS 35 MILES AWAY GLISTENING IN THE BRIGHT SUNSHINE."
THE FAMILY ALSO ENJOYS THE PLEASURES OF CAMPING IN THE PARK

"GEE, MOM! I SURE MISS TV, MOVIES AND A LOT OF OTHER THINGS WE HAVE AT HOME."

"TONIGHT WE'RE GOING TO DO SOMETHING THAT WE CANNOT DO AT HOME. JUST WAIT AND SEE."

"ISN'T THIS A DELIGHTFUL NIGHT? TOO BAD WE CAN'T COME OUT TO THIS PARK EVERY WEEK."

"AFTER SPENDING THE EVENING ROASTING MARSHMALLOWS, THE MARTIN FAMILY MADE SURE THAT THE FIRE HAD BEEN COMPLETELY EXTINGUISHED AND THAT THE AREA HAD BEEN LEFT TIDY, BEFORE GOING TO BED."
IT'S THE FOLLOWING MORNING - THE FAMILY ENDS ITS FIRST VISIT TO A NATIONAL PARK

"THANKS AGAIN, WARDEN, FOR ALL YOUR HELP DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS."

"IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE."

"ARE THE PARKS ALWAYS THIS CROWDED?"

"YES, AT LEAST 10 MILLION VISITORS COME TO NATIONAL PARKS EACH SUMMER. BANFF, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND AND POINT PELEE ARE USED VERY HEAVILY."

"WHY ARE THE NATIONAL PARKS SO LARGE?"

"WE TRY TO PRESERVE ALL THE NATURAL FEATURES OF A REPRESENTATIVE AREA AND SOMETIMES THIS TAKES IN A LOT OF LAND."

"DO MANY PEOPLE CAUSE FIRES AND DO OTHER DAMAGE?"

"UNFORTUNATELY EIGHT OUT OF TEN FOREST FIRES ARE CAUSED BY CARELESSNESS. HOWEVER, HERE IN THE NATIONAL PARKS MOST OF OUR VISITORS ARE LIKE YOU FOLKS AND REALIZE THAT FLOWERS, ANIMALS AND OTHER INTERESTING FEATURES ARE THE VERY SOURCE OF THEIR ENJOYMENT AND THEREFORE MUST BE PRESERVED FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS."

"O.K. WARDEN, WE'RE ON OUR WAY."

"COME ON BACK TO SEE THE PARK IN A FEW MONTHS' TIME AND WE'LL SHOW YOU HOW MUCH THERE IS TO DO HERE IN THE WINTERTIME."
Mount Revelstoke, B.C. Alpine meadows, a gorgeous view of the magnificent Columbia River. Area, 100 sq. mi.

Glacier, B.C. Site of famed Rogers Pass with its avalanches, Illecillewaet Glacier and the Selkirk Mountains. Area, 521 sq. mi.

Yoho, B.C. Canada's highest waterfall, glacial wonder in the heart of the Beautiful Rockies. Area, 507 sq. mi.

Kootenay, B.C. Site of famed Rogers Pass with its avalanches, Illecillewaet Glacier and the Selkirk Mountains. Area, 521 sq. mi.

Jasper, Alta. The grandeur of the Columbia Icefield, Maligne Lake, Mt. Edith Cavell, large wilderness areas. Area, 4200 sq. mi.

Banff, Alta. Three mineral hot springs, three popular skiing areas, the beauty of Lake Louise, Peyto, Moraine and other lakes. Area, 2,564 sq. mi.

Waterton Lakes, Alta. Towering mountains, picturesque lakes, vast variety of flora and fauna. Area, 203 sq. mi.

Elk Island, Alta. A preserve for a large herd of buffalo as well as the home of a great many deer, elk and moose. Area, 75 sq. mi.

Wood Buffalo, Alta. 12,000 buffalo, vast forest and plains, nesting area of the whooping crane. All this in the largest national park in the world. Area, 17,300 sq. mi.

Prince Albert, Sask. The quiet beauty of forested lake and river area in northern Saskatchewan. Area, 1,496 sq. mi.

Riding Mountain, Man. Forested plateau, 2,200 feet above sea level. Area, 1,148 sq. mi.

Point Pelee, Ont. Unique flora and fauna, a flyway for migratory birds, unusual freshwater marsh. Area, 6 sq. mi.

Georgian Bay Islands, Ont. Camping, boating, hiking in a park of 42 islands. Area, 5.4 sq. mi.

St. Lawrence Islands, Ont. 14 islands of beauty in the heart of the "thousand islands" area, 260 acres.

Gaspé, Québec. Canada's newest national park, and the first in Québec, will be developed on the picturesque Gaspé Peninsula.

Fundy, N.B. Features the storied Fundy tides and the rugged grandeur of forest and cliffs. Area, 80 sq. mi.

Prince Edward Island, P.E.I. Temperate climate, sand dunes, saltwater beaches. Area, 7 sq. mi.

Cape Breton Highlands, N.S. Impressive seascapes from 1700 feet above sea level on the rugged Atlantic coast. Area, 367 sq. mi.

Kejimkujik (pronounce Kedge McCo-Jick), N.S. Numerous lakes, with countless islands and concealed coves. Area, 149 sq. mi.

Terra Nova, Nfld. Broad forestland, landlocked bays on the glorious Atlantic shoreline. Area, 153 sq. mi.

The number of visitors to Canada's national parks has increased a hundred-fold since the late forties. New parks will soon be established in most of the provinces, as well as in Yukon and the Northwest Territories.
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THE YOUTH OF CANADA, TO WHOM KNOWLEDGE AND ADVENTURE ARE ABIDING INTERESTS, HAVE A VERY PERSONAL REASON FOR WANTING TO KNOW MORE ABOUT OUR NATION'S GREAT OUTDOOR TREASURE - OUR NATIONAL PARKS.

THE POSTER BELOW WAS ONE OF MANY DONE BY A GRADE 7 CLASS AT BANFF WHO WERE ASSIGNED TO EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF NATIONAL PARKS. COLLEEN GLENNON AND HER CLASSMATES FOUND MANY REASONS FOR NATIONAL PARKS IN CANADA. IT IS HOPED THEIR PROJECT WILL INSPIRE STUDENTS IN ALL PARTS OF CANADA TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR NATIONAL PARKS.

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