

# NATIONAL PARKS



**From the beginning to *Cars stop and let them cross!* (3.25)**

## Before you watch

### 1. Answer these questions.

1. What do you know about the geography and the climate of the USA?
2. Do you know anything about the natural wonders of this country?
3. Do you know which is the oldest national park in the world?

### 2. Write the definitions for the following words and expressions.

1. valley .....
2. glacier .....
3. waterfall .....
4. wetland .....
5. gorge .....
6. hot spring .....
7. island .....
8. coast .....

## While you watch

### 3. Answer the questions.

1. What do the US parks protect?
2. When was Yellowstone National Park created?
3. How many geysers are there in Yellowstone?
4. Why are there so many geothermal phenomena in this park?
5. What do the microorganisms in the hot water create?
6. How long is the canyon formed by the Yellowstone River?
7. Who gave the area the name *Yellowstone*?
8. How many different types of animals are there in this park?

### 4. UP TO NOW. Circle the correct answer.

1. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century the USA expanded from *west to east* / *east to west*.
2. The Rocky Mountains are in the *north-west* / *south-west* of the USA.
3. The Old Faithful geyser erupts *once a day* / *several times a day*.
4. The Great Prismatic Spring is the *hottest* / *largest* hot spring.
5. Before the creation of Yellowstone National Park, *grizzly bears* / *bison* were in danger of extinction.

**From *While Yellowstone is probably the most popular park (3.26) to the end.***

**5. Complete the sentences.**

1. In the south-west of the USA you can find the ..... landscapes of Arches National Park, Bryce Canyon and, above all, .....
2. These beautiful places are favourite .....
3. Pueblos were built in the ..... of canyons.
4. The Grand Canyon is 446 km long and over ..... m deep.
5. In ..... John Welsey Powell was the first to explore the entire .....
6. There are great national parks in the ..... of the USA too.
7. Acadia National Park is on an .....
8. In this park there is a wonderful wild ..... and white .....
9. Everglades National Park is the largest tropical ..... in the USA.
10. This park is the perfect habitat for ..... animals.

**6. UP TO NOW. Answer the questions.**

1. In which part of the USA are Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico?
2. What can you see in their vast deserts?
3. What can you see in Mesa Verde National Park?
4. Which natural elements contributed to the formation of the Grand Canyon?
5. Why is the Ocean Path in Acadia National Park spectacular?
6. Which wild animals live in Everglades National Park?

**After you watch**

**7. Insert the names of the parks into the table, according to their geographical position in the USA.**

*Grand Canyon, Arches, Bryce Canyon, Yellowstone, Acadia, Everglades, Monument Valley, Antelope Canyon*

north-west	south-west	north-east	south-east

**8. Discuss**

1. Why are the US national parks like open-air museums?
2. Why has the creation of these parks been defined *America's best idea*?
3. Which park would you like to visit most and why?

**9. Imagine you are visiting one of these parks. Write a postcard to a friend from there.**