National Parks- America's Best Idea

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National parks are necessary and essential to people, wildlife and the earth in general. While the main purpose of national parks is to protect biodiversity, they also have many other values in making the world a better place. Values such as social, cultural and living a healthy lifestyle.

What is biodiversity and what does that have to do with national parks? Biodiversity is the variety of living things in a particular habitat or ecosystem. In fact, the protection of biodiversity is one of the primary purposes of national parks. In other words, national parks protect plants, wildlife, landscapes and forests that are part of the ecosystem. If national parks didn't protect biodiversity most of our wildlife would be destroyed. Plants and animals that are common now, might be critically endangered or extinct. But, most of all, the whole ecosystem would be ruined. Also, there are many phenomenal plants and animals in nature worth preserving and protecting. National parks preserve nature for the future and protect it from harm.

Social and cultural values are key to why national parks are America's best idea. National parks help people learn about many ecological plants and animals in U.S. history. They preserve the land and stories of our ancestors, and the land where natives built communities and lived for many years. National parks also serve as a connection to history. They help people understand what living a long time ago felt like by preserving the land and structures. These values that national parks hold is crucial to the world we live in.

Healthy activity is a significant benefit of national parks. They provide open air and space for healthy exercise. People can enjoy nature by walking, running, biking, yoga, hiking, or playing with their kids. This can help people live a healthy lifestyle and relax. The beautiful scenery makes a perfect place to hang out and spend valuable time with family. People of all ages can enjoy the beauty and peacefulness of national parks.

People may ask why national parks are important. The answer is because they protect biodiversity, have social and cultural values, and help people live a healthy lifestyle. There are also countless other reasons why national parks are important. But one thing is for sure: National parks are definitely America's best idea!