Parks With a Past

Explore where Alabama parks are and why they matter.

SS24.3.3 "Research and share information on the development of the state and national park systems and the benefits parks provide. 3a Locate state and national parks within Alabama and explain their historical and economic significance."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the names of the two park places in Alabama, circle the words that tell where each one is, and write 1 and 2 beside two ways the places help people or nature.

Two Places, Many Benefits

1. In 1872, the United States set aside Yellowstone as its first national park. More parks followed. In 1916, the National Park Service began caring for many of these special places. Alabama began building its state park system in the 1930s. State parks are run by the state, while places in the national park system are cared for by the federal government.

2. Cheaha State Park lies in eastern Alabama, near Talladega. It opened in 1933, during the Great Depression, when many people needed work. Workers in the Civilian Conservation Corps, or CCC, built a stone tower and roads at Cheaha. Their work helped create a place for families to enjoy Alabama's highest mountain. Today, park visitors may pay to stay nearby and buy food in local towns.

3. Little River Canyon National Preserve is in northeastern Alabama. Congress made it part of the national park system in 1992 to protect the canyon and the Little River. People can hike and watch wildlife there. Visitors may buy meals or supplies in nearby towns, helping local businesses. Both Cheaha and Little River Canyon protect outdoor places while giving people places to explore and learn.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Where in Alabama are Cheaha State Park and Little River Canyon National Preserve?

2. How did building Cheaha State Park help people in the 1930s?

3. Why did Little River Canyon become part of the national park system?

4. How can visits to either place help nearby towns?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Create a three-sentence visit plan for a friend. Choose one place from the passage, tell where it is and what you will do there, then connect its past to a benefit for people or nature.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the names of the two park places in Alabama, circle the words that tell where each one is, and write 1 and 2 beside two ways the places help people or nature. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Where in Alabama are Cheaha State Park and Little River Canyon National Preserve?	**Cheaha State Park is in eastern Alabama, near Talladega. Little River Canyon National Preserve is in northeastern Alabama.**
2	How did building Cheaha State Park help people in the 1930s?	**It gave CCC workers work when many people needed jobs and created a place for families to visit.**
3	Why did Little River Canyon become part of the national park system?	**Congress added it in 1992 to protect the canyon and the Little River.**
4	How can visits to either place help nearby towns?	**Visitors may buy food, supplies, or places to stay, helping local businesses.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Let's visit Cheaha State Park in eastern Alabama to see its stone tower. CCC workers built the tower in the 1930s, when many people needed jobs. We can buy lunch in a nearby town, helping a local business today.

Accept plans for either place that give its correct Alabama location, a visit activity, and an accurate connection between its history and a benefit. Students may mark any two benefits supported by the passage.