GOLDEN PLAYBOX

National Parks Trivia

Questions 1-4 | Circle one answer

1. Old Faithful is a famous feature of which park?

A. Everglades
B. Acadia
C. Yellowstone

2. Which park is especially associated with the Colorado River's great canyon?

A. Congaree
B. Grand Canyon
C. Shenandoah

3. Which Florida park protects extensive subtropical wetlands?

A. Denali
B. Glacier
C. Everglades

4. Half Dome is a landmark in which park?

A. Biscayne
B. Yosemite
C. Badlands

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Questions 5-8 | Circle one answer

5. Which park takes its name from a desert plant with branching arms?

A. Redwood
B. Isle Royale
C. Joshua Tree

6. Which park is associated with extremely tall coast redwoods?

A. Redwood
B. Arches
C. Saguaro

7. Which Utah park is especially known for natural stone arches?

A. Acadia
B. Arches
C. Voyageurs

8. Which Alaska park contains North America's highest mountain?

A. Denali
B. Zion
C. Hot Springs

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Questions 9-12 | Circle one answer

9. Which park straddles North Carolina and Tennessee?

A. Great Smoky Mountains
B. Crater Lake
C. Death Valley

10. Which Oregon park centers on a deep lake in a volcanic caldera?

A. Petrified Forest
B. Crater Lake
C. Mesa Verde

11. Which park is known for ancestral Pueblo cliff dwellings?

A. Mesa Verde
B. Kenai Fjords
C. Lassen Volcanic

12. Which park is located on the coast of Maine?

A. Big Bend
B. Capitol Reef
C. Acadia

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Answer guide 1-4 | Keep with host

1. C. Yellowstone

Old Faithful is a geyser in Yellowstone. Its eruptions are associated with the park's hydrothermal activity, which also includes hot springs and other features.

2. B. Grand Canyon

Grand Canyon National Park protects part of the immense canyon carved by the Colorado River. The river connection is the central clue in this question.

3. C. Everglades

Everglades National Park protects a subtropical wetland landscape. Thinking of water, sawgrass and southern Florida helps distinguish it from mountain parks farther north.

4. B. Yosemite

Half Dome is a distinctive granite formation in Yosemite. Its recognizable shape makes it a useful landmark question without requiring a climbing or hiking background.

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5. C. Joshua Tree

Joshua Tree National Park is named for the Joshua tree. Despite its common name, the plant is a yucca rather than a conventional broadleaf tree.

6. A. Redwood

Redwood National and State Parks protect coast redwoods and surrounding habitats. These trees should not be confused with the giant sequoias of the Sierra Nevada.

7. B. Arches

Arches National Park contains many natural stone arches. The straightforward name provides a helpful entry point before the round moves to less obvious park associations.

8. A. Denali

Denali National Park and Preserve is in Alaska and contains North America's highest mountain. The park's name is distinct from changes to the mountain's official federal name.

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9. A. Great Smoky Mountains

Great Smoky Mountains National Park crosses the boundary between these two states. It belongs to the Appalachian region rather than the western mountain ranges.

10. B. Crater Lake

Crater Lake occupies a caldera left after Mount Mazama's collapse. The lake's volcanic setting explains why it differs from a river-cut canyon or coastal lagoon.

11. A. Mesa Verde

Mesa Verde preserves ancestral Pueblo sites, including cliff dwellings. It is a cultural landscape, so discuss the people as well as the striking architecture.

12. C. Acadia

Acadia is associated with Maine's Atlantic coast. This final coastal stop broadens a round that otherwise includes deserts, wetlands, mountains and inland forests.