

Find your national park. (1)

California has 28 national parks. The National Park Service¹ takes care² of these beautiful parks where you can explore³ nature, go hiking or climbing and do lots more.



1. Take the test and find out which national park is the best for you.
Tick (✓) one answer for each question.

<p>Which color do you like?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> green (B)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> blue (E)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> orange (C)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> white (D)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> yellow (A)</p>	<p>Which place would you prefer?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> an oasis⁴ (A)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> mountains (D)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the desert⁵ (C)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the ocean (E)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a forest (B)</p>
<p>Which plant do you like?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> cactus⁶ (C)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> pine tree⁷ (D)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> giant redwood tree (B)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> palm tree⁸ (A)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> wild flowers⁹ (E)</p>	<p>Which animal do you like?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> whale¹⁰ (E)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> black bear (D)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> rattlesnake¹¹ (C)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> desert tortoise¹² (A)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> elk¹³ (B)</p>
<p>Which activity would you like to do?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> explore a gold mine (A)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> go kayaking¹⁴ (E)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> go skiing (D)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> go hiking (B)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> go mountain biking (C)</p>	<p>What kind of weather is the best?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> cold and snowy¹⁵ (D)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> hot and windy (A)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> hot and dry¹⁶ (C)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a cool breeze¹⁷ (E)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> rainy¹⁸ (B)</p>

¹ National Park Service – Nationalparkdienst; ² to take care of sth – sich um etw. kümmern, etw. pflegen; ³ to explore – erkunden, erforschen; ⁴ oasis – Oase; ⁵ desert – Wüste; ⁶ cactus – Kaktus; ⁷ pine tree – Kiefer (Baumart); ⁸ palm tree – Palme; ⁹ wild flower – Wildblume; ¹⁰ whale – Wal; ¹¹ rattlesnake – Klapperschlange; ¹² desert tortoise – Wüstenschildkröte; ¹³ elk – Elch; ¹⁴ kayaking – Kajakfahren; ¹⁵ snowy – verschneit; ¹⁶ dry – trocken; ¹⁷ cool breeze – kühle Brise; ¹⁸ rainy – regnerisch, verregnet

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2. Which letter did you get the most? A = ____ B = ____ C = ____ D = ____ E = ____

Check your result on this page. Which national park is the best for you?

My result: _____

A Joshua Tree National Park

You love sand dunes¹ and palm trees – Joshua Tree National Park is just the right place for you. It is hot here in the summer because this national park is in the desert. But the beautiful trees and the palm oasis make it worth² a visit. You can explore an old gold mine and go rock climbing too. This park is also great if you like to go camping. You can see so many stars in the sky³ at night. It's amazing!

 <https://www.nps.gov/jotr/index.htm>


B Redwood National Park

If you don't mind⁴ some rain, enjoy a green forest and would love to see some elks, then Redwood National Park is perfect for you. The giant redwood trees are very old and will make you feel tiny⁵ and small. There are many trails⁶ where you can go hiking. The ocean is not far away and there are some beautiful beaches too. Sometimes you can even see seals⁷, sea lions⁸ and whales.

 <https://www.nps.gov/redw/index.htm>

C Death Valley National Park

Do you like it when it's hot and dry outside? Then welcome to the desert! Death Valley National Park is one of the hottest places in North America. Explore the old volcanoes⁹, sand dunes¹ and salt lakes. See the different animals that live in these extreme¹⁰ conditions. But be careful at night: Some animals, like the rattlesnake, can be dangerous too.

 <https://www.nps.gov/deva/index.htm>

D Yosemite National Park

Do you like snow and love to go skiing in the winter? Yosemite National Park is open in the winter and there are lots of winter sports you can do here. The mountains and the forests are beautiful. This park is great for hiking and rock climbing in the summer too and is famous for its many waterfalls¹¹. Make sure you put all your food away safely if you go camping here – otherwise¹² you will attract¹³ bears.

 <https://www.nps.gov/yose/index.htm>

E Channel Islands National Park

Your favorite place is the ocean and you love beaches. If it has always been your dream to see whales and explore beautiful islands, then Channel Islands National Park is for you. Five little islands are just waiting for you to go kayaking, snorkeling¹⁴ and hiking. But there are no hotels here, so make sure to bring a tent¹⁵.

 <https://www.nps.gov/chis/index.htm>

3. Have a look at your park's website and find out more about what you can see and do there.

Make a collage of things that you want to do or see there. Write two sentences about each picture.

or: Imagine you are staying in the park at the moment. Write a postcard to your parents/friend/English teacher about it. Don't forget to create a nice picture/collage for the front of the postcard.

¹ sand dune – Sanddüne; ² worth – wert; ³ sky – Himmel; ⁴ to not mind sth – nichts dagegen haben, einem nichts ausmachen;

⁵ tiny – winzig; ⁶ trail – Wanderweg; ⁷ seal – Seehund, Robbe; ⁸ sea lion – Seelöwe; ⁹ volcano – Vulkan; ¹⁰ extreme – extrem;

¹¹ waterfall – Wasserfall; ¹² otherwise – ansonsten, andernfalls; ¹³ to attract – anziehen; ¹⁴ snorkeling – Schnorcheln; ¹⁵ tent – Zelt