

National Parks Research Project

Week 2- Task 2- Who uses National Parks? (Complete this task week commencing 27th of April)

There are many people who use national parks for different reasons. As a result of this, there is often conflict between different users. Read the different profiles of the national park users below and then complete the conflict template. To do this consider the conflict between each of the users. **Extension: Choose at least 3 conflicts between people and suggest how these could be resolved to keep both individuals happy.**

National Park Users

 <p>Local Resident</p> <p>My name is Kathy Evans and I live in a national park. In the summer the noise, traffic and litter from all the visitors is unbearable. I am also worried that my children will not be able to buy a house in the village when they grow up. This is because visitors are buying all the houses up to use as holiday homes. This is not fair as for many weeks of the year the houses are deserted.</p>	 <p>National Park Homeowner</p> <p>My name is Thomas Green and my wife and I love getting away from the city for a while. Unfortunately, we aren't able to use the house as much as we would like because of my job. We come here to relax and forget about work. However, quad bikers have recently started using this area and this disturbs the peacefulness and beauty of this place. I also find that some of the local people are not very friendly because they don't agree with people like me from the city buying up homes to use for the weekend and holidays.</p>
 <p>Dog Walker</p> <p>My name is Eloise Jones and I love taking my German Shepherd Max for walks in the national park. This is because there is so much green space he can run around and use up all of his energy. Some people give me funny looks when I'm out walking Max and I know it's because they don't approve of me letting him off his lead because he digs holes and chases the birds. I don't think this is</p>	 <p>National Park Warden</p> <p>My name is Sam Baker and my job is to conserve the national beauty of the park and to promote the parks use to the public, reminding them of the responsibility they have whilst they use it to look after it. I want Whilst I love seeing people enjoy the park, I am worried about people leaving litter and disturbing the wildlife.</p>

fair, the park is here to be enjoyed by everyone!



Pub Owner

My name is Richard Jacobs and I need people to visit the park so that I can make money. Some of the local residents don't like the visitors, but I have to remind them that if it weren't for them, I wouldn't be able to offer jobs and provide a local pub for them. Although I do agree with their worries about people buying more holiday homes here because it means that my pub has less customers throughout the year.



Sheep Farmer

My name is Jennifer Smith and I keep my sheep in some of the park's fields. I understand that people want to spend time in the countryside, and the majority of people care for the park. However, some people do not stick to the paths, which means they trample my fields and damage the walls. On top of that, dog owners can be careless and I have lost lambs because dogs have killed them. Also people leave litter everywhere which can be eaten by the sheep and make them poorly. This affects my business and my income.



Quarry Owner

Hi my name is Grant Collins and I provide jobs to many people in the area. However, many people do not appreciate this and would like me to shut down the quarry. Some residents complain about the noise and some environmentalists protest about the quarry disturbing the wildlife. The limestone is needed by industry and it is not my fault that it is in a National Park.



Quad Biker Owner

My name is Kyle Young and I am 19. There is loads of space in the park for me to use my quad bike. Some people don't like me using it here but surely a national park is for everybody. Farmers complain that their fields get churned up. The park warden says that I cause footpath erosion. Other people say I cause too much noise and disturb people and wildlife. I think there is plenty of space for everyone to enjoy themselves.

National Park Conflicts

One example of a conflict between users of a national park is that between a park warden and a quad biker. Conflict exists because the quad biker just wants to use the big area of field for his quad biking, as he argues '**national**' parks are for everyone. However, the park warden believes quad biking is destroying the environment, including the paths tourists use to walk around the park and visit all the landmarks.

Another example of a conflict between users of a national park is that between local residents and national park homeowners. Conflict exists because local residents do not approve of people buying the houses in national parks as holiday homes, because when more children are born and grow up, there will not be enough houses for them to buy and live in the area. However, national parks are for everyone, and the national park homeowners cannot always be at their home at the National Park, and use it as holiday homes instead.

I think the biggest conflict between users of a national park is that between sheep farmers and dog owners. I think this because sheep farmers get very angry with dog owners when they are not careful enough or let their dogs off the lead, as they can trample all over their fields and maybe even kill some of the lambs the farmer has. Dog owners however believe National Parks can be used by everyone, and dogs can use all the green space to run around.

I think the smallest conflict between users of a national park is that between pub owners and national park homeowners. I think this because, even though pub owners disagree with people using holiday homes as there's less customers, they will not lose loads and loads of money over it, and there are still customers for the pub owners.