

In a Day's Work

We are a part of nature as much as nature is a part of us. For it is the same stars that we gaze upon, the same rocks that crunch beneath our steps, the same wind that whispers secrets, and the same water from the wave that tickles ankles just as it did to people 100,000 years ago. With a growing world, we constantly lose places on earth that are untouched by man...that still offer serenity. National parks protect and honor miles of land for us to visit, learn from, connect with, and enjoy its beauty. Without parks, humans would lose an essential key to history. Without people, the parks would not remain and their stories would perish forever.

In the morning, we wake up to get ready and leave; our cars hum and burp while delivering us to our destinations. In the morning at a Saguaro National Park, the sun warms the elf owl that's snug in his saguaro cactus nest while the mountain peaks become iridescent pearls, crafting the horizon. It's important for people to escape from their everyday lifestyle. Parks are often places where we realize that we need to slow down, appreciate the small things, and recognize that we are delicate creatures. Nature helps stimulate wonder. Humans are not alone on this earth, and parks help web opportunities of awareness. Humans are very curious and are always constantly looking for something or someone new. A park can deliver arrays of indubitable mysteries between gushing rivers and eerie forests. Most of us fail to investigate nature's past even though it is pivotal to our future. The parks need us to remain to question and continue to pursue discovery.

In the afternoon, we storm out of hallways in crowds to get to a courtyard for lunch. In the afternoon at the Petrified Forest National park, rays of sun glisten upon the blue mesa. Nature is so steady, so easy, so calm. Even the busiest CEO adorns his or her office with a small plant to offer peace after what seemed like an endless day. We resort to the same products of nature found in that office as we can find in a forest. The thousands of dollars spent on fake grass and plants is wasted; we can find

them all free from Earth. Parks are alleys flooded with a chance of serenity. We hold those small parts of treasure to us dearly while a park preserves thousands of pieces of gold. Parks are here for us. Unlike most in our lives, we don't have to worry about what our clothes, car, occupation, life, etc... looks like. They are a place we can exercise physically and mentally. Leaving our mark is not needed. Parks effortlessly impress so we don't have to.

In the evening, we lounge on couches and drain our minds with a comical television show. In the Olympic National Park, a lake welcomes a waterfall. Parks are a miniscule fraction of nature that once covered everywhere including where you stand or sit today. They draw all types of people and are home to unity. The more visitors a park receives, the more financially successful it can be. The people that work to protect and educate, the needed utilities and programs for the parks are not free. Parks need us to support them. It's important to cherish areas that are not just home to us, but other animals and future generations of people to come. As long as we remain in solidarity about servicing the parks, we will be able to enjoy their unique resources. Finding a place that healthily engages your mind and body as much as squishing mud under your boots in a swampy area, passing the darkest of green trees is unprecedented. Parks mark the spot on the maps of prosperity.

At night, we dress ourselves in our coziest pajamas and brush our teeth before we put ourselves to rest. At night in the Coronado forest, stars greet the waterfalls with shimmery hellos and bright smiles. A day in the natural world vs. a day in the new world is the difference between a day with tranquility vs. a day with the ludicrous. Parks allow us to appreciate the small amount of unalloyed time, stories, and land that make us who we are today. Without people, indispensable art that we call parks would not stand still. Without parks, people would be left insensible to the allure created before.