



National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949

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PART II

NATIONAL PARKS

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- (1) The provisions of this Part of this Act shall have effect for the purpose of preserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the areas specified in the next following subsection, and for the purpose of promoting their enjoyment by the public.
- (2) The said areas are those extensive tracts of country in England and Wales as to which it appears to the Commission that by reason of—
 - (a) their natural beauty, and
 - (b) the opportunities they afford for open-air recreation, having regard both to their character and to their position in relation to centres of population,it is especially desirable that the necessary measures shall be taken for the purposes mentioned in the last foregoing subsection.
- (3) The said areas, as for the time being designated by order made by the Commission and submitted to and confirmed by the Minister, shall be known as, and are hereinafter referred to as, National Parks.