

Lesson Title: Who Owns the Wilderness?

Grade: 6/7

Lesson Time: 60 minutes

Materials & Technologies:

- pen/paper
- device

Lesson:

Part 1:

Watch the following video, **Who Owns the Wilderness?**

<https://ed.ted.com/lessons/why-we-need-national-parks-elyse-cox#watch>

Part 2:

1. Go to the internet and search, **“Provincial Parks in British Columbia”**
2. Spend some time exploring some of the parks.
3. Select one Provincial Park and answer the following questions. You can make a brain web or an online word document that includes pictures of your park.

Answer the following:

- What identifies as a Provincial Park?
- Which group of people first inhabited the lands of your selected park?
- When did the park first become titled as a park and by who?
- Why was this specific land claimed as a Provincial park?
- Have Indigenous voices and ways of knowing been incorporated in the decision making processes of this park?
- How has the park been preserved? In other words, how has it been maintained and taken care of over time?
- Are there certain animals that are endangered in the park?
- What laws has the government enforced in this park?
- What attracts people to the park? What attractions are in the park?
- What activities do people do in the park?

Extension Activity: If you could visit the park or have visited park, describe how you would spend the day there.