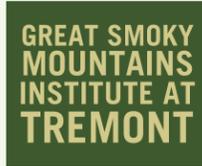


We Made The Park

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Logging operations, train tracks, farms, hotels and houses covered these hills before the establishment of Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Concerned with a diminishing wilderness, many different people and organizations raised money to protect this region. The combined efforts of North Carolina and Tennessee, citizens and local government officials, students and adults that created the park contributed to the conservation of this ecosystem's biodiversity. Current students can carry on the legacy of these individuals by educating others about the park's importance and advocating for wild spaces in their own communities.

LIFE SCIENCE

6.LS2.1	Evaluate and communicate the impact of environmental variables on population size.
6.LS2.6	Research the ways in which an ecosystem has changed over time in response to changes in physical conditions, population balances, human interactions, and natural catastrophes.
6.LS4.2	Design a possible solution for maintaining biodiversity of ecosystems while still providing necessary human resources without disrupting environmental equilibrium.

ENGINEERING, TECHNOLOGY & APPLICATIONS OF SCIENCE

6.ETS1.1	Evaluate design constraints on solutions for maintaining ecosystems and biodiversity.
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EARTH & SPACE SCIENCE

4.ESS3.2	Create an argument, using evidence from research, that human activity (farming, mining, building) can affect the land and ocean in positive and/or negative ways.
6.ESS2.4	Apply scientific principles to design a method to analyze and interpret the impact of humans and other organisms on the hydrologic cycle.
6.ESS3.1	Differentiate between renewable and nonrenewable resources by asking questions about their availability and sustainability.
6.ESS3.3	Assess the impacts of human activities on the biosphere including conservation, habitat management, species endangerment, and extinction.

We need a park, a place, for everyone
 Here in the East, more near, to everyone
 And the time is right, in the mid-twenties
 It's time to work it out, yeah, let's work it out
 For the future kids, for all living things
 Calling Knoxville out, Calling Asheville out.

But there are folks, who live among these hills
 They will have to move, begin a new life again
 Those with logging rights will put up a fight
 State of Tennessee, North Carolina
 Throwing four million dollars down
 Get your pennies out before time runs out, every tree laid down

USA is growing up
 And the loggers are going to cut
 Critters are moving out
 We need a park, we need a park!
 Because the people need a place
 To feel at one with the peace
 Find a little grace
 We need a park, we need a park!

There's a 5 million dollar lack of needed funding
 To buy all of the needed land; a catastrophe
 But Rockefeller could, give the park new life
 1934: three hundred thousand acres preserved
 Signed by Coolidge, heard the people shout
 "Great Smoky Mountains, for the people now!"

So the water is going to flow
 And the trees are going to grow
 The future is going to know
 We made the park, we made the park!

Roosevelt is going to speak
 And the people are going to see
 Wilderness, we really need
 We need this park, we need this park!
 We got a park, we got a park!
 We made the park!