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100 Years of National Parks in Europe

Europe's national parks are part of the continent's complex system of protected areas. The reason for their creation, their purpose and history, their management, size and the species that they protect may differ – yet, for the past 100 years, they have been reservoirs of biodiversity; sources of water, cultural and economic assets; and places of recreation and spiritual replenishment. They all face similar challenges in their management today but remain the living repositories of Europe's natural and cultural heritage for future generations.

This book was created by the EUROPARC Federation to celebrate 100 years of

national parks in Europe. It marks the centenary of European national parks since the first nine were established in 1909 in Sweden.

The book takes its readers on a journey through the last 100 years of national park history. It looks at what national parks are and examines their past, present and future.

Detailed profiles of the first parks, founded in many European countries, highlight the diversity, beauty and complexity of these green gems.

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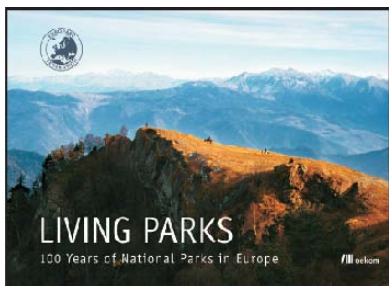
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