

IELTS ENGLISH PODCAST. NATURE AND WILDLIFE. TRANSCRIPT

Part 1. Do you enjoy spending time in nature?

Yeah, I really, really enjoy spending time in nature because, I think it really helps clear my mind. I live in a city, Seoul, and, it can get really stressful at times. There's a lot of concrete. So getting out among the flora and fauna is, a nice way to de-stress.

Part 1. Have you ever been to a national park or nature reserve?

Yeah, I've been to so many. I mean, so, so many. Perhaps the one that comes to my mind is the Lake District. the Lake District in the UK is the largest , nature reserve, national park. national park is correct, and that is beautiful, famously beautiful and it's a habitat for lots of different types of animals - birds, lots of sheep and goats and horses and things like that. So that's my favourite national park.

Part 2. Describe a memorable experience you had in nature.

I'd like to tell you about when I climbed Sorak mountain. About 3 or 4 years ago, I went with my father. He came to Korea and we went to the east coast of Korea to climb the third biggest mountain in South Korea and it's called Sorak Mountain. It's not too hard. It's not notoriously dangerous or anything like that, but, it's a beautiful mountain, lots of incredible rock formations and trees and, a really, really beautiful mountain and we decided to climb it in summer, which is the wet season in South Korea.

So let me tell you a little bit more about this day where I climbed Sorak Mountain with my father. As we got to the top of the mountain, we realised that there was some pretty heavy rain moving in and before we got to the top, we actually decided to turn back because it seemed to be getting dangerous. The rain was getting harder. You could see the kind of erosion where the rain was trickling down and there had obviously been a lot of rain over the past weeks and we decided this could be dangerous. Now, as we came down the mountain, it got much, much heavier. I mean, torrential rainfall, and it did become exceptionally dangerous. I mean, there were rivers that were being created in that moment, you know, coming down the mountain and our path was getting there, was becoming a river itself and then as we dropped down into the valley to get to the car park, I mean, it really, we were wading through water.

VOCABULARY

concrete (noun) - a hard, grey material used to build roads and buildings.

erosion (noun) - when wind, water, or ice slowly wears away rocks or soil.

exceptionally (adverb) - more than usual or better than normal.

fauna (noun) - all the animals that live in a place.

flora (noun) - all the plants that grow in a place.

habitat (noun) - the natural home of a plant or animal.

incredible (adjective) - very amazing or hard to believe.

notoriously (adverb) - known by many people for doing something bad.

path (noun) - a narrow way for walking, usually in nature.

rock formations (noun) - special shapes made by rocks, often formed over time.

torrential rainfall (noun) - very heavy rain that falls fast and hard.

trickling (verb) - flowing slowly in small drops or a thin stream.

wading (verb) - walking through water that is not deep.