



Learn about Badlands National Park!

Wilderness Experience

Part of Badlands is set aside as a Wilderness Area -- a very special region “where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man.” (In other words, an area that will always be wild and free, not filled with roads, buildings, livestock, lampposts, or any other human creations.)

People who hike out into this part of the park may hear herds of bison, smell sweet wild roses, see thousands of stars, and feel a gentle breeze on their face. One of the reasons that this area was set aside was to ensure that people will always be able to experience wild nature like this, but you don't necessarily have to be in a Wilderness to do so.

Go outside, and see if you can...

Drink a sip of cool **W**ater
 to feel it smooth out an **I**tch.
 Imagine the **L**andscape
 as it appears through the **D**ark.
 Smell something **E**arthy
 that reminds you of **R**ain.
 Make a small **N**oise
 that continues to **E**cho.
 Bask in warm **S**unshine
 and **S**mile!

Now make your own wild poem. Fill the lines with things you experience outside.

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