



One of life's greatest joys, hiking in the "Bob." Hikers are Addrien Marx, Jim McLean, and Lee Boman

Wilderness Quiz

The Bob Marshall Wilderness to the east combined with the Mission Mountain Wilderness and Mission Mountain Tribal Wilderness just west of us help make our community unique and appealing. Every day we enjoy water, wildlife, and views thanks in part to our nearby Wilderness areas.

The act of congress that made those designations possible is called the Wilderness Act. It was passed by a congress working together almost 50 years ago. Take the following quiz to check your knowledge regarding an act of congress that impacts daily life between the Missions and Swans.

- 1) The Wilderness Act was signed into law on:
 - a) September 23, 1968
 - b) September 3, 1964
 - c) September 31, 1978

- 2) Which president signed the Wilderness Act into law?
 - a) Dwight D. Eisenhower
 - b) John F. Kennedy
 - c) Lyndon B. Johnson

- 3) Who was the principal author of the Wilderness Act?
 - a) Bob Marshall
 - b) Aldo Leopold
 - c) Howard Zahniser
- 4) Select the four statutory Wilderness Qualities from the Wilderness Act
 - a) Undeveloped
 - b) Natural Conditions
 - c) Untrammeled
 - d) Opportunities for Solitude and Unconfined Recreation
 - e) Scientific
 - d) Recreation
- 5) Which of the following individuals passed away 25 years before the Wilderness Act was passed?
 - a) Bob Marshall
 - b) Lee Aspinell
 - c) Benton MacKaye
- 6) Which of the following states have a greater percentage of land designated as Wilderness than Montana?
 - a) California
 - b) Colorado
 - c) Washington
 - d) All of the above
- 7) What is the first Tribal Wilderness established in the United States?
 - a) Apache Creek Wilderness
 - b) Comanche Peak Wilderness
 - c) Mission Mountains Tribal Wilderness
- 8) What is the first citizen established Wilderness in the United States?
 - a) Black Canyon of the Gunnison
 - b) Lee Metcalf Wilderness
 - c) Scapegoat Wilderness Area
- 9) Which Montana Wilderness area was featured in the 1989 Steven Spielberg film "Always?"
 - a) Cabinet Mountains Wilderness
 - b) Anaconda Pintler Wilderness
 - c) Mission Mountains Wilderness
- 10) What proposed Montana Wilderness was John Muir describing which began with the words, "Climb the mountains and get their good tidings..."
 - a) Jewel Basin
 - b) Gallatin Range
 - c) Sleeping Giant and Gates of the Mountains



Congrats! You finished the quiz. Alan Weltzien, Elaine Gbur, and Melody Spafford celebrate with you on the Swan crest over looking the "Bob."

Answers

- 1) "B" the Wilderness Act was signed into law on September 3, 1964.
- 2) "C" Lyndon Johnson signed the Wilderness Act into law. He then gave the pen used to sign the Act to Alice Zahniser, Howard's wife. Howard died, ironically, a few months before the Act became law.
- 3) "C" Howard Zahniser was the principal author of the Wilderness Act.

- 4) The four required qualities of Wilderness are
 - Undeveloped
 - Natural Conditions
 - Untrammeled
 - Opportunities for Solitude and Unconfined Recreation
- 5) Bob Marshall passed away in 1939 at the age of 38. He was a founding member of The Wilderness Society. He served as Chief of Recreation for the Forest Service. He is famous for hiking extreme distances across his beloved Montana.
- 6) “D” All of the above. In the lower 48 states seven states have a greater percentage of Wildernesses than Montana. Those states and percentages are California 15%, Washington 10%, Idaho 9%, Arizona 6%, Colorado 6%, Wyoming 5%, and Nevada 5%. Montana has 4%.
- 7) Mission Mountain Tribal Wilderness was designated in 1982. It was the first time an American Indian tribe had designated its own lands to become Wilderness.
- 8) “C” Scapegoat Wilderness Area was designated in 1971 thanks in large part to the passion and knowledge of many of Lincoln’s residents.
- 9) “A” Cabinet Mountains Wilderness
- 10) “B” Gallatin Range

How did you do on the quiz?

If you answered 8 or more questions correctly,
Bob Marshall would have liked to go on a hike with you.

If you answered 5 to 7 questions correctly,
Bob Marshall would have likely told you about a hike.

If you answered fewer than 5 questions correctly,
Bob Marshall would be pleased you are brave enough to take the quiz.



It's an inspiring hike to Trilobite Lakes in the "Bob" shown above. Add it to your list!

Credits

Wilderness Act information largely from Wilderness50, a coalition of agencies, non-profits, academic institutions, and others interested in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act. www.wilderness50th.org.

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