Internet Scavenger Hunt: Yosemite National Park

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On October 1, 1890, Yosemite National Park was established in California. Use the Web site below to answer the following questions.

Web site: www.nps.gov
URL: http://www.nps.gov/yose/naturescience/index.htm

1. How many acres are contained in Yosemite National Park? __________________________________________________________

2. How many miles of hiking trails does the park have? __________________________________________________________

3. Among the park’s 400 animal species, two are special. What makes these two different?
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4. The park is home to this waterfall. The tallest in North America, it is 2,425 feet high.
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5. What percent of the park is designated wilderness? __________________________________________________________

Something to think about: Wilderness is a special distinction granted by Congress protecting land from further development. Why is it important to maintain a balance between nature and society?

Learn more: This video podcast series discusses the diverse plants and animals that make Yosemite their home, as well as the park’s towering cliffs, giant waterfalls and mountain peaks.

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