

Talking Guides

One way people can find out information about a particular area or place is by listening to a talking guide.

You may have been to a museum or tourist attraction where you were given an audio guide to listen to as you move around or you might have listened to a podcast about a place whilst you were visiting?



In this activity, you will make a talking guide to tell visitors about a Parks Trust park.



The first thing you need to do is choose which park you are going to make your talking guide for and who your audience will be.

Are you making a guide for adults or children? Is it for families who want to visit the park to play or individuals who are using the park to keep fit?

You will need to gather different information depending on your target audience.

You need to visit the park and make a note of the information that you want to tell your audience.

Information you might need

- Are there any facilities e.g. toilets or a cafe?
- What wildlife can be seen here?
- Are there any play areas?
- Are there picnic benches?
- How accessible the park is for pushchairs or wheelchairs: are there gates, steps or steep hills?
- Is there a space to play ball games?
- Is there somewhere to park your car or bike?
- Are there any water bodies in the park?
- Is there anywhere to shelter if it rains?



Record your audio guide. You can do this using voice notes function on a mobile phone or with a microphone on a computer. Remember to introduce yourself and the park you are guiding people around. You might want to make a musical jingle to go with your audio guide.

Swap audio guides with a friend and go to the parks to try them out.

Give your friend some feedback on their guide. Was the information correct? Was it clear? Was there anything else it would have been good to know about that park?

Don't forget to share your talking guide with us @theparkstrust

