

wilderness

[ˈwɪldənɪs] *n*

1. дикая местность; девственная природа
2. пустынное пространство, пустыня
a voice in the wilderness - *библ.* глас вопиющего в пустыне
3. природная часть сада *или* парка
wilderness area - (государственный) природный заповедник
4. целина, залежь
5. (of) масса, куча, уйма (*чего-л.*)
◇ to go into the wilderness - потерять свой пост (*в связи со сменой правительства и т. п.*); оказаться не у дел

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wil-der-ness [wilderness wildernesses] *BrE* [ˈwɪldənəs] *AmE* [ˈwɪldərnəs]

noun usually singular

1. a large area of land that has never been developed or used for growing crops because it is difficult to live there
 - The Antarctic is the world's last great wilderness.
 - (NAme) a **wilderness area** (= one where it is not permitted to build houses or roads)
 - (figurative) the barren wilderness of modern life
 2. a place that people do not take care of or control
 - Their garden is a wilderness of grass and weeds.
 - That part of the city is a wilderness of run-down houses and derelict factories.
- ↓ idiom ↑ **in the wilderness**

Word Origin:

Old English wildēornes 'land inhabited only by wild animals', from wild dēor 'wild deer' + ↑-ness.

Example Bank:

- He depicted the frontier as a howling wilderness inhabited by uncivilized savages.
- His wilderness years in the 1990s were spent in North America.
- His wilderness years= when he was out of politics and the public eye in the 1990s were spent in Canada.
- The trail passes through a federally designated wilderness.
- They set out to explore the continent's last great wilderness.
- They transformed the wilderness into a garden.
- We were hopelessly lost in the wilderness.
- officially designated wilderness areas and wildlife refuges
- the man who brought the party back from the political wilderness
- The Antarctic is the world's last great wilderness.
- The US Department of Agriculture designated the land a wilderness area in 1978.

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[Language: Old English; Origin: wildeornes 'land where wild animals live', from wild deer 'wild animal']

1. a large area of land that has never been developed or farmed:
the Alaskan wilderness
2. a place that seems no longer used or cared for by anyone:
The garden was a wilderness.
The south side of the city had become a lawless wilderness.
3. **in/from/out of the wilderness** someone who is in the wilderness does not have power or is not involved in something in an important way at a particular time:
the re-emergence of Richard Nixon from the political wilderness in 1968
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- **countryside** *noun* [uncountable] an area away from towns and cities, where there are fields, forests etc – used especially when talking about the natural beauty of this kind of area: The walk takes you through some beautiful countryside. | The countryside changes in winter.
- **the country** *noun* [singular] the area away from towns and cities, where there are fields, forests etc: Tired of city life, they moved to the country. | I 'valways wanted to live in the country.
- **landscape** *noun* [countable usually singular] a large area of countryside that you see from somewhere: The house looks out over a peaceful rural landscape. | Adams is famous for his photographs of the American landscape.
- **scenery** *noun* [uncountable] the natural features of part of a country, such as mountains, forests etc, especially when these are attractive: New Zealand has some spectacular scenery.
- **wilderness** *noun* [uncountable and countable] a large area of land that has never been developed or farmed: Yukon is a vast wilderness of mountains, lakes, and forests.
- **the bush** *noun* [singular] wild country that has not been cleared, especially in Australia or Africa: The camp is popular with tourists wishing to experience the African bush.
- **rural** *adjective* relating to the country: People are moving away from rural areas. | rural communities

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