

Burgeoning Bull Moose

The morn's first dull light rewards me with the view of a bulky bull moose, with developing, velvet-covered antlers, feasting on a breakfast of luscious vegetation. The sound of water dripping from its elongated muzzle echoes across the pond in the placid, stagnant air. The showy flowers of blue flag irises bloom profusely at its feet. Moose dislike the irises, but the flowers provide food for others, including hummingbirds, and muskrats that eat its stems and flowers with delight.

The stresses of civilized man are nowhere to be found in these wetlands. Perhaps if humans took the time to experience the harmony within this forest, the fear about creating the park would dissipate, along with the greed that seems to be the root of the debate.

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