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THIS multidisiplinary guide to Killykeen Forest Park consists mainly of a series of short chapters with straight-forward titles such as "The Mammals," "The Birds," etc. Like its predecessors, it is obviously

designed to stimulate the intellect rather than to catch the eye of the casual visitor.

It outlines the historical associations of the new park and gives a brief, though adequate description of the wildlife which the patient observer may expect to find. The forest itself is given surprisingly little space, though there is a dominant arboreal presence in the numerous illustrations and in the nature and tree trail notes. A route map of the forest park completes the presentation. Using this booklet, many visitors may have some difficulty in deciding which walk to take, for apart from "little" and "longer" (page 22) there is no indication of the distances involved. Experienced tourists will, with some justification, be very wary of such vague descriptions.

However, this guide maintains the high standard of scholarship already set in similar publications by the Forest and Wildlife Service. It should draw a proportion of the aimless visitors to the park into more serious pursuits and it will enhance the Service's reputation amongst the public.

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