

HERITAGE INTERPRETATION SITES

EXPERIENCE? NATURALLY!



LET'S GO!

About one tenth of Hungary is designated as a protected area. The 10 national parks, 39 protected landscape areas and numerous nature conservation areas offer a diversity of mountains covered by thick forests, gently sloping hills, romantic river floodplains, endless plains and karst regions with special formations. You are hereby cordially invited to explore this wonderland!



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Before setting off, it is worth to clarify what is a...

...visitor centre

Visitor centres are located either at the main entrance or another central area of a national park, therefore they are the recommended starting points of tours. The skilled staff from the national park can provide information on the possible means of exploring the protected area. You can learn about the rich natural and cultural heritage and the ongoing nature conservation activities of the national park at the interactive exhibitions in the visitor centre, available independent of current weather conditions. Furthermore, you can get publications; buy souvenirs of national park tours and national park products.

...nature trail

A nature trail is a designated route where the natural and cultural heritage of the area is introduced by interpretive panels and publications located at route stations. Nature trails are especially recommended for those eager to actively explore nature in an individual manner.

...thematic heritage interpretation site

A thematic heritage interpretation site is an ecotourism establishment providing detailed information on a specific area of natural or cultural heritage. Hungarian national parks are prepared for visitors with an array of geological interpretive sites, tourist caves showcasing the treasures of the underground world and demonstration farms presenting ancient Hungarian domestic animal species.

...guided tour

A guided tour is a tour of visiting and exploring natural and cultural heritage sights with the help of a trained tour guide. The guide presents the heritage sites as interesting personal experiences, explaining context and showing details often hidden from the individual visitor. In some protected natural areas, for example strictly protected areas and other areas sensitive to visits, this is the only means of exploring the natural heritage.

Let's set off to a world of fascinating new experiences!

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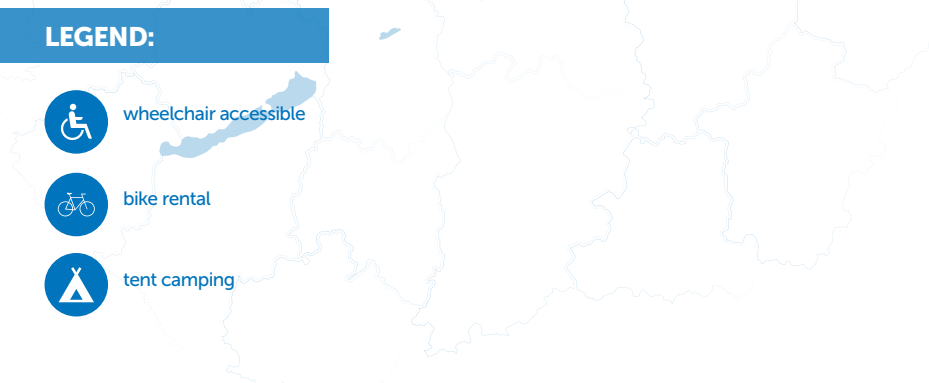
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AGGTELEK NATIONAL PARK

A world of fascinating dripstone caves and hucul horses



A dragon staring fixedly, a sorceress practicing witchcraft and a giant gazing with round eyes... Who could resist the call of the most ornamented stalactite cave of the temperate zone of the Earth, the wonderful fairyland of the Baradla Cave? The national park of the World Heritage cave system also has additional offerings: you may take part in surface hiking, horse riding or bike tours exploring the natural and cultural heritage of the Aggtelek Karst, may go on village walks, participate in craftsmen workshops and can also get a taste of traditional bakery.



INTERPRETIVE SITES AND PROGRAMMES

Kúria Study Centre

(Jósvafő, Táncsics Mihály utca 1; Phone: 00 36 48 350 056; E-mail: anp.oktatas@index.hu)

Lectures, natural and crafts activities in- and outdoors, open air school programs.

Hucul Stud

(Phone: 00 36 48 350 052; E-mail: huculmenes@gmail.com)

The one and only hucul horse master seed of Hungary can be visited at the Gergés-lápa pasture approx. 1 km from Jósvafő. Visitors are welcome to participate in additional horse-related activities.

Kessler Hubert Memorial House

(Jósvafő, Phone: 00 36 48 506 009) Cave exhibition presenting the life and work of speleologist Hubert Kessler.

Mohos House

(Kelemér, Tompa Mihály u. 129, Phone: 00 36 48 503 000) The only multi-storey cottage of the area, with an activity hall.

MagtArt Arts Granary

(Bódvaszilas, Akácos u. 30; Phone: 00 36 48 454 017, 00 36 30 699 2714) Nature-themed art centre at the renovated, Baroque style Esterházy Barn. Visits are possible upon preliminary registration.

Water Tours of Bodrogzug

(Tokaj-Bodrogzug Protected Landscape Area; Phone: 00 36 47 570 061; Cell phone: 00 36 30 422 0605; E-mail: bodrogzug@gmail.com; www.bodrogzug.hu)

Adventures along the extraordinary waterlands of Bodrogzug. Preliminary registration required, entrance to the area is only available with permission.

ACCOMMODATION

Tengerszem Hotel** and Training Centre

(Jósvafő, Tengerszem oldal 1; Phone: 00 36 48 506 005; E-mail: hotel@anp.hu) Accommodation for 43, lecture hall for 50, meeting room for 16 people

Kövírózsa Apartment House

(Aggtelek, Deák Ferenc u. 18; Phone: 00 36 48 503 000; E-mail: aggtelek@tourinform.hu) 4 apartments with a total of 20 beds

Salamander House

(outskirts of Szögliget; Phone: 00 36 30 631 1520; E-mail: aggtelek@tourinform.hu) Hostel with 60 beds, tent and caravan camping sites, activity area and play court, qualified open air school base camp.



NOMAD Baradla Hostel and Campground

(Aggtelek, Baradla oldal 1; Phone: 00 36 48 503 005, E-mail: info@szallas-aggtelek.hu; www.szallas-aggtelek.hu)

MUST-VISIT ATTRACTIONS

Visit some of the six show caves listed as UNESCO World Natural Heritage Sites. The cave tours are graded from easy to difficult.

Baradla Cave – Aggtelek Short Tour (1 hour - 1 km), Jósvafő Short Tour (1 hour – 1.4 km), Red Lake Middle Tour (1.5 hours - 2.3 km), Long Tour (5 hours - 7 km), Radish Branch Special Tour (adventure tour, 7 hours – 9 km)
Rákóczi Cave (1 hour – 800m)
Vass Imre Cave (2 hours on surface, 1 hour in the cave)
Béke Cave (adventure tour, 2 hours on surface, 3 hours in the cave)
Meteor Cave (adventure tour, 2 hours on surface, 3 hours in the cave)
Kossuth Cave (adventure tour, 15 minutes on surface, 2 hours in the cave)

FURTHER INFORMATION

Tourinform – Aggtelek:
 Phone: 00 36 48 503 000
 E-mail: aggtelek@tourinform.hu
www.anp.hu/en

DID YOU KNOW?

- The "Observatory" of Baradla Cave is the biggest Hungarian stalagmite with a height of 19 m.
- The cave system of the Aggtelek Karst is the only Hungarian World Heritage site in natural heritage category.





BALATON UPLANDS NATIONAL PARK

Experience nature at Lake Balaton

Photo: Zoltán Szenthe



Explore the calm and green "backstage" of the buzzing world of Lake Balaton. Peek into the everyday life of a great crested grebe at Kis-Balaton, hike the remnant hills, examine the sun with a special telescope and pet ancient breeds of Hungarian domestic animals.



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Lavender House Visitor Centre

(Tihany; Phone: 00 36 87 538 033;
www.levendulahaz.eu)

Interactive exhibition and a short documentary about the past and present of the Tihany Peninsula, lavender gift shop, tea-shop. The eastern gate of the Bakony–Balaton Geopark.



Kotsy Watermill

(Zalaszántó; Phone: 00 36 87 555 291)
Relics of the flour-milling industry, 'flour-dust covered mementos' in a renovated mill.



Salföld Manor

(Salföld; Phone: 00 36 87 702 857)
Ancient Hungarian domestic animal breeds, herb and spice garden, landscape photography exhibition, horse carriage, playground.

ACCOMMODATION

Forest and Handicrafts Education Centre in Bakonybél

(Bakonybél; Phone: 00 36 87 555 291;
E-mail: pajta2002@gmail.com)
For max. 35 people; provides qualified open air school services

Lavender Forest Tourist House

(Tihany-Sajkod; Phone: 00 36 87 555 291;
E-mail: versreka@gmail.com)
For max. 35 people; qualified open air school services
Without permanent staff



Park Villa Guest House

(Csopak, Kossuth u. 16; Phone: 00 36 87 555 265,
00 36 30 491 0105; E-mail: lajkone@bfnp.hu)
14 rooms for a total of 31 people in a quiet park of 5 acres, near Lake Balaton.



Buffalo Reserve of Kápolnapuszta

(Zalakomár; Phone: 00 36 30 855 9864,
00 36 87 555 291)

Introduction of ancient Hungarian animal breeds. Interpretive Site of the Year in the Balaton Uplands National Park in 2014.



MUST-VISIT ATTRACTIONS

Get acquainted with the special geology and geomorphology of the internationally acknowledged Bakony–Balaton Geopark by visiting some of the geoheritage interpretive sites of the national park. Start your journey from the Lavender House Visitor Centre where you can have an interactive experience of the geosites of the Tihany Peninsula. Other geoheritage interpretive sites are as follows:

Hegyesztű Geological Interpretive Site

(Monoszló, 00 36 30 620 4082,
00 36 87 555 291) – walk in the crater of an extinct basalt volcano with a lavish panorama view from the top of it.

Lóczy Cave

(Balatonfüred, 00 36 87 555 291,
00 36 30 491 0078) – spectacular underground limestone layers at the edge of the town, near Lake Balaton.

Lake Cave of Tapolca

(Tapolca, 00 36 87 555 291) – unforgettable boating in the cave under the town. A new visitor centre on karst features opens in Summer 2014. Please check our website for opening times.

Csodabogyós Cave

(Balatonederics, 00 36 30 306 6050,
www.csodabogyos.hu) – adventure caving tours in overalls in the spectacular dripstone cave near Lake Balaton. Online booking available.

Szentgáli-kölik

(Szentgál, 00 36 30 491 0087,
00 36 87 555 281; www.szentgali-kolik.hu) – adventure cave tours in a highly protected cave near Veszprém and Herend.



To learn about the rich natural and cultural heritage of the national park, guided tours for groups can be requested in English and German.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Phone: 00 36 87 555 260 and 00 36 87 555 291
E-mail: bfnp@bfnp.hu

www.bfnp.hu/english/home

DID YOU KNOW?

- You can walk along fragrant lavender fields at Tihany Peninsula in June.
- You can climb atop inactive volcanos in the Tapolca Basin.



BÜKK NATIONAL PARK

Magnificent cliffs over beechwoods



The Hungarian mountain with the highest average altitude and an extensive range of caves and karst formations, the endless forests of Bükk Mountains are diversified by the flowery mountain meadows of the Bükk Plateau. Visitors of all age-groups are offered an unforgettable experience by the national park's network of marked walking and cycling tourists' paths, cliffs offering a magnificent view and the extensive range of nature trails and other heritage interpretation sites.

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Western Gate Visitor and Study Centre

(Felsőtárkány, Ifjúság u. 34/1;
Phone: 00 36 36 534 078, 00 36 30 349 5721)
"Karst and Wildlife" exhibition, open air school
base camp.

Anna Cave

(Lillafüred; Phone/fax: 00 36 46 334 130)
Walkable cave with special travertine formations.

Szent István Cave

(Lillafüred; Phone/fax: 00 36 46 334 130)
Walkable cave with splendid dripstone
formations.

Esztáz-kő Cave

(Felsőtárkány)
An easy adventure cave tour in a cave rich in
dripstones and special karst formations.

Adventure cave tours

8 additional caves of the Bükk Mountains offer
adventure cave tours upon request. For more
information and tour requests please contact
ferenczyg@bnpi.hu.

Ipolytarnóc Paleontological Site Nature Conservation Area Demonstration Site

(Ipolytarnóc; Phone/fax: 00 36 32 454 113;
E-mail: itarnoc@gmail.com;
osmaradvanyok.hu)
Guided tour of the internationally acclaimed
fossil remains, special 4D cinema, Miocene
forest, an open network of nature trails.

Hollókő Country House Museum

(Hollókő Protected Landscape Area; Hollókő,
Kossuth út 99–100; Phone: 00 36 70 201 5546)
The "Landscape and People" exhibition presents
the history of the protected landscape area and
the mementos of the culture and husbandry of
the Palóc people.

Baglyaskő Castle Nature Reserve Visitor Centre

(Karancs-Medves Protected Landscape
Area; Salgótarján; Phone: 00 36 32 413 255;
E-mail: bnpnograd@upcmail.hu)
Geological interpretation site, exhibition and
information point about the sights of the area.

ACCOMMODATION

Western Gate Visitor and Study Centre, Open Air School

(Felsőtárkány, Ifjúság u. 34/1;
Phone: 00 36 534 078, 00 36 30 349 5721)
Accommodation for 47 people, qualified open air
school service.

Rejtekkő Research House

(between Répáshuta and Hollóstat; Phone: 00 36 411 581 /128)
Accommodation for 47 people, open air school
service

MUST-VISIT ATTRACTIONS

The Bükk Mountains are famous for its prehistoric caves. The most attractive and best known for the archeology are the Suba-lyuk, Szeleta Cave, Balla Cave, Istállós-kő Cave and Kecse-lyuk. The most famous are the paleo-archaeological findings of Szeleta Cave. Tools of chalcedony, quartz porphyry and obsidian as well as the characteristic bayleaf-shaped spearheads, a substantive Palaeolithic culture (Szeleta culture) were described by experts. Visit these special caves with the professional guidance of the staff of Bükk National Park Directorate.

To learn about the rich natural and cultural heritage of the national park, guided tours may be requested in English and German.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Phone: 00 36 411 581 /131 or /109
E-mail: okno@bnpi.hu
www.bnpi.hu

DID YOU KNOW?

- The most extensive Hungarian forest cycle path network is in the Bükk Mountains.
- The Bányász (Miner) Cave is the deepest of all Hungarian caves with a depth of 275 m.
- You may find the highest number of "prehistoric man-caves" categorized as archaeological sites in the Bükk Mountains.



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DUNA-DRÁVA NATIONAL PARK

An experience of the wilderness along animate rivers



The right bank of the Danube has floodplain forests, Gemenc narrow gauge railway, nyéki Duna backwaters and Mohács ... The left bank of the Danube has the juniper groves of Barcs, the "fresh meadows" of Drávaszentes and Babócsa... Deer with their world record trophies, resettled European beavers, strictly protected white-tailed eagles, black storks in a real bird-paradise... Backwaters and mort lakes with a size unmatched in Europe...



INTERPRETIVE SITES AND PROGRAMMES

"Dráva Kapu" Visitor Centre

(Barcs-Drávaszentes, Fő u. 1; Phone: 00 36 82 461 285)

Natural heritage interpretation exhibition, ancient Hungarian domestic animal species, "Úde rétek" (fresh meadows) nature trail, activities for children, summer camps.

Tettye Education Centre

(Pécs, Tettye tér 8; Phone: 00 36 72 517 222)
Natural heritage interpretation activities and tours all year round, summer camps.

White Stork Museum

(Kölked, Széchenyi u. 1; Phone: 00 36 69 384 208)

Exhibition, natural heritage interpretation activities, handicrafts workshops, walking and canoeing tours.

Abaliget Cave and Bat Museum

(Nyugat-Mecsek Protected Landscape Area; Abaliget; Phone: 00 36 72 498 766, 00 36 72 498 684)

Outstanding climate within the cave, children's and educational activities.

Mészégető Spring Cave

(Nyugat-Mecsek Protected Landscape Area; Orfű; Phone: 00 36 30 525 4351)
Guided adventure cave tour.

Historic Memorial Park of Mohács

(Mohács Historic Memorial Nature Conservation Area; Sátorhely; Phone: 00 36 69 382 130, 00 36 20 918 2779)

The graveyard of the heroes of the Battle of Mohács with an interactive exhibition in the new reception building.

Pintér Garden Arboretum

(Nyugat-Mecsek Protected Landscape Area; Pécs, Tettye tér 9; Phone: 00 36 72 517 200)
Guidance available, wedding photography location.

Szársomlyó

(Szársomlyó Nature Conservation Area; Nagyharsány, Szoborpark; Phone: 00 36 30 377 3388)
Special karst formations and habitats. Only available as a guided tour.

Travertine Cave at Tettye

(Pécs, Tettye u.; Phone: 00 36 72 211 830, 00 36 30 580 3424)
Interactive exhibition, cultural programmes, temporary exhibitions, hosting weddings and events.



ACCOMMODATION

Abaliget – Bat Museum

(Phone: 00 36 72 518 222, 00 36 30 326 9459, 00 36 30 377 3388)
2 rooms for 7 people

"Dráva Kapu" Visitor Centre

(Barcs-Drávaszentes, Fő u. 1; Phone: 00 36 82 461 285, 00 36 30 377 3393)
2 rooms for 6 people



Szentborbás

(Szentborbás; Phone: 00 36 82 461 285, 00 36 30 377 3393) Straight at the bank of Dráva; 2 rooms for 7 people



MUST-VISIT ATTRACTIONS

Visit the wetlands of the Béda-Karapanca region and get acquainted with the rich wildlife of the floodplain area and wet meadows along the Danube. Start your excursion by visiting the thematic exhibition of the White Stork Museum (Kölked, Széchenyi u. 1, 00 36 69 384 208). Join one of the guided tours on the Nagypartos Nature Trail on a horse cart. The herd of native Grey Cattle can be observed here. Take a canoe tour on the Outer-Béda Danube branch with a professional guide. With any luck you can meet some representatives of the famous and vivid world of floodplain birds like Black Kites, Grey Herons and Common Kingfishers.



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FURTHER INFORMATION

Phone: 00 36 72 517 200
E-mail: dunadrava@ddnp.kvvm.hu
www.ddnp.hu

DID YOU KNOW?

- The most extensive floodplain forest area of Hungary is Béda-Karapanca and Gemenc.
- This is the largest nesting area of the Hungarian populations of white-tailed eagles and black storks.



DUNA-IPOLY NATIONAL PARK

The national park of the Danube Bend



Genuine natural areas of the Ipoly Valley, stunning view and romantic forests of the Börzsöny Mountains, the picturesque sunsets of the Szentendre Island and the Danube bend. These all invite you to go on hikes and pleasure cruises.



INTERPRETIVE SITES AND PROGRAMMES

Királyrét Open Air School and Visitor Centre

(Szokolya–Királyrét; Phone: 00 36 22 353 219; E-mail: kiralyret@dinpig.hu) Interactive exhibition, nature trail, guided tours in the Börzsöny Mountains, open air school and preschool programmes, handicrafts activities.

Kököröcsin Open Air School

(Esztergom–Kertváros, Suzuki út; E-mail: esztergom@dinpig.hu) Bird-watching with educational walk about nesting boxes, hydrobiological examinations, lecture on game, guided tours.

Alcsút Arboretum

(Alcsút Arboretum Nature Conservation Area; Alcsútdoboz; Phone: 00 36 22 353 219; E-mail: info@alcsuti-arboretum.hu; www.alcsuti-arboretum.hu) Centuries-old tree giants, ruins of a classicist Habsburg castle, chapel, babaház (former babies' playhouse).

Ethnographic Village Museum and Turján House, Ócsa

(Ócsa Protected Landscape Area; Ócsa, Dr. Békési Panyik Andor u. 4–6; E-mail: ocsaitajhaz@dinpig.hu) Rich ethnographic collection, doll exhibition, handicrafts activities, artisan trade display, guided tours on nature trails.

Pilis Flax Visitor Centre

(Buda Protected Landscape Area; Pilisszentiván, Bányász u. 17; E-mail: szenasok@dinpig.hu)

ACCOMMODATION

Királyrét Open Air School

(Szokolya–Királyrét; E-mail: kiralyret@dinpig.hu) Rooms with 3/6/8 bunkbeds for 41 people, twin rooms with shower for 10 people.

MUST-VISIT ATTRACTIONS

Budapest and its surroundings are special for their rich natural values. Take an excursion to get acquainted with the spectacular thermal caves, rare floodplain wading birds, special ethnographic collections and relaxing castle parks in the city and its vicinity.

Sas Hill – a living museum in the heart of Budapest

(Budapest, 11th district, Tájék u. 26; sashegy@dinpig.hu) – interactive exhibition on the flora and fauna of the protected area, outdoor terrariums for native lizards, magnificent view of the city from its panoramic terrace, guided tours on the nature trail.



Caves of Budapest

Budapest is the only capital in the world, which has significant number of caves underneath its streets and buildings. The sum of their length is over 50 km. The longest cave in Hungary and largest thermal cave room in the world can be found here.

Pál-völgy Cave

(Budapest, 2nd district, Szépvölgyi út 162; 00 36 1 325 9505; palvolgy@dinpig.hu) – guided tours in the longest cave system in Hungary.

Szemlő-hegy Cave

(Budapest, 2nd district, Pusztaszeri út 35; 00 36 1 325 6001) – guided tours in the cave with especially clean, therapeutic air.



Mátyás-hegyi Cave

(Budapest, 2nd district, Szépvölgyi út 162; 00 36 20 928 4969, info@barlangaszat.hu; www.barlangaszat.hu) – adventurous climbing-crawling tour for the most courageous.

Canoeing and cycling tours on the Szentendre Island (esztergom@dinpig.hu)

– special exploration of rich wildlife of the great island of the Danube, professional guided tours for groups.



To learn about the rich natural and cultural heritage of the national park, guided tours may be requested in English and German.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Phone: 00 36 1 391 4610
E-mail: dinpi@dinpi.hu
www.dunaipoly.hu

DID YOU KNOW?

- Three narrow gauge railways are available in the Börzsöny Mountains.
- The Pál-völgyi Cave is the longest cave system in Hungary with a length of 29 km.
- Dunavirág (virgin mayfly) has reappeared in the Danube.



Fertő-Hanság
Nemzeti Park

FERTŐ–HANSÁG NATIONAL PARK

Adventures in the empire of wild geese



The tales and legends mention the western tip of Hungary as the land of mystery. The area of marshlands and wetlands of Fertő-Hanság have changed much since those times. The lake and the man-made landscape are now natural treasures of a cross-border national park that is a designated World Heritage site.

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Csapody István Nature School and Visitor Centre

(Fertőújlak; Phone: 00 36 99 537 520; E-mail: oktatas@fhnp.kvvm.hu)
Exhibition on the wildlife of Fertő and Hanság, environmental educational programmes, camps.



Kócsagvár (Egret Cottage)

(Sarród; Phone: 00 36 99 537 620; E-mail: fhnpinfo@fhnp.kvvm.hu)
Information centre, souvenir shop, event hosting, exhibition area.



Lászlómajor – Demonstrational Manor

(Sarród-Lászlómajor; Phone: 00 36 99 371 692)
Ancient Hungarian domestic animal species, exhibitions on the history of economy and nature conservation.



“Flora and Fauna of the Hanság” Exhibition

(Öntésmajor; Phone: 00 36 96 250 334; E-mail: kiallitas.hansag@fhnp.kvvm.hu)

In addition to an exhibition on the wildlife, flora and fauna of the Hanság and natural heritage interpretation games, narrow gauge engines and wagons of the Hanság are also on display along ancient steam engines.



Károly Lookout Tower

(Sopron Protected Landscape Area; Sopron, Károly-magaslat)
In addition to the panoramic view of the lookout tower, a botanical exhibition welcomes visitors.

Pannonhalma Arboretum

(Pannonhalmi Arborétum Nature Conservation Area; Pannonhalma, Vár u. 1)
Protected botanical garden.

ACCOMMODATION

Egret Cottage (Kócsagvár)

(Sarród; Phone: 00 36 99 537 620, E-mail: fhnpinfo@fhnp.kvvm.hu)
10 rooms for 44 people

Csapody István Youth Hostel

(Fertőújlak; Phone: 00 36 99 537 520; E-mail: fhnpinfo@fhnp.kvvm.hu)
11 rooms for 42 people

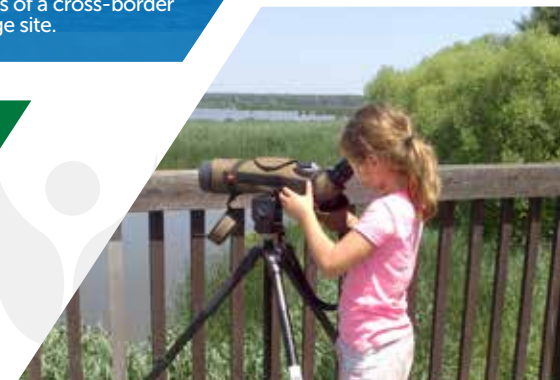
MUST-VISIT ATTRACTIONS

The Fertő region is an ideal place for active tourism. Take a bike tour around Lake Fertő visiting the charming old villages of the region, as well as the wayside exhibits and nature trails along the biking route. Get acquainted with the natural heritage of Lake Fertő from canoe with professional guidance. Canoe tours organised by the National Park Directorate leave regularly in the summer season.

To learn about the rich natural and cultural heritage of the national park, guided tours may be requested in English and German.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Phone: 00 36 99 537 620
E-mail: fhnpinfo@fhnp.kvvm.hu
www.ferto-hansag.hu



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DID YOU KNOW?

- Lake Fertő is the westernmost steppe lake and saline soil area of Europe.
- The southern coastal region of Lake Fertő is equipped with frog tunnels to provide a safe spring and autumn migration path for amphibians.



HORTOBÁGY NATIONAL PARK

Hungarian World Heritage, the Puszta



Hortobágy is the most extensive salt plain of Central Europe and the first and largest Hungarian national park. An area where a unique shepherding culture has evolved over the centuries, having its own distinctive attire, architectural traditions and indigenous domestic animal species. Due to its internationally recognized and unique values, the area is a World Heritage cultural landscape.

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Hortobágy National Park Visitor Centre and Workshop

(Hortobágy, Petőfi tér 9;
Phone: 00 36 52 589 000, Phone/fax:
00 36 52 589 321; E-mail: info@hnp.hu)
Interactive exhibition on natural history,
guided tours, organization of open air schools
and professional programmes, lecture hall,
conference hall, information office, gift shop,
craftsmen demonstrations and workshops,
playground.



Hortobágy Great-Fishponds Narrow Gauge Railway and Fishpond's Trail

(Hortobágy-Fishponds;
Phone: 00 36 52 589 000)
Railway passengers can view one of the
largest fishpond-systems of Central Europe
with its uniquely abundant avifauna. The area
may be explored by walking and cycling. The
interpretation of natural heritage is facilitated by
nature trails and bird watching towers.

Hortobágy Wildlife Park

(Hortobágy-Malomháza;
Phone: 00 36 52 589 000)
The wildlife of the ancient puszta can be
observed over an extensive habitat, large
carnivores and smaller species are located in
kennels having an arrangement similar of their
natural habitat, herbivorous ungulates – like
wild horses – can be seen on non-enclosed
grazing-land.

Mátapuszta

(Hortobágy-Máta;
Phone: 00 36 52 589 369; www.hortobagy.eu)
Visitors can learn about indigenous Hungarian
domestic animal species (Nonius breed
of horses, Hungarian grey cattle, buffalo,
Hungarian "racka" sheep, mangalica pig) in
their natural habitat, during a carriage ride in
the puszta. Horse-herder show, shepherds,
gémeskút (sweep well), shepherds' buildings.

Tiszakürt Arboretum

(Tiszakürt; Phone: 00 36 56 568 020; www.
arboreta.hu)
Arboretum at the riverside of Tisza. Forest
adventure park, canoeing trips.

ACCOMMODATION

Fecskeház Youth Hostel

(Hortobágy-Máta;
Phone: 00 36 30 699 0267;
E-mail: fecskehaz@hnp.hu)
Rooms with 2 and 4 beds and shower;
apartment and 16 beds with joint bathroom;
total number of beds: 34.



MUST-VISIT ATTRACTIONS

The „Route of the Csarda Inns” of Hortobágy leads the visitors through the salt road, the former Debrecen-Budapest commercial route and presents the life of the inns (Meggyes Inn, Hortobágy Inn, Kadarcs Inn) and the people of the Puszta. Several inns still operate as restaurants serving various meals. Buy a “route ticket” for visiting the inns, as well as the Shepherd Museum and the Körszín.

Hortobágy Shepherd Museum

(Hortobágy, Petőfi tér 1) – housed in a former
cart shed next to the famous
Nine-Arch Bridge; exhibits detail how animals
are raised and how herdsmen live on the Puszta.



Körszín – Crafts exhibition and souvenirs
(Hortobágy, Petőfi tér) – provides an insight
into the handicraft trades of the area, and sells a
wide range of original handicrafts.



Hortobágy Inn Museum

(Hortobágy, Petőfi tér 1) – exhibition on the
300-year-old history of the building and the
ways of transport in the Puszta; traditional
meals are served in the restaurant.

To learn about the rich natural and cultural
heritage of the national park, guided tours may
be requested in English and German.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Phone: 00 36 52 589 000
E-mail: info@hnp.hu
www.hnp.hu

GET A GLIMPSE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY WORLD OF LAKE TISZA!

Mayfly Nature Trail of Tiszaörvény

(2 km; Tiszafüred-Örvény;
Phone: 00 36 70 363 7109;
E-mail: info@szabicskikoto.hu;
www.szabicskikoto.hu)

Interactive nature trail along the floodplain of River
Tisza. Guided tours are available in German.



Pákász Nature Trail of Tiszaörvény

(1 km; Tiszafüred-Örvény;
Phone: 00 36 70 363 7109;
E-mail: info@szabicskikoto.hu;
www.szabicskikoto.hu)

An interactive walking path along an oxbow
lake of River Tisza, introducing the traditions
of marsh-dwelling lifestyle (“pákászat”). Guided
tours are available in German.

DID YOU KNOW?

- During the autumn bird migration season, over hundred thousand cranes may take rest on the Puszta.
- Large herds of the once endangered grey cattle can now be seen grazing on the Puszta.
- This area is the home of the world's largest breeding flock of wild horses and “ancient” Heck cattle.



KISKUNSAGI NATIONAL PARK

The landscape of magical dunes



Most of the habitat of the national park – consisting of nine separate areas – is made up of saline flats and sand plains. Its wetlands include saline lakes, swamps, marshlands and backwaters along River Tisza. The traditional farming, free-range husbandry and agricultural traditions combined with exceptional environmental conditions guarantee a unique experience of the Kiskunság landscape.

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INTERPRETIVE SITES AND PROGRAMMES

House of Nature

(Kecskemét, Liszt Ferenc utca 19;
Phone: 00 36 76 501 596, 00 36 76 501 594)
In addition to an exhibition on the history of Hungarian environmental protection and Hungarian national parks, the visitor centre also offers entertaining interactive programmes. Natural heritage interpretation sessions, lectures, temporary exhibitions are all available for visitors. The characteristic plants and animals of the area lying between Danube and Tisza are depicted within dioramas.



Virágh Mansion Local History Exhibition

(Kunszentmiklós, Kossuth tér 1/B;
Phone: 00 36 76 351 271; E-mail:
kunszentmiklos@tourinform.hu)
Regional history and ethnographic collection, exhibition presenting the wildlife of the puszta.

Geological Exposure Site of Csólyospálos

(Geological Exposure Nature Conservation Area of Csólyospálos; Csólyospálos)
This geological exposure site presents the lacustrine limestone, the typical and characteristic formation of the area between Danube and Tisza.

Tisza Valley Exhibition Centre

(Pusztaszer Protected Landscape Area;
Szatymaz; Phone: 00 36 30 638 0297)
Exhibition on the protected natural values of the Lower Tisza area and the Pusztaszer and Mártély protected landscape areas. A nearby lookout tower provides a chance of bird watching at Fehér-tó (White Lake).



INTERPRETIVE AREAS OF THE NATIONAL PARK

Bugac puszta

A reminder of the old puszta atmosphere, created by free range, indigenous animals and bugac horse-herders. You can follow marked routes and nature trails, the shepherd's museum displays the items and wildlife of the traditional bugac shepherd's way of life.

Fülöpháza Sand Dunes

The wind-formed sand dunes provide a unique atmosphere. A typical summer day includes lizards hunting for locusts and grasshoppers while larks are tweeting from the sky above. The nature trails, starting at Naprózsa Open Air School, are providing tours ranging from an hour to half a day, explaining the peculiarities of the world of sand also in English.

Szikra and the Alpár Meadow

The picturesque backwaters of River Tisza welcome you with fringing and gallery forests. The wildlife of the area is reminiscent of that before rivers were regulated. A dip in the natural beach may be followed by angling and boating. Visitors can learn about the natural and cultural historic legacy by following the nature trails Kontyvirág ("Arum"), Árpád fejedelem ("Árpád Grand Prince") and Földvár ("Earth Fortress").

Guided tours are available all year long by appointment.

ACCOMMODATION

Kontyvirág Open Air School

(Lakitelek-Töserdő; Phone: 00 36 30 475 9655;
www.kontyvirag.hu)
Accommodation for 44 in a stone building equipped with heating (rooms with 2 or 6 beds and shower), community areas. Open air school base camp.



Naprózsa Open Air School

(Fülöpháza; Phone: 00 36 76 482 611 /151)
Accommodation for 30 in a stone building equipped with heating (rooms with 2, 5 and 6 beds), kitchenette, bathrooms, laboratory and community hall. Open air school base camp.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Phone: 00 36 76 501 596
E-mail: oktatasio@knp.hu
www.knp.hu

MUST-VISIT ATTRACTIONS

Would you like to know more about some rare animals of the Hungarian puszta? Visit the conservation and study centres open for visitors.

Hungarian Meadow Viper Conservation and Education Centre

(Kunpeszér; 00 36 30 496 0274, herbot.
erzsebet@mme.hu; www.rakosivipera.hu) – a nature trail giving an insight into the habitats of the water, forest and meadows. Lectures about the viper and conservation, open air terrarium.

Lake Kolon Ornithological Centre

(www.kolon-to.com) – bird ringing station with special focus on songbirds frequenting reed beds; ringing demonstrations; habitat reconstruction areas and the Bikatorok nature trail nearby.

To learn about the rich natural and cultural heritage of the national park, guided tours may be requested in English and German.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The heaviest bird in Europe still capable of flying is the great bustard, which has one of its most significant populations along the saline flats of Kiskunság.
- The most significant population of the pannon endemic *dianthus duitinus* is located on the sand ridge between Danube and Tisza.
- You may see unique, "wandering" dunes in the Fülöpháza sand dune area.



KÖRÖS–MAROS NATIONAL PARK

A landscape of plains and rivers



The small, disjoint areas of the national park (enclosed by the Körös Rivers, River Maros and River Tisza) hold rich natural and cultural heritage. Paddling in a boat along the rivers provides an undisturbed view of the scenic riverline woods; the floodplain forests have a pleasant climate all summer long, inviting visitors to a walk and cycle tour or a riverside picnic.

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INTERPRETIVE SITES AND PROGRAMMES

Körös Valley Visitor Centre

(Szarvas, Anna-liget 1; Phone: 00 36 66 313 855, 00 36 30 475 1789; E-mail: korosvolgy@kmnp.hu) A permanent exhibition of the natural heritage of the southern Tiszántúl (region east of River Tisza). The Anna-liget nature trail (2 km, starting from the visitor centre) explores the diverse wildlife of the area along the backwater of River Körös.



Réhely Visitor Centre

(Dévaványa–Réhely; Phone: 00 36 66 483 083; E-mail: rehely@kmnp.hu) Permanent exhibition presenting the natural heritage and the nature conservation efforts (with a special emphasis on the protection of bustards) of the Dévaványa-Ecseg plains; temporary exhibition about the traditional occupations of the region and on the wonders of nature photography. The Réhely nature trail (1.5 km, starting from the visitor centre) shows the typical habitat, flora and fauna of the plains.



Birdwatchers Retreat of Bihar

(Biharugra; Phone: 00 36 30 687 0816; E-mail: madarvarta@kmnp.hu) Open air school and an ideal location for other outdoor activities.



Museum of Kardoskút

(Phone: 00 36 68 429 262, 00 36 30 475 1776) Permanent exhibition on the history and natural heritage of Fehértó.

Vésztő-Mágor Historic Memorial Site

(Phone: 00 36 66 477 148) The ruins of the Mágor Tumulus and the ruins of a 12th century monastery. The Mágor-pusztá nature trail (500 m, starting from the parking lot) introduces the natural and cultural historic heritage of the nature conservation area.

Halásztelek Nature trail

(3 km) A glimpse of the floodplain wildlife and cultural heritage of River Hármas-Körös.

Kisvályon Nature trail

(8 km; Geszt, Zsadány) Visitors following the trail can learn about the wildlife of the local forests, meadows and wetlands and the efforts performed to protect the special water wildlife.

Kígyós Nature Trail

(5 km; Szabadkígyós) The nature trail presents the plants, animals and characteristic habitats of the Kígyós plain.

ACCOMMODATION

Birdwatchers Retreat of Bihar

(Biharugra; Phone: 00 36 30 687 0816; E-mail: madarvarta@kmnp.hu) Accommodation for 43 people in rooms with 3 beds and common bathroom.



Réhely Visitor Centre

(Dévaványa–Réhely; Phone: 00 36 66 483 083, 00 36 30 445 2409; E-mail: rehely@kmnp.hu) Tourist hotel for 40 people in rooms with 3 or 4 beds and shower; guest rooms for 8 people with 2 and 4 beds, communal kitchen, television, fridge; tents available for rent.



MUST-VISIT ATTRACTIONS

Territories of South-Tiszántúl from the alkali grasslands across the floodplains of the Körös and Maros Rivers to the ancient marshes provide a home to many rare plants and communities. In spring and autumn you can find hundreds and thousands of gathering birds on migration in the region. When you visit, do not miss the following:

Fehértó of Kardoskút

(White Lake) (Kardoskút, Phone: 00 36 68 429 262) The most valuable alkali lake of the South-Tiszántúl has been chosen into "The Seven Natural Miracles of Hungary" in 2008. In the area of the White Lake we can find many native species like Hungarian Grey Cattle, Racka and Cigája Sheep. Guided tours are available all year long by appointment.

Dévaványa - Ecseg Pusztá

(Réhely Visitor Centre, Phone: 00 36 66 483 083) Home of the largest population of Europe's heaviest bird still capable of flight, the Great Bustard. At Réhely-Dévaványa we can find as native species such as Hungarian Grey Cattle, Water Buffalo and Racka Sheep.



To learn about the rich natural and cultural heritage of the national park, guided tours may be requested in English and German.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Phone: 00 36 66 313 855 and 00 36 30 303 2589
E-mail: kmnp@kmnp.hu
www.kmnp.hu

DID YOU KNOW?

- Bustards can be observed at their natural habitat at the Réhely Visitor Centre of Dévaványa - Ecseg plains.
- Visitors of the Vésztő-Mágor Historic Memorial Site can enter a kunhalom (tumulus).



ÓRSÉG NATIONAL PARK

Natural landscape harmony



A land of hills formed by rivers and streams, pine forests and alder groves, peat moss bogs and marshlands, butterflies, dragonflies and the scenic meandering River Rába – these are all the specialties of the Órség National Park. Visitors can see villages with traditional whitewashed, logwalled or porch houses, wooden belfries with extended lower “skirts” and hayfields with fruit trees. In addition to the traditional hospitality, visitors are also greeted by a gently sloping landscape with ravishing wild flowers and chirping birds.



INTERPRETIVE SITES AND PROGRAMMES

Harmatfű Nature Conservation Study Centre

(Óriszentpéter, Siskaszer 26/A;
Phone: 00 36 94 548 034)

Lectures on the heritage of the national park, exhibitions, tour inform office, eco-shop, guided tours upon request.

István Bechtold Nature Conservation Visitor Centre

(Kőszeg, Aradi vértanúk parkja;
Phone: 00 36 94 563 174)

An interactive exhibition and a thematic adventure trail about the wildlife of Kőszeg Mountains.



Sághegy Museum

(Celldömölk; Phone: 00 36 94 563 174)

The interactive museum presents the natural and cultural heritage of the area, displaying the history of mining and wine-growing.

House of Marshlands

(Szőce, Ady Endre u. 3/2 hrsz./land reg.ref.)

Demonstration site offering a unique, interactive experience of the mysterious world of marshlands.

Information on visit schedule:

Órség Tourinform

Phone: +36 94 548 034

E-mail: tourinform.orseg@gmail.com

Website: www.orseg.info

ACCOMMODATION

Keserűszer Guest House

(Óriszentpéter; Phone: 00 36 94 548 034)

4 rooms with 4 beds each.



MUST-VISIT ATTRACTIONS

The long-ago guards established their groups of houses and agricultural buildings on the top of the hills, on a forest cutting, and now these form the „szer”. Szalafő is a protected settlement because it preserves that unique village-structure of seven „szer” and also keeps architectural traditions of many centuries.

The Órség Folk Monument Group

(Szalafő, Pityerszer 12 Phone: 00 36 94

548 034) was established in Pityerszer, where three original home buildings are presented, and exemplifying perfectly the traditional living and cultural heritage of their inhabitants. On the museum’s territory there is a high standard handicraft shop and also a shed-buffet with range of local gastronomic offers.

To learn about the rich natural and cultural heritage of the national park, guided tours may be requested in English and German.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Phone: 00 36 94 548 034

E-mail: orseginp@onp.kvvm.hu

www.orseg.info

DID YOU KNOW?

- Forests span across 63% of the Órség landscape, this ratio is 3.5 times the Hungarian average.
- This region has a unique settlement structure called “szeres”, characterized by houses built in small groups on elevated grounds.
- The people of Órség have strong and deep regional roots, their ancestors came here more than a millennia ago.

NATURE PARKS IN HUNGARY

A nature park is an extensive area with plenty of natural, landscape and cultural historic values, targeting recreation, healing and recovery, sustainable tourism, nature protection education and environmentally conscious husbandry. The “nature park” designation is awarded by the Minister responsible for environmental protection since 2004. 7 nature parks were recognised by this distinctive designation by now.

CSERHÁT NATURE PARK

www.cserhatnaturpark.hu

This exceptionally beautiful, ethnographically rich area of small villages can be found amidst gently sloping hills at the centre of Nógrád County. Its centre is Hollókő, the first village listed as a World Heritage site. Terény, a village famous for its traditional folk architecture can also be found in the area. The traditional costumes of Buják, Rimóc and Hollókő are considered the most beautiful of Hungarian folk clothing. Visitors of the nature park can explore multiple fortresses, numerous castles, mansions and churches from the Árpád era.

GERECSE NATURE PARK

www.gerecsenaturpark.hu

The most recently created Hungarian nature park (2013) encapsulates the Gerecse Mountains and the neighbouring areas (the valleys of River Danube and Által Creek). The mission of the nature

park is to demonstrate the region's natural and cultural heritage, value preserving landscape utilization and the products characteristic of the region. The region still has many rare animal and plant species; the Slovak and German nationals, living along Hungarians for centuries, have created a multitude of architectural heritage specialties and still practiced traditions. The gorgeously located villages are full of buzzing culture almost all year round.

HÉT PATAK GYÖNGYE NATURE PARK

www.alsomocsolad.hu

The settlements of the nature park are inhabited since the Neolithic Era, they are rich in archaeological sites and cultural values. The local governments and inhabitants aim to protect the natural wetlands and clean water springs by creating locally protected natural areas.

ÍROTTKŐ NATURE PARK

www.naturpark.hu

The nature park spans across the areas of Kőszeg Mountains and its surroundings through the communes of 14 small settlements and two historic towns, Kőszeg and Csepreg. The mountains are covered by a forest having a flora and fauna similar to that of the Alps, meaning that many of the species present here are rare in Hungary. Among the rich cultural heritage of the area, the most significant are the Saint Vid chapel of Velem (built on the remains of a prehistoric fortified settlement), the Calvary of Kőszeg, the row of cellars in Csák and the Hétforrás (Seven Springs). The central part of the mountain is a part of the Kőszeg Protected Landscape Area. Visitors are awaited all year round with active tourists' programmes and a broad selection of cultural and gastronomic events. In 2009, the nature park was selected as a “European Destination of Excellence” in the category of ecotourism destinations.

SOKORÓ-PANNONTÁJ NATURE PARK

The fresh air and the rich wildlife of the picturesque Bakonyalja landscape invites visitors to hikes, cycling, horse riding and game hunting. A significant portion of the nature park is protected as a part of the Pannonhalma Protected Landscape Area. The Pannonhalma Abbey is the most prominent of all of its sights, considering the beauty, importance and touristic infrastructure of this World Heritage site.

SZATMÁR-BEREG NATURE PARK

www.szatmarbereg.hu

The most distinguished natural values of the Szatmár and Bereg area, shaped by River Tisza and its tributaries, are the peat moss bogs and wooden pastures, most of which are part of the Szatmár-Bereg Protected Landscape Area. This region is among the richest in architectural heritage of all Hungarian landscapes. The most significant of the almost 70 listed historic sites are the Árpád era church of Csaroda, the belfry of Lónya, the Szatmárceke cemetery with prow-shaped wooden grave markers, the watermill of Túrístvánd and the dry mill of Tarpa.

VÉRTES NATURE PARK

www.vertesainaturpark.hu

Vértés Nature Park is the first officially recognized Hungarian nature park, established in 2005 by the region's 17 cooperating settlements and organizations. At the heart of the nature park is the romantic Vértés Mountain, where, in addition to the thick forests, you may find grasslands with plenty of special plant species. The plains area surrounding the mountain has extensive pastures and wetlands, a home for a variety of birds. The visitor centre of Csákvár, nearby nature trails, an extensive range of programmes and a plentiful supply of local products all welcomes visitors.



THINGS WE ARE ESPECIALLY PROUD OF – OUR INTERNATIONALLY ACKNOWLEDGED NATURAL AREAS AND VALUES



WORLD HERITAGE SITES

The purpose of the UNESCO World Heritage Convention is to preserve the universal natural and cultural values of our planet.

From Hungary, the cave-world of the Aggtelek and Slovak karst was recognized in the category of natural heritage. This category includes, for example, the Yellowstone National Park and the Grand Canyon of the United States of America.

Humans' value creating landscape forming activities were recognised by the World Heritage Committee by declaring the Hortobágy Puszta, the Fertő Landscape and the Historic Wine Region of Tokaj World Heritage sites in the category of cultural landscapes. International examples of World Heritage sites protected within this category include Hallstatt-Dachstein/ Salzkammergut (Austria) and the area of Lednice-Valtice (Czech Republic).

EUROPEAN DIPLOMA OF PROTECTED AREAS

The European Council established the European Diploma of Protected Areas to preserve the natural heritage of our continent. The recognition is awarded to protected natural areas having key importance in the landscape diversity preservation of the continent. The Diploma does not only recognize the rich natural and landscape heritage of the corresponding area, but also the nature conservation activities performed for the purposes of landscape preservation. So far three Hungarian landscapes have been awarded:

- the Szénás Hills Protected Area, the only habitat of the Pilis flax (*Linum dolomiticum*);
- the Tihany Peninsula with its surface formations of volcanic origin and
- the Ipolytarnóc Fossils.

Other areas with European Diploma include the Białowieża National Park of Poland, the wetlands of Doñana National Park in Spain and the Krimml Waterfalls of Austria.





RAMSAR SITES

The purpose of the Ramsar Convention is the preservation and sustainable, wise utilization of wetlands of international importance.

Currently there are 28 Ramsar Sites in Hungary, which – from Bodrogzug through Lake Kolon of Kiskunság to Kis-Balaton – provide a wide range of possibilities to learn about the exceptional diversity of aquatic wildlife.

BIOSPHERE RESERVES

Biosphere Reserves, selected under UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Program, were created to protect the exceptionally valuable areas representing the Earth's significant ecosystems and to observe their ongoing natural and human-driven processes.

Currently there are five biosphere reserves in Hungary, the Aggtelek, Lake Fertő, Hortobágy, Kiskunság and Pilis Biosphere Reserves.

The biosphere reserves, excluding their most valuable "core areas", act as "live testbeds" in the creation of long term sustainable methods of utilization for the natural values and resources, contributing to the preservation of the landscape and wildlife for generations to come.

EUROPEAN DESTINATIONS OF EXCELLENCE

Within the framework of a program targeting the display of the diversity and richness of European touristic destinations, regions within European Union Member States participate in an annual, theme-based tender to obtain the title "European Destination of Excellence" (EDEN), awarded every year to one region in each country.

- EDEN awarded destinations in Hungary are:
- Best emerging rural destination of Hungary (2007) – Őrség
 - Best Hungarian destination preserving living traditions (2008) – Hortobágy
 - Outstanding ecotourism destination of Hungary (2009) – Írottkő Nature Park
 - Most promising natural aquatic destination of Hungary (2010) – Lake Tisza
 - Traditional values with new functions (2011) – Mecsek area: Pécsvárad, Pécs, Orfű
 - Best Hungarian accessible destination (2013) – Kaposvár and the Zselic area

FURTHER INFORMATION:

edenineurope.eu
eden.itthon.hu





GEPARKS IN HUNGARY



Geoparks



The geoscientific heritage of our geoparks is beyond rich. Usually local communities are involved in the preservation efforts and the introduction of these heritage elements. These geoscientific treasures – along with cultural heritage elements – provide attractive geotourist programmes. Currently, the UNESCO-supported Global Geoparks Network has 100 members, while the European Geoparks Network has 59 members.



BAKONY-BALATON GEOPARK

www.geopark.hu

Visitors of the geopark operated by the Balaton Uplands National Park Directorate are guided by expert geotour-guides and can take part in adventure tours in the Csodabogyós Cave and in the Szentgál Kőlik Cave. You can visit geological interpretive sites, for example the Lavender House Visitor Centre of Tihany, known as the eastern gate of the geopark. In addition to the geological nature trail of the Forrás Hill of Felsőörs and the special rock-world of the Űrkút Palaeokarst, a number of nature trails are available. The European Geoparks Week, held in late May or early June, gives a special, lively buzz to our inanimate natural values.



NOVOHRAD-NÓGRÁD GEOPARK

www.nngeopark.eu

The first international, cross-border geopark safeguards the geoscientific and cultural heritage of 91 Palóc settlements in Hungary and Slovakia. The geopark provides a cross-border unification of the various mementos of the formation of the Carpathian Basin during the last 30 million years. The gateway to the land of extinct volcanoes is the Ipolytarnóc Paleontological Site Nature Conservation Area (osmaradvanyok.hu), an area protected by the European Diploma and maintained by the Bükk National Park Directorate. During the European Geoparks Week, its Miocene Park, offering unique programmes, revives the roaring volcano that has once destroyed the ancient world.



NATIONAL PARK PRODUCTS



www.nemzetiparkitermek.hu

Many of the visitors of Hungarian national parks are interested in region-related unique products, specialities, local producers and craftsmen. The National Park Product trademark guarantees that customers and visitors obtain a product made in a protected area or in a Natura 2000 area, primarily using local ingredients, according to local traditions and conservation guidelines. By buying a product labelled with this trademark you are not only taking a piece of the region's flavours and traditions with you but indirectly you also support the maintenance of natural treasures. The appreciative title is worn by handmade products from the Órség and Hortobágy, lavender products from Tihany, dishes with ramsons, mountain cheeses, organic fruit juices and syrups, unique wines and palinkas, herbal teas, marmalades from forest fruits, honey specialities, buffalo and grey cattle salamis and sausages, amongst others.

Try the unique flavours of Hungarian National Parks and choose a gift from the unique handmade products.

You can find them in the showrooms of national parks.



7+1 TIPS FOR VISITORS OF NATIONAL PARKS



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1. When travelling to national parks, please favour the use of bicycles or trains, if possible. If you drive, it is recommended to share the ride with your friends. The natural area is to be explored on foot or by other permitted vehicles.



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2. Please do not leave the path you are following in the forest. If you leave the path, the animals, which are used to people hiking along paths, will escape and you will not be able to observe them. In addition, you might unintentionally harm precious and beautiful plants.



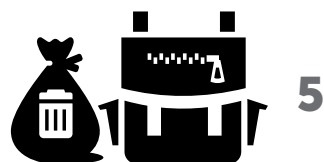
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3. Choose your clothes carefully, especially for longer tours. Layered clothing can be practical at all times. We recommend that you avoid vivid colours, so that you can explore more of the nature by adapting to it.



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4. During your walk in the nature, listen to its sounds. Be careful to make the smallest noise possible. If you do not disturb the peace of the wildlife, you can observe the natural behaviour of animals more easily. If you walk quietly, you will not disturb other tourists either.



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5. You might not find a waste bin everywhere in the natural areas. In order to avoid polluting the environment, do not drop your waste but put it back carefully packed into your rucksack. Please pay attention not to leave any "marks" in the nature.



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6. Benches, fireplaces and viewpoints are available in the openly available areas of national parks. These are located specifically to reduce the disturbance of their surroundings. These locations offer you the best chance to take a rest and observe nature.



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7. Putting up a tent in protected natural areas is usually prohibited; therefore we suggest you look for accommodation nearby. By choosing an accommodation or restaurant run by locals and consuming products made from local ingredients, e.g. the products of national parks, you also support the local economy.



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+ 1. If you take a dog with you, please keep it on a lead, it is also in the best interest of your pet.

By keeping the above rules you do not only protect nature. A peaceful, undisturbed natural environment provides MORE PLEASURE for both you and others. The preservation of our natural heritage is our common responsibility.

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY, EDUCATIONAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE



www.nakvi.hu

The institute is responsible for the coordination of several "European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development"-related programs. One of the programs is the network of more than 400 Integrated Community and Service Areas (www.ikszt.hu) providing free internet access and many other services. Beside this, it also supports the LEADER Local Action Groups and the rural development planning for 2014-2020. The official website of the current rural development program is maintained by NAERDI and is being updated with events and programmes on a daily basis. Address: H-1223 Budapest, Park St. 2; Phone: 00 36 1 362 8100; E-mail: nakvi@nakvi.hu

HUNGARIAN RURAL TOURISM PROGRAM OFFICE

The main task of the program office is functioning inside the institute to nurture the cooperation of sustainable tourism initiatives and the widespread introduction of good practices. Therefore, it initiates dialogues in the area of ecotourism between state institutions, professional and civil organizations and businesses.



HUNGARIAN NATIONAL RURAL NETWORK

www.mnvh.eu

The main goal and task of the network is to build a network-like cooperation between professionals who want to do something for the Hungarian countryside, the establishment of inter-regional and international relations, and the European representation of national interests and values. Due to its activity, the 27 cooperating countries of the European Rural Development Network can become familiar with the Hungarian development results, useful practices and Hungarian communities can also learn from foreign examples. Secretary General (MNVH Állandó Titkárság) Address: H-1223 Budapest, Park St. 2; Phone: 00 36 1 362 8112; E-mail: nakvi@nakvi.hu

LEADER LOCAL ACTION GROUPS

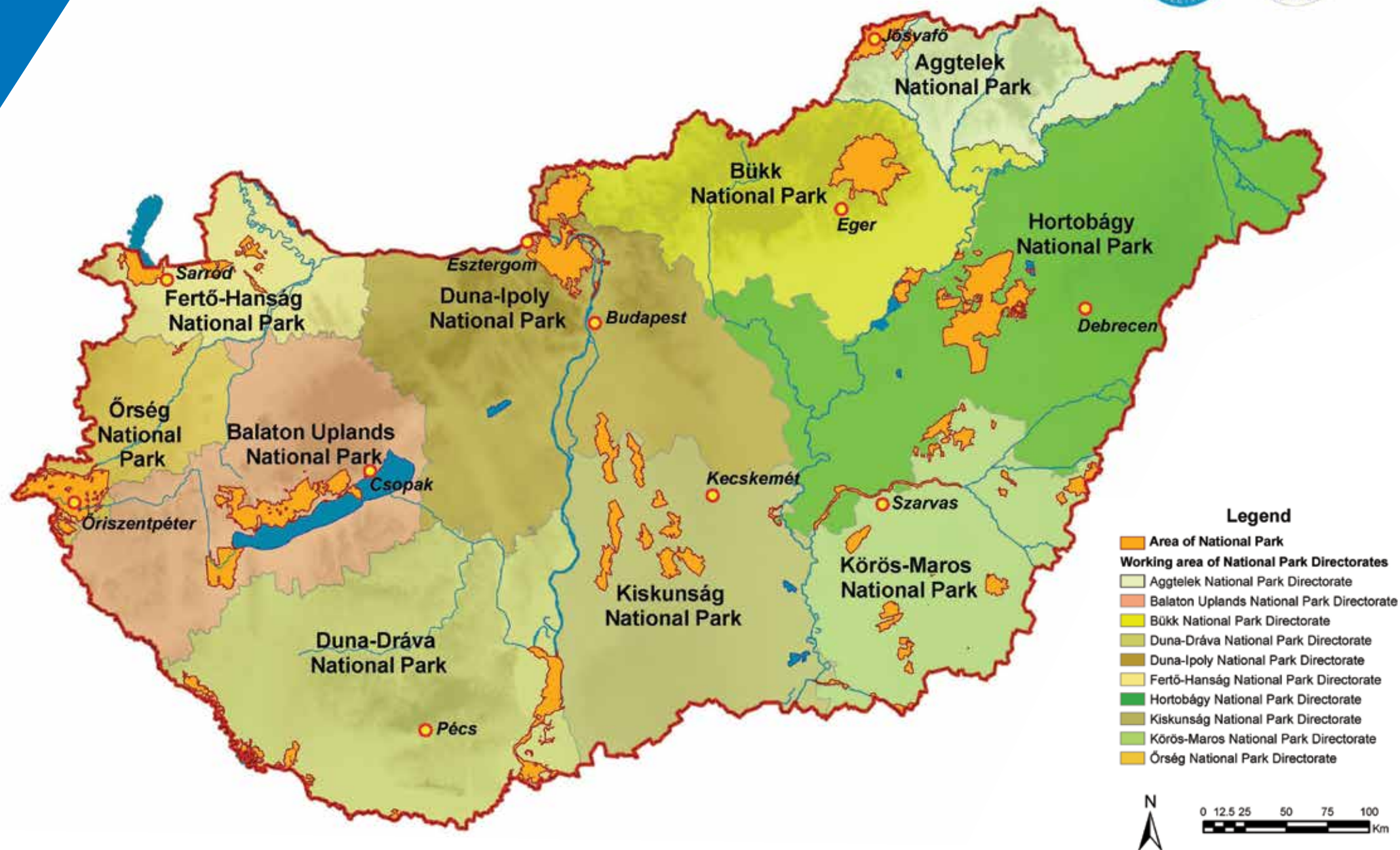
LAGs operating in Hungary (95 currently) were formed by the given region's municipalities, entrepreneurs, civil organizations, building on the active participation of local communities. Their planning process of Local Rural Development Strategies was built on their own region's characteristics and possibilities, and its realization was also the task of the action groups. LAGs are also responsible for distributing the funds available in the Darányi Ignác Plan especially Parts III and IV of the New Hungarian Rural Development Programme.

ON GREENWAYS...

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The opening hours of heritage interpretation sites can be found on
the website of the given national park directorate.

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