

EXPERIENCE?

NATURALLY



HUNGARIAN
NATIONAL
PARKS

Exhibition sites & programs



Aktiv
Magyarország

On the trail of new
adventures each season

LET'S GET STARTED

Approximately 10 percent of the area of Hungary is under nature protection. Mountain ranges covered in dense forests, gently waving hills, the wilderness of floodplains, endless plains and karstlands hiding unparalleled treasures follow one another in our ten national parks, 39 protected landscape areas and numerous nature reserves. We are now inviting You to discover them.



BUT BEFORE STARTING, LET'S SEE THE MEANING OF SOME TERMS...

...nature conservation visitor centre

Located beside a key entrance point to, or in a central area of, the national park, so a recommended starting point for all trips. The trained staff of the national park can provide information about the options to wander the protected natural area. Additionally, the interactive exhibition in the visitor centre is open, regardless of weather, to learn about the rich natural and cultural heritage of the national park and see into local nature conservation activities. Moreover, we can also buy publications, souvenirs reminding of trips in, and products associated with, the national park.

...educational trail

Thematic hiking trail, showing the natural and cultural heritage of the designated area in various stations, on display boards and in publications. Especially recommended for people who like to experience nature alone and in an active way. UNESCO Global Geoparks in Hungary give an insight into our values in earth science, following the increasingly popular geo-trips.

...thematic nature conservation exhibition site

Ecotourism facility, offering a detailed display of specific segments of our natural or cultural heritage. Several spectacular geological exhibition areas, tourist caves unfolding the wonders of underground world and demo farms with a stock of traditional Hungarian farm animals await their curious visitors in Hungarian national parks.

...guided tour

Visiting and learning about natural and cultural attractions in the accompaniment of professional tour guides. Trained guides disclose correlations that frequently remain hidden to individual visitors and make an epoch-making introduction to the sites of heritage. This can be the only way to know more about natural heritage in certain parts of protected natural areas, in e.g. specially protected areas and other sites sensitive to visitors.

Well, then let's follow the trail of new adventures!

Legend:



especially recommended for young people



especially recommended for families with children



especially recommended for senior citizens



Széchenyi Rest Card accepted



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camping



HUNGARIAN NATIONAL PARKS – KEY EVENTS, 2021



| DATE | NATIONAL PARK | VENUE | PROGRAM |
|---------------------|--|---|---|
| 1-31 March | All across the country, in the area of national parks with caves | | Let's Cave – March, the month of caves |
| 6 March | Fertő-Hanság NP | Csáfordjánosfa | Snow-flake Trip on Women's Day |
| 14 March | Aggtelek NP | Bódvarákó | Mysterious Esztramos |
| 27 March | Duna-Ipoly NP | Farmos | Storks Coming! Family Day |
| 3 April | Órség NP | Szalafő, Pityerszer | Pre-Easter Fun |
| 3, 10, 17, 24 April | Kiskunság NP | Bugyi | Early morning trips in search of bustards in Apajpuszta |
| 9-11 April | All across the country, in the area of the national parks | | Stargazing walks in our national parks |
| 10 April | Bükk NP | Szomolyai Kaptárkövek NR | Welcome Spring hiking |
| 24 April | Duna-Dráva NP | Pécs, Tettey tér | Earth Day |
| 24 April | Hortobágy NP | Hortobágy – Shepherds' Museum, Fairgrounds | Herding-out Festivity and Handicrafts Fair on St. George's Day – Puszta, our world heritage |
| 24 April | Fertő-Hanság NP | Lászlómajor, Demo Farm-Ste-ad | Handicrafts Fair |
| 25 April | Duna-Ipoly NP | Budapest | Earth Day in Pál-völgy stone-pit |
| 7-9 May | All across the country, in the area of the national parks | | Trips on Birds and Trees Day |
| 8 May | Órségi NP | Szőce | Trips on the blooming bog |
| 8 May | Duna-Dráva NP | National Memorial Site | Memorial Sites Day |
| 8 May | Körös-Maros NP | Dévaványa – Sterbetz István Bustard Protection Visitor C. | 5th Bustard Festival |
| 15 May | Hortobágy NP | Hortobágy-Máta | Astro-gastro tour |
| 15 May | Duna-Ipoly NP | Budapest, Jókai Garden | Birds and Trees Day |
| 15, 22 May | Kiskunság NP | Izsák | Night of Nightingales – riding a horse-carriage |
| 22 May | Körös-Maros NP | Biharugra | 8th Bihar Landscape Day |
| 23 May | Órség NP | Szalafő, Pityerszer | Whitsun Festivities |
| 17-30 May | Balaton Uplands NPI és Bükki NP | several venues | European Geoparks Week |
| 28-30 May | | Royal Palace, Gödöllő | Hungarian National Parks Week - Festival |
| 31 May - 6 June | All across the country, in the area of the national parks | | Hungarian National Parks Week |
| 5-6 June | Aggtelek NP | several venues | International Day of Caves |
| 12 June | Bükk NP | Sírok, Lake Nyírfes NR | Bog Day, guided tour to the bogs |



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|------------------------|---|---|--|
| 19 June | Kiskunság NP | Hódmezővásárhely | Four seasons in 50-year-old Mártély PLA |
| probably from mid-June | Balaton-felvidéki NP | Tihany | Pick Your Own Lavender |
| 26 June | Hortobágy NP | Hortobágy National Park Visitor Centre | Riding an e-bike in Hortobágy |
| 3 July | Balaton-felvidéki NP | Water Buffalo Reserve, Kápolnapuszta | Water Buffalo Day |
| 6 July – 19 Aug | Aggtelek NP | Jósvafő, Kúria Educational Centre | Summer Family Programs – handicrafts mornings, family programs |
| 16-18 July | Hortobágy NP | Hortobágy-Máta | Equestrian Days, Hortobágy |
| 17-18 July | Fertő-Hanság NP | Lászlómajor, Bemutató M. | Lodge of Open Gates |
| 26 July | Bükk NP | Felsőtárkány, Western Gate Visitor Centre | Strolling with glow-worms |
| 14 August | Duna-Dráva NP | Szaporca – Old-Dráva Visitor Centre | Hungarian Shepherd Dogs' Herding Competition |
| 21 August | Aggtelek NP | Varbóc | Adventurous Telekes Valley |
| 18 September | Duna-Ipoly NP | Dömös | Green Hustle, Dömös |
| 18 September | Körös-Maros NP | Kardoskút | 21st Lake Fehér Day, Kardoskút |
| 25 September | Őrség NP | Szalafő, Pityerszer | Pumpkin Festival, Őrség |
| 25 Sept.-14 Oct. | | Budapest, Hungexpo | "One with Nature" World Hunting and Nature Expo |
| 9 October | Fertő-Hanság NP | Sarród - Hídi-major és Lászlómajor | Gray Cattle festival |
| 15-17 October | All across the country, in the area of the national parks | | Landscape tours |
| 24 October | Hortobágy NP | Hortobágy – Hortobágy National Park Visitor Centre, Shepherds' Museum, Fairground | Herding-in Festivity and Crane Festival on St. Dömötör's Day |
| 13 November | Duna-Dráva NP | Csertői-halastó, halórház | Bird-watching walk at Csertői-lake |
| 20 November | Kiskunság NP | Szegedi Lake Fehér | 10th Lake Fehér Crane Migration |
| 27 November | Duna-Ipoly NP | Tata, Lake Öreg | 21st Wild-Goose Festival, Tata |
| 4-5 December | Hortobágy NP | HNP Visitor Centre | Green Santa Clause |



AGGTELEK NATIONAL PARK

Realm of enchanting limestone caves and hucul horses

Come and marvel at the dreamland of finest in the temperate zone limestone caves listed as a World Heritage Site.

Walking leisurely, on pavement, or in confined spaces, perhaps above a brook in the cave. Let's discover the diversity of natural treasures in Aggtelek karst region, its specific wildlife along the springs, creeks, sinkholes and gorge valleys, and feast our eyes on the unparalleled sight of hucul horses. Hike along the educational trails, climb up the ridge of Szádvár and luxuriate in the relaxing scenery of the forested landscape.

VISITOR AND EDUCATIONAL CENTRES

Kúria Educational Centre

(Jósvafő, Táncsics Mihály u. 1.; phone: +36 (48) 350 056; e-mail: oktatokozpont@anpi.hu)

Presentations, classroom and field sessions, thematic days, handicraft classes, on-the-surface excursions, forest school programs.

Open: Check our website. (other times subject to pre-registration)



EDUCATIONAL TRAILS

Baradla trail (8 km; Aggtelek–Jósvafő)

You can study several limestone phenomena along the educational trail renovated in 2019, connecting the Aggtelek and Jósvafő entrances of Baradla cave.

Tohonya-Kuriszlán trail (10 km; Jósvafő)

Dual-circle trail, optionally fulfilled in two separate trips. The route passes by the hucul stud-farm. Besides an intro to limestone phenomena, it gives an insight into traditional farming.

Szádvár trail (4,5 km; Szögliget)

Szádvár, with its impressive ruins, can be visited along the trail.

Fürkész trail (3 km; Jósvafő)

The adventurous trail featuring a wide range of interactive exercises promises wholesome entertainment for the young and adults alike.



Kincskereső játékösvény (1 km; Aggtelek)

„Educational Trail of the Year in Ecotourism, 2016”
Lively, adventurous popular science for playful families and children's groups.



Bódva-völgyi tanösvény (2 km; Perkupa) és Bokorlabirintus (600 m; Szalonna)

The temporary educational trail from Perkupa centre to Bódva Valley Bird Ringing Station presents the typical river-side habitats, showing the unique plant and animal species of the area. The Bokorlabirintus near the Station is a playful area widening our knowledge about the wonders of birdlife.

Huculok nyomán ösvény (4,5 km; Jósvafő)

The trail starts from Jósvafő, from the building of Kúria Educational and Equestrian Centre and leads to the horse-pen at the hucul stud-farm on Gergés-bérc. The visitor can take a pleasant walk and discover this special horse breed, the natural wealth of the area and landscape-shaping traditional farm management.



Did you know...



- that the 19-meter-high Observatory in Baradla cave is the highest stalagmite in Hungary?
- that the cave world in Aggtelek limestone region is the only World Heritage Site in Hungary winning the honourable title in the category of natural sites?

CAVE TOURS

Tours on each day:

Baradla cave – Aggtelek short tour (1 km, 1 hour); Jósvafő short tour (1.4 km, 1 hour); Lake Vörös middle tour (2.3 km, approx. 100 mins); Baradlamanó tour (1 km, 1 hour); registration required.



OTHER EXHIBITION SITES

Hucul Stud-Farm and Manor House Equestrian Centre

(Jósvafő, Táncsics M. u. 1., tel.: +36 (48) 350 052; e-mail: huculmenes@anpi.hu) The only hucul breeding farm in Hungary can be seen on Gerés-lápa pastures about 1 km of Jósvafő. The Equestrian Centre offers equestrian programs.



Kessler Hubert Memorial House

(Jósvafő, Tengerszem oldal 3., phone: +36 (48) 506 009) Exhibition on the caves, the caver Hubert Kessler's work and life (free of charge).

Mohos House

(Kelemér, Tompa Mihály u. 129.; phone: +36 (48) 503 000) The building houses the exhibition on Mohos peat bogs and the history of Mohosvár. Subject to pre-registration, guided tour to the incomparable bogs in the nearby, to Mohos peat bogs.

OTHER KEY PROGRAMS

Water tours in Bodrogzug (Tokaj-Bodrogzug Protected Landscape Area; www.bodrogzug.hu, www.facebook.com/bodrogzug - #bodrogzug) Adventures in the aquatic fauna of Bodrogzug and on Bodrog River, from spring to autumn, for all ages.

ACCOMMODATION

Tengerszem Hotel and Restaurant

(Jósvafő, Tengerszem oldal 1.; hotel: +36 (30) 282 8779; restaurant: +36 (30) 786 2409; e-mail: tengerszemhotel@gmail.com) 43 beds; meeting room for 50.

Open: all year round



Kövírózsa Apartment House

(Aggtelek, Deák Ferenc u. 22.; phone: +36 (48) 503 000; e-mail: informacio@anpi.hu) 4 apartments, total 16 beds.

Open: all year round



Szalamandra-house

(Szögliget, outskirts; phone: +36 (30) 631 1520; e-mail: szalamandra.haz@anpi.hu) Tourist hostel, educational and playground for 60; certified forest school base site.

Open: all year round



Nomád Baradla Tourist Hostel & Camping

(Aggtelek, Baradla oldal 1.; phone: +36 (30) 861 9427; e-mail: szallasaggtelek@gmail.com; www.szallasaggtelek.hu)

Tourist hostel, wooden houses of various comfort level; sites for caravans and tents available.



MORE INFORMATION

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Balaton-felvidéki
Nemzeti Park

BALATON UPLANDS NATIONAL PARK

The experience of nature at Lake Balaton

Discover the rears of the bustling lake, the tranquil greens on Balaton landscape. Watch the great crested grebe's daily life at Kis-Balaton, walk on the volcanic remnant hills (buttes), look at the sun with a helioscope, get to know our traditional Hungarian farm animals!

VISITOR AND EDUCATIONAL CENTRES

Lavender House Visitor Centre

(Tihany, at the Inner Lake; phone: +36 (89) 555 292; facebook.com/LevendulaHaz)

Interactive exhibition and cinema on Tihany Peninsula, lavender and the National Park; handicrafts sessions; souvenir shop offering a wide variety of lavender products.

Open: Check our website!

„Visitor Centre of the Year in Ecotourism, 2011”



Pannon Observatory Visitor Centre

(High Bakony Protected Landscape Area; Bakonybél; phone: +36 (88) 461 245; www.csillagda.net; facebook.com/PannonCsillagda)

Exhibition on astronomy and the history of space research; telescope park; 3D planetarium show; 3D cinema. House of Forests exhibition site next to the building.

Open: Check our website. Evening and other programs subject to pre-registration (min. 10 people)!

„Visitor Centre of the Year in Ecotourism, 2012”



Kis-Balaton Visitor Centre

(Keszthely, Fenékpusztá; phone: +36 (70) 645 7203; e-mail: kisbalatonlatogatokozpont@bfnp.hu) Interactive exhibition, cinema, roof-top educational trail, playground, restaurant and gift shop. Starting point of land and water tours to observe the wildlife. kisbalatonutavezetes@bfnp.hu

Open: Check our website!



CAVE EXHIBITION SITES

Tapolca Lake Cave Visitor Centre

(Tapolca; phone: +36 (30) 019 4545; + 36 (87) 412 579; facebook.com/tavasbarlang.latogetatokozpont) Wonderful Karst interactive exhibition. 3D cinema, crawling cave, climbing wall. The only cave in Hungary for boating under a town.

Open: Check our website!

„Visitor Centre of the Year in Ecotourism, 2016”



Csodabogyós Cave adventures in overalls

(Balatonederics; phone: +36 (30) 306 6050, www.csodabogyos.hu; facebook.com/Csodabogyos) Adventure caving tours in overalls, with experienced spelunkers: 1 basic and 2 extreme routes.

Open: all year round, subject to pre-registration, from age 10. Extreme tours: from age 18



Szentgáli-kőlik Cave adventures in overalls

(Szentgál; tel.: +36 (87) 555 292)

Adventure caving tours in overalls, with experienced spelunkers near Veszprém. Basic and extreme routes.

Open: Check our website. Subject to pre-registration from age 10; extreme: from age 18.

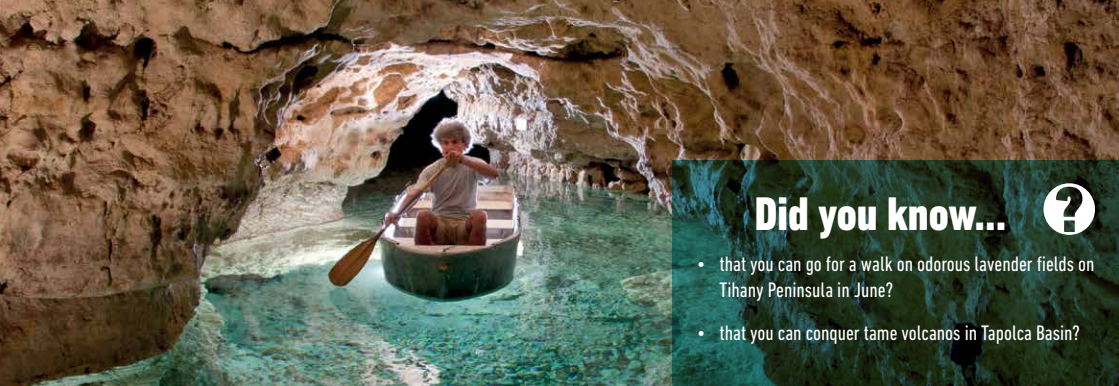


Lóczy Cave Visitor Centre

(Balatonfüred, +36 (87) 555 292) Exhibition, educational trail, cave visit with professional guide.

Opening: in 2021





Did you know...



- that you can go for a walk on odorous lavender fields on Tihany Peninsula in June?
- that you can conquer tame volcanos in Tapolca Basin?

OTHER EXHIBITION SITES

Hegyesztű Geological Exhibition Site

(Monoszló; phone: +36 (70) 323 7396) Magnificent view from the top of a basalt volcano; walking inside the one-time volcano.

Open: Check our website!



Manor, Salföld

(Salföld; phone: +36 (87) 702 857; FB/salfoldmajor) Traditional Hungarian farm animals, petting zoo, photo exhibition, herb and spice garden, playground, interactive sounding displays, horse-riding, horse-carriage rides.

Open: Check our website!



Water Buffalo Reserve, Kápolnapuszta

(Kápolnapuszta; phone: +36 (70) 228 2864, +36 (87) 555 292; FB/bivalyrezervatum) Water buffalo herds, renewed interactive exhibition, playground, picnic area, story-telling walking path, specifically designed for disabled people.

Open: Check our website



Diás Island

(+36 (70) 645 7203; FB/bfnpkisbalaton) Guided tour on the tracks of István Fekete. Matula's Hut, Great white egret nature trail.

Open: Check our website.

From Kis-Balaton Visitor Centre in a golf car, your own car, canoeing (guided!). Other hot spots at Kis-Balaton: Folk House, Vörs. Inquiries on our website!



ACCOMMODATION

Forest and Handicraft Educational Centre, Key-House

(Bakonybél; phone: +36 (20) 361 0342; e-mail: pajta2002@gmail.com) For max. 35 (groups). Forest school services available.

Open: 1 Apr. – 31 Oct.



Tihanyi Levendula Forest School, Key-House

(Tihany-Sajkod; phone: +36 (30) 382 7243; e-mail: versreka@gmail.com) For max. 35 (groups). Forest school services available.

Open: 1 March – 30 Nov.



Park Villa Guest House

(Csopak, Kossuth u. 16.; phone: +36 (87) 555 265, +36 (30)491-0105; e-mail: parkvilla@bfnp.hu)

14 rooms; for 32+6 in peaceful 2-hectare park.

Open: Check our website



Learn more about our other tourist attractions, educational trails and programs on our website and Facebook pages!

MORE INFORMATION

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BÜKK NATIONAL PARK

Crags above beech-groves

The flowery mountain meadows on Bükk Plateau add variety to endless woodlands covering the mountains that tower to the biggest average heights in Hungary, in abundance of caves and karst formations.

The network of marked hiking and cycling trails in the National Park, the Range of Rocks with their majestic viewpoints and the various mother-nature exhibition sites and nature trails promise an unforgettable experience to all ages.

VISITOR AND EDUCATIONAL CENTRES

Bükk Csillagda Observatory

(Répáshuta outskirts, along road 2505) Science, experience, interaction. Bükk Dark Sky Park Visitor Centre offers entertaining sessions to see the wonders of the sky.

Open: from second half of 2021



Nyugati Kapu Visitor Centre

(Felsőtárkány, Ifjúság u. 34/1.; +36 (36) 534 078) „Karst, its flora and fauna” exhibition; forest school.

Open: Wed.-Sat. In high tourist season: Wed.-Sun. Groups on appointment.



KEY EXHIBITION SITES

Szalajka-völgy Information House, Szilvásvárad

(200 m from 1st stop of forest rail, beside the game park) Exhibition on nature conservation in Szalajka Valley; sale of publications, national park products, branded products.



Millennium Lookout Tower

(Szilvásvárad, by the end of Millennium educational trail) **Open:** all year round, subject to weather



CAVE EXHIBITION SITES

Anna Cave

(Lillafüred; phone/fax: +36 (46) 334 130, e-mail: istvanbarlang@bnpi.hu) Paved cave with special travertine formation.

Open: daily. Pre-registration for groups in winter.



Szent István Cave

(Lillafüred; phone/fax: +36 (46) 334 130, e-mail: istvanbarlang@bnpi.hu) Paved cave with beautiful dripstone formations.

Open: daily.



For our current offer in cave hiking in overalls, visit www.bnpi.hu.

OTHER EXHIBITION SITES

Harkály House

(Mátradüred; +36 (30) 327 0301)

Visitor Centre for Mátra Protected Landscape Area. The building houses an interactive exhibition on the flora and fauna of Mátra Mountains; environment-oriented educational programs help (mainly) children see into the natural treasures of Mátra mountains. Starting point of Cincér educational trail.

Open: all year round.



Did you know...



- that Hungary's most extensive network of forest cycling trails is in the Bükk mountain range?
- that wolves are proven to have been living in the Bükk mountains for 7 years now?
- that the most caves of pre-historic men, classified as archaeological sites, are in Bükk?

Ipolytarnóc Fossils Nature Reserve Geosite

(Ipolytarnóc; tel.: +36 (32) 454 113;
e-mail: ipolytarnoc@osmaradvanyok.hu)
Fossil deposit of international importance, accessible with a guide. Special 4D cinema, Miocene forest, network of freely accessible nature trails, canopy trail.

Opening hours: 1 March-13 Nov.: Tue.-Sun. & bank days. 13 Nov.-3 Dec.: Sat.-Sun. Spring and autumn: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tue.-Sun. Summer: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tue.-Sun.

Online ticket booking: www.osmaradvanyok.hu



Baglyas-kő Fortress Nature Conservation Visitor Centre

(Karancs-Medves Landscape Protection Area; Salgótarján; phone: +36 (32) 413 255;
e-mail: bnpnograd@upcmail.hu, nre@bnpi.hu)
Geological site, exhibition and information point on regional attractions. **Opening hours:** 1 March-31 Oct.: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon-Fri. 1 Nov.-28 Feb.: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon-Fri. Closed on bank days.



EDUCATIONAL TRAILS

Educational trails in Felsőtárkány

(0,8 km, 6,5 km, 10 km; Felsőtárkány)
Trip to the natural and cultural heritage in the vicinity of Kő-közi rocky pass and Vár Hill.

Millennium educational trail

(2.5 km, accessible from the new indoor riding hall in Szilvásvár) The educational trail shows the nature conservation values of the Bükk mountain range, the activities in nature conservation and management and the potentials in forestry.

Szomolyai Kaptárkövek tanösvény

(4 km, starting from Szomolya centre.) Trail to an assemblage of beehive rocks with the highest number of niches (117) in Hungary. The walking surface, including stairs and handrails, (opened in 2019) guarantees a safe visit all year round.

Other trails: www.bnpi.hu

FOREST SCHOOL

Bábakalács Nature Education Centre

(Felsőtárkány, Ifjúság u. 34/1.; +36 (36) 534 078)
38 beds in 6, 8 and 4-bedded rooms (bunk-beds). Camping area for max. 80

OTHER ACCOMMODATION

Rejteki Research House (between Répáshuta and Hollóstat; along road 2025) 2x20 beds (bunk beds) with shared shower. 3x3-bedded rooms, with private shower.

Geopark Motel (Bükkszentkereszt, Őz u. 9.)

28 beds. 5x2-bedded & 4x4-bedded rooms with private bathroom with shower. Shared kitchenette.

Borostyán Motel (near Répáshuta, in 25 km section of road 2025) 21 beds in 7 rooms with bathroom. Equipped kitchen, lounge.

Répáshuta Guest House (Répáshuta, Herman Ottó utca 66.) 8 beds in 3 rooms, shared bathroom and kitchen.



MORE INFORMATION

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DUNA-DRÁVA NATIONAL PARK

The experience of wilderness along living rivers

Visitors can take delight in beautiful floodplain forests, backwaters, a real paradise for birds, interesting exhibition sites displaying natural values and old traditions, native Hungarian farm animals, joyful programs along the two rivers.

VISITOR AND EDUCATIONAL CENTRES

Dráva Kapu [Drava Gate] Exhibition Centre

(Barcs-Drávaszentes, Fő u. 1.;

phone: +36 (82) 461 285)

Exhibition on mother nature, traditional Hungarian farm animal show. Űde rétek [Green Meadows] educational trail, children's sessions.

Open: Check our website!

Tettye Educational Centre

(Pécs, Tettye tér 8.; phone: +36 (72) 517 222)

Nature-study sessions and trips all year round. Summer camps.

Opening hours: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Thu.; 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Fri.

Old-Dráva Visitor Centre

(7843 Szaporca; tel.: +36 (72) 223 015,

mobil: +36 (30) 402 7654)

Interactive exhibition, lookout tower, educational trails, native farm animal show, various educational programs in ecotourism and the environment.

Opening hours: 1 May-30 Jun. & 1 Sept.-31 Oct.: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. 1 Jul.-31 Aug.: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. 1 Nov.-30 Apr.: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tue.-Sun.

„Visitor Centre of the Year in Ecotourism, 2015”



OTHER EXHIBITION SITES

Fehér Gólya [White Stork] Museum

(Kölked, Széchenyi u. 1.; phone: +36 (69) 384 208) Exhibition, nature-study sessions, handicraft programs, hiking and canoeing.

Opening hours: 1 Sept.-30 Apr.: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tue.-Sat.; 1 May-31 Aug.: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Tue.-Sun.



OTHER EXHIBITION SITES IN THE AREA OF THE DIRECTORATE

Cave and Bat Museum, Abaliget

(Western Mecsek Protected Landscape Area; Abaliget; phone: +36 (72) 498 766, +36 (30) 392 0961)

Excellent cave climate, children's and educational programs.

Opening hours: 15 March-15 Oct.: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Mon.-Sun. 16 Oct.-14 March: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Mon.-Sun.



Mészégető-források barlangja [Lime Burning Springs Cave]

(Western Mecsek Protected Landscape Area; Orfű; phone: +36 (30) 525 4351)

Guided adventure cave tour in overalls.

Open: all year round, pre-registration required.



Did you know...



- that Béda-Karapancsa and Gemenc cover the biggest floodplain forests in Hungary?
- that the biggest Hungarian population of white-tailed eagles and black storks nests here?

Mohács National Memorial Site

(Mohács Historical Memorial Site Nature Reserve; Sátorhely; phone: +36 (69) 382-130, +36 (20) 918-2779) Graveyard for the heroes of the battle of Mohács with interactive exhibition, in the new reception building.

Opening hours: 1 Apr.-23 Oct.: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Sun. 24 Oct.-31 March: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Sun.



Pintér-garden Arboretum

(Western Mecsek Protected Landscape Area; Pécs, Tettye tér 9.; phone: +36 (72) 517-200) Professional guides available; wedding photo site, on demand.

Opening hours: 1 March-31 Oct.: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Thu.; 8 a.m.-1.30 p.m. Fri; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sat.-Sun. & bank holidays. 1 Nov.-28 Feb.: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Thu.; 8 a.m.-1.30 p.m. Fri.

Statue Park, Nagyharsány; Kikerics [Crocus] Panorama footpath, Szársomlyó

(Szársomlyó Nature Reserve; phone: +36 (30) 377 3388) Special statues, panorama footpath and lookout tower, miraculous karst formations and habitats.

Opening hours: Statue Park: 1 Apr.-30 Sep.: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Sun. 1 Oct.-31 March: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Sun. Szársomlyó: Guided tours all year round, pre-registration required.

Calc-Tufa Cave, Tettye

(Pécs, Tettye u.; phone: +36 (72) 211 830, +36 (30) 580 3424) Interactive exhibition, cultural programs, guest exhibitions, wedding and event venue.

Opening hours: www.barlangpecs.hu
„The Digital Ecotourism Experience of the Year, 2018”



ACCOMMODATION

Abaliget – Bat Museum

(phone: +36 (30) 376 2353) 7 beds in 2 rooms.

Open: 1 March – 31 Oct.

Dráva Kapu Exhibition Centre

(Barcs-Drávaszentes, Fő u. 1.; phone: +36 (30) 377 3393)

6 beds in 2 rooms.

Open: all year round.

Szentborbás Guest House

(Szentborbás; phone: +36 (30) 377 3393) Direct on the bank of Drava River. 15 beds in 4 rooms.

Open: all year round.

Vízvár (phone: +36 (30) 377 3417)

10 beds in 2 rooms.

Open: all year round.

Kolokán Motel

(Szaporca; phone: +36 (30) 334 6713)

50 beds in 11 rooms

Open: all year round.



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DUNA–IPOLY NATIONAL PARK

National Park in the Danube Bend

The untouched parts of Ipoly Valley, Börzsöny mountain range with its beautiful panoramas and rugged forests, Szentendre Island enchainned around the Danube and the romantic sunsets in the Danube Bend all invite us to go hiking or get in a boat.

VISITOR AND EDUCATIONAL CENTRES

Hiúz Ház Forest School and Visitor Centre

(Szokolya–Királyrét; tel.: +36 (27) 585 625;

e-mail: hiuzhaz@dinpi.hu)

Interactive exhibition, nature trail, guided tours in Börzsöny; forest school and forest kindergarten programs, handicrafts sessions.



Kökörccsin Ház Forest School

(Esztergom–Kertváros, Suzuki út;

+36 (30) 663 4614, e-mail: kokorcsinhaz@dinpi.hu)

Walking in nature while studying caves and watching birds; water biological tests; wild animal studies; educational trail; guided tours.

EDUCATIONAL TRAILS

Educational trail, Királyrét (2,9 km; Királyrét)

The trail presents the wildlife in the forests, lakes and creeks of Börzsöny, the history of the forest rail and iron mining.

Apródok útja nature trail (7,2 km; Drégelypalánk)

The tour flashes a beam of light on the flora and fauna of the forests and wetlands, the cultural history of the region; moreover, hikers can delight in a unique view from Drégely Castle.

Páskom legelő educational trail (3 km; Dejtár)

The educational trail, encompassing the most extensive interconnected reed beds in Ipoly Valley, comprises a tower to watch the rich birdlife of the area.

Nature trail on Strázsa Mountain

(1,2 km; Esztergom)

Especially beautiful protected plants grow here in springtime; and the lookout tower on the peak offers a unique panorama all the year.

For information on the other educational trails, visit the website or check Danube-Ipoly app.

CAVE EXHIBITION SITES

Pál-völgy Cave

(Budapest 2nd district, Szépvölgyi út 162.; phone: +36 (1) 325 9505, e-mail: palvolgy@dinpi.hu) Cave tours, playful educational sessions.



Szemlő-hegy Cave

(Budapest 2nd district, Pusztaszeri út 35.; phone: +36 (1) 325 6001, e-mail: szemlohegy@dinpi.hu) Cave tours, interactive exhibition on speleology, 3D cinema, playground.



Buda Castle Cave

(Budapest, Szentháromság tér; phone: +36 (30) 153 0980; e-mail: varbarlang@dinpi.hu)

On the edge of nature and history: the labyrinth beneath Buda Castle is one of the most peculiar caves in Hungary where you can admire the long-developed fruit of the joint efforts of man and nature.

Tickets only online on jegymester.hu.



Did you know...



- that the presence of the only big cat in Hungary, the lynx, proves the undisturbed realm of Börzsöny?
- that *Linum dolomiticum* lives only in Szénás Hills European Diploma region in the whole world?
- that the specially protected lesser mole-rat was seen again in Pest county after 50 years?

OTHER EXHIBITION SITES

Arboretum of Alcsút

(Alcsút Arboretum Nature Reserve; Alcsútdoboz; phone: +36 (22) 353 219; www.alcsuti-arboretum.hu) Centuries-old giant trees, vast flower fields, ornamental pond, ruins of a classicist castle, chapel, doll house.

Ócsa Folk House and Turján House

(Ócsa Protected Landscape Area; Ócsa, Dr. Békési Panyik Andor u. 4–6.; phone: +36 (30) 494 3368, e-mail: ocsaitajhaz@dinpi.hu) Rich ethnographic collection, doll exhibition, handicrafts sessions, crafts shows, educational trails, guided tours.



Pilisí len [*Linum dolomiticum*] Visitor Centre

(Buda Protected Landscape Area; Pilisszentiván, Bányász u. 17.; phone: +36 (30) 511 1802, e-mail: pilisilen@dinpi.hu) Renewed interactive exhibition, guided tours, field programs (optional themes).



Sas-hegy Visitor Centre

(Buda Sas-Hill Nature Reserve; Budapest 11th district, Tájék u. 26.; +36 (30) 408 4370, e-mail: sashegy@dinpi.hu)

Interactive exhibition on the flora and fauna of the area; lookout point, panorama terrace, lizard shows, guided tours on the educational trail.



Marshes of Dinnyés

(Dinnyés Marshes Nature Reserve, Dinnyés, phone: +36 (30) 663 4630, e-mail: velence@dinpi.hu) Guided tours, bird watching and banding.



ACCOMMODATION

Hiúz Ház Forest School and Visitor Centre

(Szokolya–Királyrét; phone: +36 (27) 585 625; kiralyret@dinpi.hu)

Rooms for 3–6–8, with bunk beds, for total 41. 2-bedded rooms with shower for 10.



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FERTŐ-HANSÁG NATIONAL PARK

Adventures in the realm of graylag geese

The myths and tales in the western gate of Hungary were about once mysterious lands. The Fertő and Hanság regions, rich in groundwater and moors, have considerably changed since. The Hanság lands, reshaped by the lake and man, are now a natural wealth guarded in the joint National Park of two countries, a World Heritage Site.

VISITOR AND EDUCATIONAL CENTRES

Csapody István Nature School

(Fertőújlak; phone: +36 (30) 166 0950; info@fhnp.hu) Exhibition on the flora and fauna of Fertő and Hanság regions. Environment-focused educational programs, camps.

Opening hours: Jan.-Feb.: pre-registration. March-Oct.: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; Nov.-Dec.: pre-registration



EDUCATIONAL TRAILS

Sziki educational trail

(4 km; Sarród-Fertőújlak)

The hiking and cycling trail shows the communities of the saline barren lands and the traditional Hungarian farm animals in Fertő region.

Hany Istók natural trail (5 km; Osliföldsziget)

Follow the trail from Esterházy Ornithological House via Csíkos Alder-Woods to Lake Király.

Tőzike educational trail (4 km; Csáfordjánosfa)

One of the finest and most diverse in natural values areas in the floodplains along Répce River, where the protected spring snow-flake blooms in big masses in early spring.

Ciklámen educational trail (8 km, Sopron)

The first educational trail in Hungary, starting from Hotel Lővér and heading toward Deák Well, then Károly Hill parking lot. It reaches Seven Beeches, the 2700-year-old Hallstatt-age burial ground and leads to the earth fortress closed in one of the highest in Europe entrenchments from the early iron age.

EXHIBITION SITES

Demo Farm and Visitor Centre, Lászlómajor

(Sarród-Lászlómajor; phone: +36 (30) 166 0950, info@fhnp.hu)

Traditional Hungarian farm animals, farm and nature protection – historical exhibition.

Opening hours: Jan-March 9 am-4 pm Tue-Sat



Hanság Wildlife Exhibition

(Öntésmajor; +36 (30) 166 0950; info@fhnp.hu)

In addition to the interactive exhibition on the wildlife, flora and fauna of Hanság region and the nature games, you can also have a look at Hanság-specific economic locomotives, wagons and old steam-engines.

Opening hours: March-May: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fri-Sat.; June-Aug: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Wed.-Sat. Groups subject to pre-registration all year round.





Did you know...



- that Fertő is the most western steppe lake and saline area in Europe?
- that toad-tunnels help safe amphibian migration in spring and autumn along the southern shores of Fertő?

OTHER EXHIBITION SITES

Károly lookout tower (Sopron Protected Landscape Area; Sopron, Károly hill)
Besides the panorama from the lookout tower, visitors can also enjoy a botanical exhibition

Arboretum, Pannohalma

(Pannohalma Arboretum Nature Reserve; Pannohalma, Vár u. 1.)
Protected plant garden.
Open: all year round.

ACCOMMODATION

Kócsagvár

(Sarród; phone: +36 (30) 166 0950 , e-mail: info@fhnp.hu) 13 beds in 4 rooms.

Open: all year round.



Csapody István Youth Hostel

(Fertőújlak; +36 (30) 166 0950, info@fhnp.hu) 42 beds in 11 rooms.

Open: all year round.



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HORTOBÁGY NATIONAL PARK

Pusztá, our world heritage

The first and most extensive national park of Hungary covers the biggest saline area in Central Europe. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, home of special pastoral culture developing here over the centuries with typical traditional costumes, architectural traditions and domestic animal species native only on this land.

NOTE: Due to tourism development projects on Hortobágy in 2021, certain facilities will cease to exist during the works or be closed to visitors during reconstruction.

VISITOR AND EDUCATIONAL CENTRES

Hortobágy National Park Visitor Centre

(Hortobágy, Petőfi tér 9.; phone.: +36 (52) 589 000, tel.: +36 (52) 589 321; e-mail: info@hnp.hu) Natural history exhibition; World of Cranes interactive exhibition and 3D films; tour and event management, training room, conference room; Tourinform office, souvenir shop.

Open: www.hnp.hu/latogatokozpont



Nature Trail of Hortobágy-halastó

(Hortobágy Fish Pond; Halászbárka Reception Centre, +36 (52) 589 000; www.hnp.hu/kisvasut) The nature rail follows the line of fish ponds (one of the biggest in Central Europe) and their uniquely rich avifauna.

Trains running: 13 March–14 November



Hortobágy Wild Animal Park

(Hortobágy Malomháza; phone.: +36 (52) 589 000) Watch the wildlife of the ancient pusztá on its vast habitat, the big games and small species in enclosures aligned to their original habitat, and the ungulates (inc. wild horses) on open pastures. The Wild Animal Park includes an exhibition room, souvenir shop and buffet.

Open: all year round. (detailed opening hours: www.hnp.hu/vadaspark).



OTHER EXHIBITION SITES

Csárdák útja [Road of Hungarian Inns]

The Road of Hungarian Inns in Hortobágy National Park shows the one-time world of taverns in Hortobágy in two locations, along the Debrecen–Budapest road: www.hnp.hu/csardakutja

Meggyes Inn Exhibition

(Egyek–pusztaköcsi mocsarak)

Hortobágy Inn Exhibition

(Hortobágy, Petőfi tér 1.)



Did you know...



- that over 100,000 cranes take a rest on the puszta in the autumn migration period?
- that the grey cattle, once threatened with extinction, is now again grazing in big herds?
- that the National Park is also an International Dark Sky Park where the Milky Way arches over our head?

ACCOMMODATION

Fecskeház Youth Hostel and Field Study Centre

(Hortobágy-Máta; phone.: +36 (30) 699 0267; fecskehaz@hnp.hu; www.hnp.hu/fecskehaz) 2 and 4-bedded rooms with shower; suite; rooms with bunk beds. Observatory, playground, sports field and summer camps are also available in Fecskeház. Altogether 34 beds.

Open: all year round



Come and gain insight into the special world of Lake Tisza, mid-Tisza floodplains and Szatmár-Bereg region!

Lake Tisza Boardwalk

(Poroszló, info@fuzfapihenopark.hu, www.hnp.hu/vizisetany)

1500 meter long boardwalk amongst bullrushes, reeds, alluvial forests, water plant communities. Bird-watching huts, watching tower, guaranteed guides. Only accessible on water. Groups subject to pre-registration.

Open: Apr.-Oct



Tiszaakürt Arboretum

(Tiszaakürt, arboreta@hnp.hu, www.hnp.hu/arboreta) The countship garden funded by the Bolza Family on Tisza floodplain in the 19th century has developed into a 60-hectare arboretum with a collection of 1500 taxons. The educational trail, adventure park, baby-friendly visitor centre, sessions and events promise lots of experience here. When Tisza is "blooming", an observation and information service is available for tours to see the mayflies mating. www.tiszaviragzas.hu

Open: all year round



Kölcsey-Kende Castle – exhibition and park

(Cégénydányád, szatmarbereg@hnp.hu, www.hnp.hu/szatmarbereg)

The ancient nest of the Kölcsey-Kende family (1833, classicist), 14 ha park with a more than 160-year-old planetree, one of the greatest in Hungary. The exhibitions in the castle display noble lifestyle, a noble court kitchen, the history of Kende family, the nature conservation and natural wealth of Szatmár-Bereg region. Guided tours, children's programs on demand.

Open: May-Sep. every day exc. Mon.; Oct.-Apr.: pre-registration required



Eagle Centre

(Jászberény, saskozpont@mme.hu, phone: +36 (20) 358 8453)

The Eagle Centre, opened in 2016, gives an overview of raptors typical in Jászság region, along a cycling/hiking trail together with an exhibition.

Opening hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Fri.; pre-registration for other times



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KISKUNSÁG NATIONAL PARK

Adventures in the realm of sand and saline lands

Kiskunság National Park, founded as the second in Hungary in 1975, commemorates the centuries-long cohabitation of man and nature in Danube-Tisza interfluvium. The uniqueness of Kiskunság landscape rests on its special natural endowments, rural farming, livestock farming on the puszta and the traditions of agriculture.

VISITOR AND EDUCATIONAL CENTRE

House of Nature

(Kecskemét, Liszt Ferenc utca 19.;
phone: +36 (76) 482-948; e-mail: oktatasio@knp.hu) In addition to an exhibition on the history of Hungarian nature protection and Hungarian national parks, the Visitor Centre offers entertaining, interactive programs. Visitors can attend nature-study sessions, presentations, temporary exhibitions and even dioramas with the typical flora and fauna of the Danube-Tisza interfluvium.

Opening hours: All year round, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Open on weekends during events or for pre-registered groups.



Tisza-völgy Exhibition House

(Pusztaszeri Tájvédelmi Körzet; Szatymaz;
+36 (30) 6380 297, e-mail: abraham@knp.hu) Exhibition on the protected natural values of Lower Tisza region, Pusztaszer and Mártély Protected Landscape Area. You can wonder at the avifauna of Lake Fehér from the lookout tower nearby and Sirály educational trail. Environment and nature protection sessions are also held in the Exhibition House, not only on green-letter days.

Open: All year round, at pre-agreed times.

Naprózsa Ház

(Fülöpházi buckavidék; phone.: +36 (30) 4884 578, e-mail: ronkoe@knp.hu vagy oktatasio@knp.hu) The building near Naprózsa Forest School is the starting point of tours to the sand dunes and can also be used as a conference venue. The facility mainly serves the visitors to the protected area of the region. It provides information to children and adults alike about the multifarious world of Natura 2000 areas.

Open: all year round, at pre-agreed times.



OTHER EXHIBITION SITES

Bugacpuszta

The freely grazing native animals and the horsemen of Bugac help the visitors experience the one-time atmosphere of the puszta. Tourists can perambulate along the marked hiking trails and the renewed Boróka educational trail, and Shepherds' Museum offers a glimpse into the old items of pastoral life in Bugac, its flora and fauna.

Opening hours – Shepherds' Museum: 15 Apr.-31 Oct. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Did you know...



- that the blind mole rat is an animal species native in the Carpathian Basin, living nowhere else in the world but the sand ridges between Danube and Tisza Rivers and in Vojvodina?
- that one of the most bizarre-looking grasshopper species in Hungary, the cone-headed grasshopper lives in the dry sandy greens in Danube-Tisza interfluvium?
- that lots of earth fortresses and mounds can be seen along the Danube and Tisza Rivers, all home to archaeological and natural findings?

EXHIBITION SITES

Kelemen-szék

Strolling along the saline lake in the outskirts of Fülöpszállás and on Gulipán educational trail, you can watch the rich avifauna, the special salt-tolerant plants, the grey cattle and buffalo herds kept free-range on the puszta.



Fülöpház sand dunes

The humpy surface of the juniper and poplar lands waving in sand-dunes, the menagerie of locusts, grasshoppers and lizards, the sounds and flavours of nature can easily charm the visitor. Báránypirosító educational trail is now extended with new stations; choose from the options of a short (1722 m) or long (3270 m) route. A forest fitness trail is available at the start of this trail.



Szikra and Alpár meadows

Breath-taking view of picturesque Tisza backwaters and accompanying groves and gallery forests. The flora and fauna of the area recalls pre-channelling conditions. You can go fishing, rowing a boat, or visit the playground and buffets along the banks of the backwaters in Töserdő. Kontyvirág educational trail (now also in digital form) in Lakitelek-Töserdő, the reconstructed village from the Árpád era and Földvár educational trail in Tiszaalpár can help you immerse in natural and cultural heritage

Geological Exhibition Site, Csólyospálos

A formation typical in the Danube-Tisza interfluvium, the marsh limestone can be studied along Varangykő educational trail within the geological exhibition site.

Open: all year round

ACCOMMODATION

Kontyvirág Forest School

(Lakitelek-Töserdő; phone.: +36 (30) 4759 655; www.kontyvirag.hu)

Stone building with 44 beds (2 and 6-bedded rooms with bathroom) and optional heating, community rooms. Home base for the Forest School.

Naprózsa Forest School

(Fülöpháza; phone: +36 (30) 4884 578, e-mail: ronkoe@knp.hu, oktatasio@knp.hu)

Stone building with 30 beds (2, 5 and 6-bedded rooms), kitchenette, washrooms, community room, also for winter season. Accommodation mainly for groups, subject to pre-booking.

EDUCATIONAL TRAILS

Tartós szegfű nature trail (1000 m, Bodoglár)

The educational trail shows the long-lasting pink, a specially protected species living only in the Danube-Tisza interfluvium.

Boróka nature trail (1100 m, Bugac)

The educational trail, destroyed by the Bugac fires in 2012, was recovered by spring 2020. The original pathway was slightly altered. Sás-kajárás [Locust Plague] interactive trail starting from Shepherds' Museum is especially recommended for children



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KÖRÖS–MAROS NEMZETI PARK

In the region of watercourses and puszta lands

The mosaic-shaped areas of the National Park bordered by Körös, Maros and Tisza Rivers preserve rich natural and cultural heritage. Rowing on the rivers, we can have a closer look in the picturesque world of the bankside forests, while the alluvial forests along the riverbanks, with their pleasant summer climate, invite us to hike, cycle or go on a waterside picnic.

VISITOR AND EDUCATIONAL CENTRES

Körösölgy Zoo

(Szarvas, Anna-liget 1.; +36 (66) 313 855, +36 (30) 475 1789; e-mail: korosvolgy@kmnp.hu) Here you can study the animal species, native to, or expanding in, the Carpathian Basin in old and current times. The Visitor Centre houses a new interactive, child-friendly exhibition on natural values in the south-east corner of Hungary.

Opening hours: Jan.–Feb.: 9 a.m.–4 p.m. each weekend; March–Jun 9 a.m.–6 p.m.; June–Aug.: 9 a.m.–7 p.m.; Sep.–7 Nov.: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; 8 Nov.–30 Dec.: 9 a.m.–6 p.m. Closed: 24, 25, and 31 Dec.



Sterbetz István Great Bustard Protection Visitor Centre

(Dévaványa–Réhely; phone: +36 (66) 483 083; e-mail: rehely@kmnp.hu)

The permanent exhibition in the Museum shows the unique worth of the area, the great bustard, the activities to protect the great bustard, and the one-time and current flora and fauna of Nagy-Sárrét region. You can study the life and works of the hunter, author and internationally renowned ornithologist Dr. István Sterbetz.

Réhely is a venue for forest school sessions, children's camps, family and business events.

Opening hours: 1 Apr.–31 Oct.: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.



Bihari Madárvárta

(Biharugra; phone: +36 (30) 687 0816; madarvarta@kmnp.hu)

Cosy accommodation in the wild lands of Bihar region, a starting point to a range of unparalleled local cultural and natural heritages. The facility is a popular location for forest school sessions, children's camps, family and business events.



NATURE TRAILS

Halásztelek educational trail (3 km; Szarvas)

The educational trail offers an insight into the flora, fauna and cultural history of the floodplains of Hármas-Körös River.

Sző-rét educational trail (1,8 km; Biharugra)

Sző-rét marshes survived as one of the last messengers of one-time Kis-Sárrét marshlands. The trail passes by the marshes, offers a glimpse into the especially rich avifauna of the region, the unique flora of the alkaline plain, and you can also learn about the importance of hollowed trees in forest patches on the Great Plain and the various nesting boxes near the rest area.

Kígyós educational trail (5 km; Szabadkígyós)

The educational trail shows the animal and plant species, typical habitats of Kígyósi puszta.



Did you know...



- that visitors can see the great bustard in its natural habitat from a short distance, in the area of Dévaványa-Ecseg puszta, in Sterbetz István Great Bustard Protection Visitor Centre?
- that you can have a look at grey wolves in Körösvölgy Animal Park?

Mágor-pusztai educational trail

(500 m; Vésztő-Mágor Historical Memorial Site)
Learning about the natural and culture-historical values of the protected area.

Réhely nature trail (1,7 km; Dévaványa-Réhely)

Following the educational trail which starts from the Visitor Centre and incorporates a composting show, you can study the characteristic habitats, key animal and plant species of Dévaványa-Ecseg puszta lands.

Bökény educational trail (4 km; Maros-ártér)

The youngest educational trail of the Directorate leads through 7 stations to show the diverse wildlife of Maros floodplains.

Jégmadár water trail (1 km; Szarvas)

The educational trail provides information about the fifth biggest still water in Hungary, Kákafok Backwater, its wildlife and habitats. The trail with its eight stations is accessible in water vehicles (rent in the Visitor Centre). The stations bear the names of animal species typical in the backwater. Some brief information is available on the buoys in the water, and read the detailed guide with a QR code.

OTHER EXHIBITION SITES

Museum of Bird Migration, Kardoskút

(5945 Kardoskút-Pusztaközpont, Tanya 251.; mobil:+36 (30) 475 1770; kardoskutte@kmnp.hu)
The interactive, modern exhibition depicts the miraculous phenomenon of bird migration with unique in Hungary displays. Lake Fehér in Kardoskút, one of the most valuable natural salty waters in Hungary has been governed by the Ramsar Convention since 1979, as an internationally recognized wetland.
Besides its role as a resting, overnight and feeding

place in spring and autumn bird migration, it is also a habitat for several specially protected species. In addition to the secrets of bird migration, visitors to the renewed exhibition can learn about the special plants and animals of the region and get a glimpse into the nature protection activity of Körös-Maros National Park Directorate. Open all year round, subject to pre-registration."



ACCOMMODATION

Bihari Madárvárta

(Biharugra; phone.: +36 (30) 687 0816;
e-mail: madarvarta@kmnp.hu)
3-bedded rooms with bathroom, for total 43.

Open: all year round.



Sterbetz István Tűzokvédelmi

Látogatóközpont

(Dévaványa-Réhely; +36 (66) 483 083,
30/445-2409; e-mail: rehely@kmnp.hu)
Tourist accommodation for 40, in 3 and 4-bedded rooms with bathroom; guest room for 8, in 2 and 4-bedded rooms, with shared kitchenette, TV and refrigerator.
Tents available for rent.

Open: all year round



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ÓRSÉG NATIONAL PARK

In harmony with nature

Hills shaped by rivers and streams, Baltic pines and alnus woods, peat-moss marshlands and bogs, butterflies and dragonflies, the meandering and wild Rába River – all featured in Órség National Park. Villages spread with white-walled, timber-frame or front-porched rural houses, “skirted” wooden belfries, hayfield orchards. Gently broken landscape, beautiful wild flowers and singing birds await their visitors amidst typical Órség-region hospitality.

VISITOR AND EDUCATIONAL CENTRES

Natura 2000 Reception and Visitor Centre

(Őriszentpéter, Városszer 57.; phone: +36 (94) 548 034) Visitors can explore an interactive exhibition on the natural values of Órség National Park and Natura 2000 areas in Vas county. Tourinform Órség office is also located here.

Opening hours: all year round: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. 15 June-31 Aug.: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sat.-Sun.

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EDUCATIONAL TRAILS

Felsőszer educational trail (1,7 km; Szalafő) offers an impression on folk architecture in Órség.

Fürge csele nature trail (3,2 km; Kercaszomor) shows the flora and fauna along Kerca stream and its vicinity.

Tőzegmohás láprét nature trail (900 m; Szőce) along the bog and its environs.

Szala menti nature trail (3,8 km; Szalafő) unveils wildlife along Szala stream.

Hármashatár educational trail (4,7 km; Felsőszőlők) presents the wildlife of Hampó valley.

Áfonyás nature trail (3 km; Orfalu) displays the wildlife and cultural values of the region.

Rezgőnyár nature trail (400 m; Őriszentpéter) shows the forest belts and various tree species.

Élet a kaszálógyümölcsösben nature trail (300 m; Szalafő-Pityerszer) with a glimpse into the wildlife of hayfield orchards. „Educational Trail of the Year in Ecotourism, 2014”

Nyugati pont nature trail (2,2 km; Szakonyfalu) dipping into the wildlife of the region.

Malomgát nature trail (4 km; Órimagyarósd-Földvár) helps the visitor enjoy the region and wildlife of Magyarórsdi stream and Lake Vadása.

The educational trails are freely accessible. Guided tours subject to pre-registration.



Did you know...



- that 63 percent of Őrség is covered in forests, reaching 3.5-fold of the national average?
- that the settlement structure of houses built on the hill-top is called "szeres" [semi-scattered] settlement in this region??
- that inhabitants in Őrség have been continuously living here since the Hungarian conquest; this is one of the most ancient Hungarian regions?

OTHER EXHIBITION SITES

Őrség Traditional Folk Settlement

(Szalafő, Pityerszer 12.; phone: +36 (94) 548 034) The traditional monumental buildings preserved and furnished on the spot illustrate their dwellers' lifestyle and cultural heritage.

Visitors can try and make traditional handicrafts, visit the chandler's shop and the barn-buffet. Native farm animals, European buffaloes and Eurasian wild horses are also on show.

Opening hours: 1 Apr.-1 Nov.: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sun.; 1 June-31 Aug.: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Sun



Lápok Háza [House of Marshlands]

(Szőce, Ady Endre út 2; phone: +36 (94) 548 034) Interactive exhibition on the mystic world of Őrség marshlands. Subject to pre-registration, guided tour for groups on the bogland.

Opening hours: 1 Apr.-31 Oct.: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tue.-Sat.; 1 June-31 Aug.: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tue.-Sun



OTHER EXHIBITION SITES IN THE AREA OF THE DIRECTORATE

Bechtold István Nature Conservation Visitor Centre

(Kőszeg, Aradi vértanúk parkja; phone: +36 (94) 563 174)

Interactive exhibition and adventure trail on the wildlife of Kőszeg mountains.

Opening hours: 1 Feb.-14 Apr.: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tue.-Fri.; 15 Apr.-31 Oct.: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tue.-Sun.; 1 Nov.-31 Jan.: closed

Pre-registration recommended for groups.

„Visitor Centre of the Year in Ecotourism, 2010*



ACCOMMODATION

Keserűszer Guest House

(Őriszentpéter, Keserűszer 17.; +36 (94) 548 034) 4 x 3+1-bedded rooms.

Open: all year round.



Harmatfű Forest School

(Őriszentpéter, Siskaszer 26/a.; +36 (94) 548 034) Renovated accommodation for 27+6, in 10 rooms with bathroom, shared kitchenette and community room.

Open: all year round.



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THEMATIC CAMPAIGNS

WINTERTIME HIKING IN NATIONAL PARKS

Period: cancelled in 2021

Our national parks tell entirely different stories in wintertime. If you join our forest trips when it's chilly, you can enjoy the real tranquillity of nature and the charm of winter forests. Even the sound of fine movements, like fresh snow crackling under your boots, frozen leaves rustling and sipping your well-deserved hot tea from your flask will all be perceivable in these tours. At this time of the year, with less hikers, the residents of the forests, meadows and watersides tend to be braver and come forth from their hiding place.

CAVING

Period: all March

Aimed at showing the special caves in Hungary, the five relevant National Park Directorates offer special caving programs and major discounts for a whole month. A special opportunity to wander either in our paved, easy to walk-through caves equipped with lights and handrails, or the undeveloped caves serving adventure tourism.

STAR TOURS IN OUR NATIONAL PARKS

Period: 9-11 April 2021

Most of us have a good understanding of nature around us and will find the way back to the starting point of our trip at any time. But could we manage at night? Stars are a fixed point for

overnight orientation in any season. The known and poorly known constellations are visible to the naked eye when we stare at them far from city lights. Nature conservation specialists and guest astronomers introduce the special world of dark sky above our protected natural areas to us.

GEOTOPE DAYS

Period: 2-3 & 9-10 October 2021

Trees and bushes start to drop their leaves in the middle of autumn, but this is the time for geological wonders to emerge and unfold their real beauty as the greens thin out. Geotopes are locations with the most interesting, most spectacular and most typical formations of lifeless nature. In the October guided tours, we can embark upon a time travel into the past and get a glimpse into geological events millions of years ago. Volcano eruptions, sea floods, earthquakes, earth slides, glaciers have been shaping the surface of lands not only far away!

LANDSCAPE TRIPS

Period: 15-17 October 2021

The Council of Europe has held the International Landscape Day since 2017. Each of our ten national park directorates, in collaboration with nature parks, dark sky parks and geoparks organize landscape trips to join the continental initiative aimed at preserving our landscape heritage and promoting its sustainable use.



WHAT WE ARE ESPECIALLY PROUD OF –

OUR NATURAL AREAS AND VALUES OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE



WORLD HERITAGE SITES

The UNESCO World Heritage Convention aims to preserve the natural and cultural heritage of outstanding universal value all around the world.

In Hungary, the caves in the Aggtelek and Slovakian karst region have been recognized as World Heritage Sites, in the category of natural sites. Kilimanjaro National Park in Tanzania or, for instance, the Great Barrier Reef in Australia are ranked in the same world heritage category.

The World Heritage Committee recognized man's value-creating and landscape-shaping activity in its "cultural site" category, in the below world heritage sites: Hortobágy National Park – the Puszta, Fertő/Neusiedlersee Cultural Landscape and Tokaj Wine Region Historic Cultural Landscape. Some international examples for World Heritage Sites in this category: Loire Valley in France or ancient Pergamon and its Cultural Landscape in Turkey.

EUROPEAN DIPLOMA AREAS

The Council of Europe instituted the European Diploma to preserve the natural heritage on our continent. The title is awarded to protected natural areas that play an outstanding role in preserving the landscape diversity of the continent. The Diploma recognizes not only the rich natural landscape heritage of the area but also its preservation-aimed nature conservation scheme. So far, three areas have been awarded in Hungary:

- Szénás Hills Protected Area;
- Volcanic phenomena of the Tihany Peninsula; and
- Ipolytarnóc Fossils Protected Area.

Some other European Diploma areas: Biańlowieża National Park in Poland, wetlands in Dońana National Park in Spain and Krimml Waterfalls in Austria.

RAMSAR SITES

The Ramsar Convention aims at the conservation and sustainable, smart use of wetlands of international importance.

Hungary now has 29 wetlands of international importance, so-called Ramsar Sites, offering various opportunities to study their especially varied aquatic life from Bodrogzug through Lake Kolon in Kiskunság to Kis-Balaton.

BIOSPHERE RESERVES

The biosphere reserves designated in the Man and the Biosphere Program of UNESCO were established to protect outstandingly valuable areas representing the big types of ecosystem on Earth and to monitor their natural and human processes.

At present, Hungary has six biosphere reserves: Aggtelek, Lake Fertő, Hortobágy, Kiskunság and Pilis Biosphere Reserves, and the currently two-sided (Croatian-Hungarian) Mura-Dra-va-Danube Biosphere Reserve which is planned to go five-sided over a long term.

Biosphere reserves are learning areas, "live laboratories" aimed to develop the methods of long-term sustainable management of natural values and natural resources, a contribution to conserving the landscape and its wildlife for future generations.



A SLICE OF TRADITION - 'NATIONAL PARK PRODUCT' TRADEMARK

Over two million hectares in the area of Hungary are under nature protection, which reflects the wealth of Hungarian natural values. These areas are immensely diverse and have a myriad of natural values which would not have survived without man living in the landscape, pastoral traditions and farming based on an extensive grazing husbandry system.

A key objective of nature protection is the preservation and continuation of traditions and traditional farming methods, supported among others by the National Park Product trademark jointly established by the ten National Park Directorates.

Many of the visitors to our national parks look for original products, oddities specific to the region, and are interested in local producers and craftsmen. The National Park Product trademark ensures the customers and visitors that the products in their hands and on their table were made in a protected natural area or Natura 2000 area, mainly of local basic materials, following the local traditions and consistent with the aims of nature protection.

The title of recognition has been awarded to, among others, handicraft products from Őrség and Hortobágy, lavender products from Tihany, ramson dishes, cheeses from the uplands, organic fruit juices and squashes, special flavour wines, palinka and beers, herbal teas, forest fruits jams, special honeys, buffalo and grey cattle salamis and sausages. Besides these special-flavour food products, the abundance of exquisitely finished handicraft products preserves and passes on the know-how of impressive craftsmen spanning over several generations and the motifs characterizing the specific folk art of the region, moreover, we can have a taste of the reanimated traditions of one-time cordial hospitality in these picturesque landscapes. Behind this all, we will find the great people who preserve the knowledge they inherited from their predecessors and offer these miracles to us.

Anyone picking products with this trademark from the shelf can take a slice of regional flavour and tradition home and fancy the pleasure of having indirectly contributed to the preservation of natural values.

Taste the special flavours of our national parks, choose a gift from our unique handicraft products!

www.nemzetiparkitermek.hu

DARK SKY PARKS – THE WORLD OF SKIES



Demo show with a telescope, star-gazing night trip, in search of meteors: programs that can offer the compelling and rare experience of natural dark skies. While we feel and see the puzzling dark world of our landscapes, we can also meet the active-at-night members of the natural wildlife in our dark sky parks. The less adventurous can immerse in the miracles of the outer space and the secrets of earthly nights in a visitor centre or exhibition site.

Along with the expansion of built areas affected by human activities, the adverse effects of wrong overnight artificial illumination lead to ever bigger issues all over the world. Generations grow up in urban settlements without experiencing the vision of dark skies. The starry skies are a part of the cultural heritage of mankind, so the sight of a natural dark scenery must be preserved for future generations. Moreover, light pollution, the outcome of unprofessionally installed and used artificial light sources poses a serious threat to lots of species (e.g. birds, bats) and, according to recent research, our ecosystem as a whole.

In view of decelerating these harmful processes, the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) launched its Dark Sky Park program in 2001. The initiative promotes the establishment of dark sky parks around the world, in areas with insignificant light pollution caused by overnight artificial lighting. The technical conditions have changed several times since the program was launched, but the foundations are the same: the location is expected to have an “excellent quality sky”, certified with measurements. The requirements include exemplary lighting practice, e.g. the use of fully shielded light fixtures only. Dark sky parks are expected to commit themselves to awareness raising and environmental education: they must regularly hold programs and demos linked to the dark sky, so their area or a part thereof must be open to visitors over the night.

We are proud of that Zselic Landscape Protection Area was awarded the International Dark Sky Park title first in continental Europe, in 2009, followed by Hortobágy Dark Sky Park two years later; and Bükk National Park won this high-ranking international recognition in 2017. For more information and programs, contact the organizations responsible for operation.

Information on the prevention of light pollution, accessible with a QR code reader app:



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PARK DIRECTORATE**



OUR UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS

Our geoparks are endowed with an outstandingly spectacular and rich geological heritage, and local communities are also frequently involved in the activities to conserve and present these areas. The geological values, in combination with cultural heritage areas, offer attractive geotourism programs. 161 geoparks can take pride in being recognized as UNESCO Global Geoparks, including 81 in the European Geoparks Network.



BAKONY-BALATON UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK
www.geopark.hu

Visitors to the geopark founded and maintained by Balaton Uplands National Park Directorate can rely on trained geotour guides and expect caving adventures in Csodabogyós Cave and Szentgáli-kőlik Cave. They can visit geological exhibition sites, like the western gate of the Geopark, Tapolca Lake Cave Visitor Centre, or Lavender House Visitor Centre in Tihany, also known as the eastern gate of the Geopark. Red sandstone study path in Alsóörs, Basalt Organs educational trail (Szent György Hill) depicting our volcanic heritage, Route of fire nature trail (Hegyesztű-Kopasz Hill), supplemented with the European Geoparks Week events all “animate” our lifeless natural values.



NOVOHRAD-NÓGRÁD UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK
www.nngeopark.eu

The first cross-border international geopark sustains the rich geological and cultural heritage of 28 Slovakian and 64 Hungarian Palóc-ethnic settlements. The Geopark embraces and creates an endless unit of the last 30 million years in the geological history of the Carpathian Basin and its diverse remnants. The entrance to the land of extinct volcanoes is a European Diploma area: Ipolytarnóc Fossils Nature Reserve (osmaradvanyok.hu) managed by Bükk National Park Directorate. Its Miocene Park offers various programs and the volcano destroying the ancient world re-rumbles in honour of the European Geoparks Week.

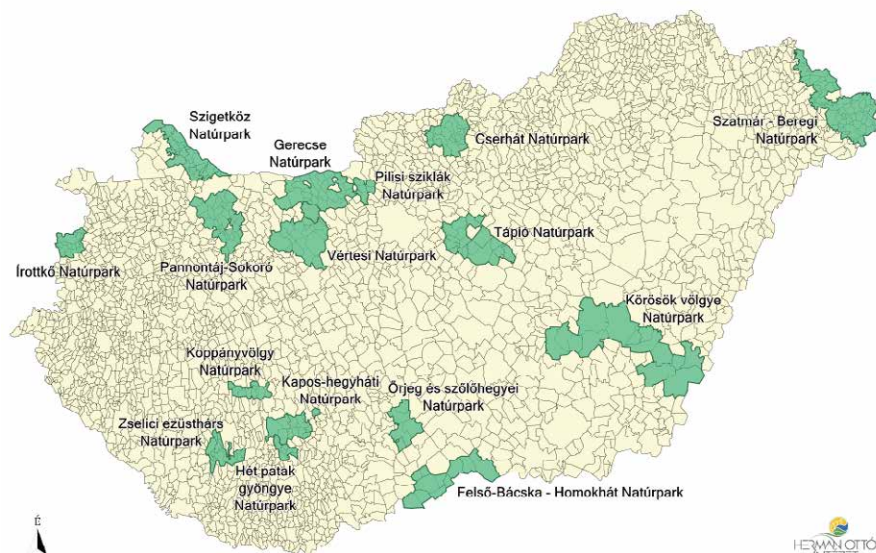


NATURE PARKS IN HUNGARY

Nature parks are collaborations aimed at the preservation and sustainable use of landscape, natural and cultural values, founded in partnership with local communities (local governments, NGOs, business associations and the local population).

Nature parks contribute to achieving the goals of regional and rural development, developing sustainable tourism and succeeding in environmental education and awareness raising initiatives. The title Nature Park may be used since 2004 with the consent of the Minister for Nature Conservation. So far, 16 Hungarian nature parks have received this consent.

Nature Parks entitled to use this title (2020)



To read more about nature parks in Hungary, visit:

www.termeszetvedelem.hu/naturparkok
www.naturparkok.hu

7 TIPS FOR NATIONAL-PARK TOURISTS

1 Give preference to bicycle or train to access national parks. If you still prefer the car, you should reasonably travel with your friends. Cover the natural area on foot or by other permitted means of transport.



2 Be considerate when you choose your clothes, especially when you go on long hikes. Layered clothing will be practical under all circumstances. You should reasonably avoid eye-catching colours, to align with nature and see as much as possible.



3 When wandering in nature, listen to the sounds of nature and make as little noise as possible. If you do not disturb the order of wildlife, you will find it easy to e.g. study animals' natural behaviour.



4 In nature, you will not necessarily find dustbins everywhere. To avoid environment pollution, do not throw away your waste during your nature trips; rather, put it back in your backpack. Do not leave any footprint in nature.



5 You will also find benches, fireplaces, lookout towers in the open areas of the national parks. These are located in areas with the least nuisance to environment. On your trip, you can have a rest in comfort here and efficiently observe nature.

6 Camping is generally not permitted in protected natural areas, so you had better find accommodation in the nearby. If you visit an accommodation, restaurant run by locals and buy products made of local basic materials, you support local economy.



NATURE EDUCATION IN NATIONAL PARKS



„Teaching only fills your head with information, but education: enriches. It gives quality, not quantity. It helps a rose become a real rose, and the child find and unfold himself” said our Kossuth and József Attila prize winning author Péter Müller..

The ten national parks in Hungary are a flagship in environmental education. The network of nature-study workshops run by our Directorates (forest schools and kindergartens), the organization and non-stop extension of their educational programs plays a vital role in Hungarian environmental awareness raising. Its actuality, the importance of developing an ecology-driven behaviour is well proven by the multiplication of environmental issues and the headway of our approach as environment users.

The core of environmental education is respect for and protection of nature, since the conservation of natural diversity is one of our key obligations, in terms of sustainability. The topics covered are quite manifold, ranging from nature protection through sustainability, landscape protection and climate change to local landscape-related cultural history. A key criterion in environmental education, besides acquiring knowledge, is for children to get as close as possible to nature and spend maximum time outdoors during their special lessons.

The number of registered visitors to environmental educational programs invited by the National Park Directorates (guided tours, open days, high days, field education centers, nature protection camps etc.) exceeded 335,000 in 2019. Since schools face difficulties in accessing the field sites in several regions, our Directorates organize a series of off-site mobile programs, in addition to the 3-5-day forest school activities, to reach out to school-age children.

Responding rising quality assurance expectations, developing a qualification system focused on current issues and challenges has become inevitable. The new system primarily aims to qualify the technical content of field education centers operated by the national parks and their field education center program services. Founded on decades-old experience, environmental education is continued under a new name and with extended content, while preserving our values and considering today's requirements.



DISCOVER OUR NATIONAL PARKS RIDING AN E-BIKE!



Come and discover the national parks of Hungary in guided tours, from the saddle of an electric bicycle. E-bikes can help you experience the natural values of Hungary in a new, comfortable and nature-friendly way.

Each national park has a fleet of about 20 e-bikes, waiting for you to jump on one. Thanks to the electric motor, you can cross fields that would be a challenge on an ordinary bike, and can cover distances you would not manage if you could only rely on your own strength. Moreover, instead of resting after a climb, you can take much notice of wonderful nature.

Alongside the bike, you are even offered a guided tour. So, you do not need to miss any exciting detail; the guide of the national park will show you secrets you would not see otherwise. Naturally, big emphasis is laid on personal safety: helmets are also available.

Families will find these tours especially attractive when they can take their small children with. So, you can get a child seat and then the whole family can take part in the adventure.

For comprehensive information on the guided e-bike tours of the National Park Directorates, visit aktivmagyarorszag.hu.





FOR GUIDED E-BIKE TOURS
click on aktivmagyarorszag.hu

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HUNGARIAN NATIONAL PARKS WEEK

On the track of values and adventures



September: Family opening event

Venue: Royal Palace and Palace Park of Gödöllő

- „Green Hustle” – an introduction of our national parks, National Park Products fair, children's and family programs
- Playful nature competitions and skills exercises for guaranteed prizes and valuable gifts
- „Tastes of National Parks” – fair for National Park Product-brand products



After the opening event:

Discover the natural treasures of Hungary

Discover our national parks and other protected natural areas hiding a myriad of natural treasures. Exciting adventure tours, free family programs and discounts in several exhibition sites in the most beautiful landscapes of Hungary, for a whole week!



Join us and get started on the track of values and adventures!

More information: www.magyarnezetiparkok.hu/mnph