

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2016

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Odsherred UNESCO Global Geopark, Denmark (EGN)

Year of inscription: 2014

Representative photo: *Her Queen Margrethe II of Denmark visiting the finding place of the Sun Chariot in connection with a brand new flag site project in Geopark Odsherred. Her Majesty is looking at a model of the project together with (to the left) two landscape architect students from University of Copenhagen and (to the right) the director of the Geopark Odsherred Foundation, the Mayor of Odsherred Municipality and the chairman of the Geopark Odsherred Foundation.*

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs:

1 director of the Geopark Foundation, one Geopark manager, one geologist and one communication coordinator – altogether 4 employees in Geopark Odsherred.

Number of Visitors:

Estimated number of visitors at major geosites and major events:

- Esterhøj and The Ridge Path 18.000-20.000 visitors during 2016
- Geokids-project: 2500 visitors during 2016
- Geopark Festival: 13.000 visitors spread over 135 events in 3 days.

Number of Geopark events:

- Geopark Festival 3-day event held throughout the whole Geopark-area.
- 125 guided tours during summer with the average of 30-35 participants.

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes

- Aprox 35 school-classes (1000 pupils) in connection with the geokids-programme.

Number of Geopark press release

- Around 50 press-releases including both local and national newspapers, television, radio.

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES (bulletize)

Major achievements in 2016

- Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark were visiting Odsherred UNESCO Global Geopark September 5th and 6th 2016. The Queen is visiting the place where the Sun Chariot was found in 1902. Her Majesty was also visiting the Geokids-project. (View photo).
- Initiating a new project about revitalization of the finding place of the Sun Chariot – landscape, geology and cultural history.
- Initiating a brand new educational program for Geoguides.
- Opening The Ridge Path – 7 km hiking path across the end moraine with lots of views – landscape, dissemination, cultural history and land art.
- Cooperating with both the National Danish Geological Survey and local farmers etc. about the establishing a huge dissemination project on Lammefjord – landscape, geology and local produce.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation

- Network meeting in Magma Geopark about the Nordic GEOfood Project. May 2016.
- Finishing the Nordic GEOfood project together with Magma, Rokua and Reykjanes Geoparks. September 2016.
- Participation in the 7th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks in England and the EGN Coordination Committee in September 2016.
- Study tour to Bergstrasse-Odenwalt UNESCO Global Geopark for Board of Directors from the Geopark Odsherred Foundation, Odsherred Municipality and the VisitOdsherred (tourism) – about 20 people participating. May 2016.
- Participating in the 35th International Geological Congress in South Africa. August / September 2016
- Initiating a meeting for the Nordic UNESCO Global Geoparks

Management and Financial status

- The Geopark Odsherred Foundation has a 3 year economic agreement with Odsherred Municipality and in 2016 the equity capital of the Foundation was further more strengthened.

Geoconservation

- Partnership agreement with University of Copenhagen research project “Future Landscapes.

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Initiating the GeoGuide course for local inhabitants who want to become more familiar

with the geopark-concept.

Strategic Partnership

- Partnerships with national Geological Survey about the Lammefjord-project, University of Copenhagen, Odsherred Municipality and about 25 local partners

Promotional activities

- Leaflets about The Ridge Path, Sun Chariot, Geopark-festival 2016, Geopark Odsherred as a tourist destination, Eat Well in Geopark Odsherred, Art and Culture in Geopark Odsherred during Pentecost and the taste of Odsherred during autumn holiday.

4. CONTACTS:

IMPORTANT: We have got new emails!

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