

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2016

GGN Geopark Annual Report should be two pages

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Tumbler Ridge UNESCO Global Geopark, Canada, Canadian National Network

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation 2014/2014

Representative Photo (from the most important event this year)

Caption: "Geopark Executive Director Sarah Waters wearing the Google Trekker backpack as she hikes along Albright Ridge, as part of the Destination BC International Media Tour and Google Trekker project."



2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 2 staff, with 1 geoscientific advisor

Number of Visitors: To visitor centre: 10,567. To museum:

Number of Geopark events: Clarify the events held by management body and cooperative organization

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programs: 9 directly plus 16 through the Dinosaur Discovery Gallery

Number of Geopark press release 2

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES (bulletize)

Major achievements in 2016

- Two palaeontological advisors awarded their PhD's
- Google Trekker – digitizing 15 different Geosite trails, viewed on Google Earth or through the interactive website: <http://bcexplorer.com/journeys/tumbler-ridge>
- Partner with Destination BC for an international media tour of the Geopark
- Identified as one of the top three iconic destinations in Northern British Columbia

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation

- Attended GGN conference
- Our director is part of the GGN Elections Committee, GGN Communications Committee, and participates in the Geohazard Reduction committee as a working group head for the Americas
- Board and Management visits to numerous Geoparks in England, Ireland, Norway, Spain
- Introductory projects with Hateg UGG, Sobrarbe UGG

Management and Financial status

- Reaching out to other UGG's for management experience: Stonehammer, North Pennines, Gea Norvegica and Sobrarbe UGGs.
- Working with our Regional District to create sustained long term funding
- Received 2 grants from the Province of BC for education program development, as well as continued general funding from the Province of BC

Geoconservation

- Organizational adoption of the Society for Vertebrate Palaeontology Best Practices with Continued dialogue with the Royal BC Museum on the Fossil Management Framework adoption provincially

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Google Trekker, Guided hike schedule

New Education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction

- Grant received for the development of an education program including geoconservation and sustainable development, to be completed Dec 2017
- Work with local school district on year-long Geopark course in high school

Strategic Partnership

- Work with Stonehammer UGG for management, development of Canadian and North American Network, and youth education project on renewable energy

Promotional activities

- Many local single day events; part of 10 year Destination Development plan for all of Northern BC, featuring Geopark; international media tours.

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