

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Fforest Fawr UNESCO GLOBAL Geopark (European Global Geoparks Network)

Year of inscription: 2005

Year of the last revalidation: 2016

Representative photo with caption (from the most important event this year)



A bronze relief model of the Geopark landscape will form a focus of the new Geopark Discovery Point at Craig-y-nos Country Park in 2020

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staff: 7 including 2 geoscientists

Number of Visitors: approximately 3 million

Number of Geopark events:

- **Fforest Fawr Geopark Festival 25 May - 9 June:** The programme of 6 events included walks and a 'family day' which attracted over 400 visitors to the Geopark.
- **Fforest Fawr Geopark Ambassadors:** A two-day programme involving talks and field trips.

Number of school classes attending Geopark educational programmes: 60

Number of Geopark press releases: 5

- Two press releases announcing Geoparks Week events.

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2019

- 8th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks. Presentation – *Climate Change, Environmental Degradation and Mass Extinction: Events in the Existence of a habitable Planet.*
- *The use of ancient DNA from sediment as a viable measure of Quaternary biodiversity within the Brecon Beacons National Park: a preliminary study.* Submitted to - Environmental Archaeology. The Journal of Human Palaeoecology.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Participation in the 43rd and 44th European Geoparks Network Advisory and Coordination Committee Meetings in Swabian Alb UNESCO Global Geopark, March 2019 and Sierra Norte de Sevilla UNESCO Global Geopark, September 2019.
- Editing EGN Magazine 16
- Editing and contributing to issues 13 and 14 of the EGN Newsletter
- Editing the text and contributing to the Stone Made Objects Exhibit, 8th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks
- Attended UK COMMITTEE for UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS (UKCUGG) in NW Highlands Geopark, May 2019
- Partner in Interreg Atlantic Area Project: Atlantic Geoparks. Promoting Geotourism across the Atlantic Area and leading on the creation of a Geopark Management Toolkit.

Management and Financial Status

- Fforest Fawr Geopark is managed by members of its partnership organizations including: the Brecon Beacons National Parks Authority; the British Geological Survey; Natural Resources Wales; Dyfed Archaeological Trust; the Brecon Beacons Park Society; Cardiff and Swansea universities and local businesses and tourism providers.
- The Geopark continues to be funded by the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority.

Geoconservation

- The Geopark is actively involved with SEWRIGS (South East Wales Regionally Important Geodiversity Sites).

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Fforest Fawr Geopark continues to support tourism businesses in and around the Geopark with training and advice and dissemination of trail literature
- Partner in Interreg Atlantic Area Project: Atlantic Geoparks

New education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction. No new programmes in 2019.

Strategic partnership

- British Geological Survey, Cardiff University, Swansea University, University of South Wales

Promotional activities

- Further developing Instagram and Facebook pages @fforestfawrgeopark,
- Hosting Visit Wales (National Tourism Board) and contributing to partner blogs.

4. CONTACTS

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