

GGN/EGN - Geopark Annual Report 2020

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: UNESCO Global Geopark Harz · Braunschweiger Land · Ostfalen, Germany, European Geoparks Network

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2004 / 2017

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 11 persons (including 2 geoscientists)

Number of visitors: about 1.21 Mio. visitors in the Harz Mountains and 43.000* at Geopark Infocenters

Number of Geopark events: About 30* by management body and 80* by cooperative organizations

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 10*

Number of Geopark press release: about 80*

(*significantly reduced due to the corona pandemic)



Lesson on the Geopark card game in a primary school in Walkenried

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2020

- Federal funding of German UNESCO-Geoparks by the Federal Foreign Office
- Renewed fossil exhibition in the Goslar Museum
- New Geopark card game (see figure)
- New educational forest trail and renovated field barn for group programs at the 'Jurassic Sea Geopoint Schandelah'

Contribution towards GGN – Networking and participation

- Participation in EGN 1st and 2nd Digital Forum

- Contributions to the EGN Magazine and EGN Newsletter
- Participation in 1st GGN Film Festival

Management and Financial Status

- Annual funding of the Geopark by the Federal State of Lower Saxony until 2023
- Annual funding of the Geopark within the scope of the Nature Park funding by the Federal State of Saxony Anhalt
- Funding of the Federal State of Thuringia
- Fees from members of the responsible organizations of the Geopark

Geoconversation

- Clearance of Großmutter cliff, Großvater cliff, Löbecke cliff (parts of the Devil's Wall in Blankenburg), Markmorgen limestone quarry and Heeseberg quarries

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Opening of fossil exhibition in Goslar Museum
- Three new Geopark benches
- Renewal of the mining history and nature trail "Kleiner Möncheberg", Ilfeld
- Construction of the nature discovery trail Clausthal-Zellerfeld
- Leaflet "Ausstellungen 2020" (Exhibitions 2020)
- Construction of three steles along the themed adventure trail in Harzgerode incl. audio stations in cooperation with Fforest Fawr Geopark (UK) and Odsherred Geopark (DK)

New educational programmes on geoconversation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction

- Conception and production of a Geopark card game to be distributed among students of primary schools

Strategic partnership

- 5 new supporting members

Promotional activities

- Nine new Geopark steles
- More than 30 new Geopark information panels
- Reprinting of several landmark leaflets
- Geopark advertising on a public bus
- Reprint of the brochure "The classic square miles of geology"
- 19 Landmark leaflets newly translated into Danish
- Eleven Landmark leaflets newly translated into Dutch
- Three Landmark leaflets newly translated into French
- Four NATURA Tip brochures newly translated into English
- Translation of the website into Danish
- Calendar of events 2020

4. CONTACTS

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