

# GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2019

## 1. Geopark Identity

**The year for initial joining/the year for the last reevaluation:** 2006/2016

**Name, Country of the territory and Regional Network:** Wangwushan-Daimeishan  
UNESCO Global Geopark, China, APGN

**Joining Year/ Last Revalidation Year:** 2006/ 2016



### Representative Photo (from the most important event this year)

Holding the First Handwritten Newspaper Competition of Geological Science

Popularization

## 2. Data of the Geopark

**Number of the Staff:** 180 staff including 6 geoscientists

**Number of Visitors:** 5477,200

**Number of Activities:** 12

Taking full advantage of such events as the World Earth Day and the National

Science Popularization Day, the Geopark successively carried out such activities as school trips, science fieldtrips for teenagers and science popularization knowledge competitions, and also such tourism and cultural activities as Peach Blossom Festival, Red Leaf Festival, Large-scale Live-action Performance regarding Sacrifice to Heaven by the Yellow Emperor (a legendary ruler in ancient China), Xiaogoubei Nuwa (a goddess in Chinese mythology) Cultural Tourism Festival, Bicycle Riding Competition, Double Ninth Festival (or “Height Ascending Festival”).

**Number of Classes Implementing Geopark Educational Plans: 10**

**Number of News Published:** 12 pieces of news were submitted to the Global Geoparks Network with 3 ones therein being published; 2 pieces of news were published on GGN Newsletters and 25 ones were published on the official website of the geopark.

### **3. What We Have Done in 2019**

#### **Main achievements in 2019**

First, we promoted the project on the geoconservation of ancient volcanoes within Xiaogoubei Scenic Area and the construction of relevant monitoring facilities therein; second, holding the first handwritten newspaper competition of geological science popularization knowledge held by Wangwu Shan-Daimei Shan Global Geopark Administration; third, actively implemented exchanges and cooperation to share advanced experience of Geopark; fourth, held two large-scale geological science popularization activities, namely the “Special Lecture & Book Donation by Wangwushan-Daimeishan Geopark on the campus of Jiyuan Vocational and Technical

College” and the “Science Popularization Volunteer Training Camp”; fifth, strengthened investment in the Geopark, and built such recreational projects as glass walkway, glass sightseeing platform and cliff swing, offering more recreational activities for tourists.

### **Contribution to GGN: Network Activities and Participation**

1. Participated in the 6th Asia Pacific World Geopark conference held in Indonesia;
2. Participated in the 2019 UNESCO World Geopark annual meeting held in Dunhuang World Geopark, and distributed relevant publicity materials of Wangwushan - Daimeishan World Geopark at the meeting;
3. Carried out Sister Park exchange activities with Tibet Yangbajing National Geopark;
4. Appointed staff to Tianzhu Mountain and Huangshan World Geopark to carry out friendly exchange and learning activities;
5. China Geological Environment Monitoring Institute visited Wangwushan - Daimeishan World Geopark to investigate Precambrian Geological Remains. Management and Financial Status

**Management Body:** the Wangwushan-Daimeishan UNESCO Global Geopark Management Committee led by the mayor (magistrate) of Jiyuan and Xin'an County, Luoyang City was established in 2010, taking charge of the development, management and conservation of the Geopark; the Wangwushan-Daimeishan Geopark Administration was established directly under the Management Committee in 2012, taking charge of the development and management of the Geopark.

Finance status: sound and stable. The tourism income in 2019 reached 221 million RMB.

#### Geoconservation

Prepared a master plan of the park and a protection plan for geoheritages therein; introduced measures for the management of the park and regulations for the protection and management of geoheritages; set up protection plates for important geological relic points within the park, accompanied by regular patrol inspection and supervision.

#### **Sustainable Tourism (Geotourism)**

The construction of the geopark has played an active role in promoting the development of local economy. In 2019, we set another 200 long-term posts and 600 temporary ones for the geopark, effectively advancing the sustainable development of local tourism economy.

#### **New Educational Plans concerning Geoheritage Conservation, Sustainable Development and Disaster Risk Relief**

Prepared the *Plan for Geological Science Popularization and Educational Activity of Wangwushan-Daimeishan Geopark in 2018*, and carried out such science popularization activities as World Earth Day and National Science Popularization Day; while making the best of the Science Educational Activity Center, such activities as “Science Popularization Trips for Teenagers” (2,000 participants), School Trips to Geoparks (20,000 participants) and Science Educational Activities at Schools (1,000 participants).

#### **Strategic Partners**

Wangwushan Scenic Area under the jurisdiction of the Geopark became the teaching practice base of Henan Polytechnic University; joined hands with the Youth

Travel Agency, Dahe Travel Agency and Jiyuan Education Bureau in carrying out the “Geopark Study Tour”; held the geoscience educational activities together with Yugong School, Qinyuan Road Primary School and Jiyuan Vocational and Technical College; visited Villuercas Ibores Jara Geopark of Spain with Funiushan Geopark.

### **Promotional Events**

We successively held such festivals as “Peach Blossom Festival”, “Red Leaf Festival” and “Xiaogoubei Nuwa (a goddess in Chinese mythology) Cultural Tourism Festival”, such geological cultural tourism activities as “Exploration on the Mysteries of the Earth - Visit to Wangwushan” and “Trip to Xiaogoubei Volcano Canyon”, and such marketing activities as “Visit of teachers and students of the School of Music of Henan Polytechnic University to Wangwushan”, “Temple Fair and full-scale drama on March 3”, “Peony Show in Mount Zijing”, “Wild Rose Festival in Three Gorges, Yellow River”, “Cultural Tourism Festival in Mount Daimei, Luoyang”, “Self-driving Tour to Longtan Gorge” and “search for lucky dog in Mount Zijing”. In addition, we also made an all-around propaganda on the park by means of WeChat, our official website as well as media at all levels, newspapers and advertising towers.

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