

17TH International Junior Ranger Camp

“Discover Europe’s Wild Heritage”

9TH – 15TH of July 2018 – Müritz National Park, Germany



Invitation

Müritz-
Nationalpark



EUROPARC Federation and Müritz National Park, with the support of EUROPARC Germany, are pleased to invite you to the

17TH INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR RANGER CAMP.

Junior Rangers, with the support of their adult rangers and mentors, will have the opportunity to learn more about nature and the role of protected areas by doing practical work outdoors in the heart of Müritz National Park. The camp will take place from the **9th to the 15th of July 2018** and it will be a great chance to discover this part of Germany with excursions, games and specific nature conservation experiences on the field: the best way to have fun, meeting old and new friends!

The camp will also be a great chance for Rangers to meet and discuss together future initiatives to further promote active citizenship for nature conservation among young generations, and to improve the Junior Ranger programme in protected areas across Europe.

More information on the camp programme and activities are available on [EUROPARC website](#). You can also stay connected with the European [JR network on facebook](#).

In brief

- The Camp will take place from the 9th to the 15th of July 2018 in Müritz National Park.
- 13 to 17 year old youth from Junior Ranger programmes in European protected areas.
- Around 50 participants from up to 13 different countries.
- 2 Junior Rangers and 1 adult ranger/mentor per protected area.
- EUROPARC membership of the protected area is necessary.
- Registrations will open from mid February until mid May 2018.
- Confirmation of participation will be sent as soon as we start receiving applications!

For further information, please contact Stefanie Burger from EUROPARC staff by email: s.burger@europarc.org

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Terms of reference

Time and Location

The 17th International Junior Ranger Camp 2018 will take place in Müritz National Park, Germany, from 9th (arrival day) to the 15th of July (departure day).

Accommodation

The camp will be hosted at the Environmental Education Hostel “Steinmühle”, which is located on a beautiful remote place surrounded by a lake, a small river and beech forests.

How to get there?

The closest airport is Berlin (Tegel or Schönefeld). There is a local train connection to Neustrelitz every hour. A shuttle service from Neustrelitz to the Environmental Education Hostel will be available.

Participants

The camp is addressed to youth from 13 to 17 years old, being already involved in the Junior Ranger program of their park and who speak good English, be highly motivated and prepared for the camp. Their active contribution will be expected.

Programme

The Junior Ranger and their mentors will discover a part of the ancient Beech Forests of Germany which belong to the UNESCO World Heritage site “Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and Other Regions of Europe”. Furthermore they will enjoy outdoor activities like canoeing and walking, get to know scientific work at Müritz National Park and they will participate on practical restoration of wetlands. Visits to Tree Top Walk at the oldest trees of Germany and to the city of Neustrelitz will be part of the program.

Costs

Participants shall cover their own travel costs to Neustrelitz main station. Accommodation and subsistence costs for the camp and local transport will be covered by the federal state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and the National Park Office Müritz.

Registration

To register, candidates should:

1. Download the [Registration Form](#) from EUROPARC website.
2. Fill up, sign, and send a scanned copy to s.burger@europarc.org.
3. After registration is confirmed, send us the parental authorisation by post mail.

Deadline to register is the **15th of May 2018** (first come first served principle applies!)

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Rangers and mentors are responsible for Junior Rangers and their care, as is the protected area for making sure participants have their own insurance.

No more than 2 parks per country, represented by 2 Junior Rangers and one adult ranger, will be selected unless there is space available at the end of registrations.

About Müritz National Park

The Müritz National Park is situated roughly in the middle between Berlin and Rostock, in the south of the German state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. It extends over large portions of the Müritz lakeland. Müritz National Park was founded in 1990. The total area is 322 km². The National Park is divided into two separated areas, Müritz and Serrahn. The first, larger portion extends from the eastern shore of Lake Müritz to the town of Neustrelitz. The latter, smaller part is situated east of Neustrelitz. The landscape features of the park are shaped by the power of huge glaciers during the last ice age 15.000 years ago. 72% of the territory is covered with forest, 13% by lakes. The remaining area is made up of swamps or meadows. There are about 100 lakes in Müritz National Park. The river Havel rises in the Müritz section. The old beech forest in the smaller part Serrahn has been recognized as UNESCO world natural heritage. Therefore, the National Park preserves a part of the heritage of mankind. Notable animals in the park include the red deer, the crane, the white-tailed eagle and the osprey.

German Junior Rangers

The focus of the German Junior-Ranger-Program lies historically on the age group 7-12 years. Started 2008 by now over 100 Junior Ranger groups participate within the nationwide program in over 50 Nationale Naturlandschaften, with more than 1,500 young people attending annually. Obviously the group of Junior Ranger, who are 14 years and above grows continuously. Thus often those older Junior Ranger have already a yearlong experience and expertise protecting their natural environment and cultural and historical heritage. Find more information on the [EUROPARC Deutschland Junior Ranger website](#).



We would like to express here our full gratitude to the Müritz National Park for the great support to make this International Junior Ranger Camp possible.