European Youth in Parks Day
23 September 2023

Connecting young people with our natural and cultural heritage can have a positive impact on their physical and mental health and helps create long-lasting relationships.

So join in! Organise an event with the kids and young adults in your Park on the 22nd of September!

On European #YouthinParksDay we want to showcase what young people can do to contribute towards sustainable development and conservation in Protected Areas.

"Our Nature, Our Future"
How to join the event?

1. Find your partners
2. Set the date and time
3. Plan your activity
4. Share your stories
5. Submit your best photo
6. Send us your feedback

"Knowing is the key to caring, and with caring there is hope that people will be motivated to take positive actions. They might not care even if they know, but they can't care if they are unaware." - Sylvia Earle
1. Find your Partners

(a) Do you already have a Junior Ranger or a Youth+ programme?

This is your chance to activate their leadership qualities by facilitating a youth-led activity. This activity can either be for themselves, for one another, or for the young people in the local community to bring them all together and connect with your Park.

(b) Do you have partnerships with schools, youth organisations or other youth in the local community?

Then consider a joint activity for the young people in the local community to bring them together and connect with your Park.

2. Set the Date and Time

Find a time on or around the 22nd of September for your event to take place.

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Plan your activity

Do you need some inspiration? Find some example activities below:

- Bio Blitz: learning how to identify local species
- Outdoor sport: hiking, cycling, canoeing
- Nature restoration: planting native species, removing invasives
- Wild foraging: learning which things are edible and which not
- Local sustainable festival: plant swaps, local food, clothes swaps, music

Check out the map to see who else is participating and remember to add your pin as well with the following info:
- The name of the event
- A short description
- A contact address for the feedback survey

Share your stories

When posting on your social media on the 23rd September, please tag us and use the hashtag #YouthInParksDay

Twitter: @europarc
Instagram: @europarc.youth
Facebook: @europarc.youth

Thank you!
Submit your best photo

We would love to see your top photo(s) of the day that embodies the theme! We will select the best photos and use these in the following media:

- In EUROPARC’s Annual Report magazine that goes out to all members
- As the EUROPARC Junior Ranger Facebook Page Cover for the year
- On the cover of the #YouthInParksDay Report

Please email it to communications@europarc.org along with the name of the photographer and the following text:

Without expectation of compensation or other remuneration, now or in the future, I hereby give my consent to EUROPARC Federation to use the photo(s) and video(s) I have submitted in their communication on online platforms and print media. This consent is given in perpetuity and does not require prior approval by me.

Send us your feedback

We would love to hear how the experience was and what advice you think first timers should be given ahead of the event for next year. We will send you the form but you can also freely fill it out by following this link:

#YouthInParksDay
"Just living is not enough. One must have sunshine, freedom, and a little flower" - Hans Christian Andersen

Thank you to all participating in the 2023 #YouthInParksDay Pilot!

Still have questions? Send me an email!  

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