



TransParcNet Meeting 2016

Program

Tuesday, 7 June

14:00 Arrival, registration in the Saxon Switzerland National Park Centre Bad Schandau, accommodation

17:00 Short welcome by heads of the Saxon-Switzerland transboundary protected area and commented walk with the mayor of Bad Schandau through the town

18:00 Opening at the Saxon Switzerland National Park Centre: welcome by representatives of the National Park Centre and EUROPARC

Introductory presentation: Saxon-Bohemian Switzerland: Four protected areas, two countries, one landscape: H. Härtel (Bohemian Switzerland National Park) & J. Phoenix (Saxon Switzerland National Park)

19:00 Dinner and come-together in the National Park Centre, including presentation of the exhibition

Wednesday, 8 June

Morning presentation session I moderated by L. Reyrink

09:00-09:30 Nature and tourism – never ending story?: J. Kašpar (Krkonos National Park)

09:30-10:00 Visitor survey and route analysis - on the way to a cross-border tourism strategy: M. Hußlein (Bavarian Forest National Park) & P. Bečka (Šumava National Park)

10:00-10:30 Social Carrying Capacity of Protected Areas: J. Schamel (University Würzburg)

10:30-11:00 coffee break

Morning presentation session II moderated by J. Kašpar

11:00-11:30 „European Charter for Sustainable Tourism Strategy: looking for synergies with the TransParcNet": P. Castro (EUROPARC Federation Vice President)

11:30-12:10 Results of the national parks evaluation projects in Germany and Austria from the perspective of visitor management: K. F. Sinner (EUROPARC Germany)

12:10-12:30 Preparation of the evaluation project for the Czech national parks: M. Hošek (Krkonos National Park)

Excursions to Bohemian Switzerland

13:00 Bus leaving for both excursions from Bad Schandau, Elbkai. Lunch package included, coffee break during the excursion.

Option 1: Gorge of the river Kamenice and Elbe Canyon (easy walk, including transport by boat). Excursion guided by H. Härtel (Bohemian Switzerland National Park) and P. Kříž (Czech Agency for Nature Conservation).

Option 2: Pravčická brána (Prebischtor / rock arch) (medium demanding). Excursion guided by J. Šafránek and T. Salov (Bohemian Switzerland National Park)

Both excursions will end in the town Děčín.

19:00 Departure of the steam boat from Děčín to Bad Schandau. Dinner on the boat.

21:00 (app.) Arrival at Bad Schandau



Thursday, 9 June

Morning presentation and workshop session moderated by M. Hošek (Vicepresident, EUROPARC Federation)

09:00-09:30 „IUCN WCPA Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group: Activities and Plans“: M. Vasiljević (Chair, IUCN Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group)

09:30-11:50 Workshops

Workshop I: Visitor Monitoring and Management, led by Prof. A. Arnberger (BOKU Vienna) and M: Hußlein (Bavarian Forest National Park)

Workshop II: Promoting Acceptance, led by S. Stab (Saxon Switzerland National Park Centre)

12:00-12:10 Brief presentation of the results from the workshops

12:30 Lunch in the National Park Centre

Excursion to Saxon Switzerland

14:00 Departure of the bus for the excursion from Bad Schandau, Elbkai. Excursion route: Hohburkersdorfer Rundblick – Hockstein – Bastei. Coffee break during the excursion

19:30 Dinner in the Bastei Hotel

23:00 Return to Bad Schandau

Friday, 10 June

Departure



Excursion descriptions:

Excursions to Bohemian Switzerland on Wednesday, 8 June

Option 1: Kamenice Gorge and Elbe Canyon; guided by H. Härtel and P. Kříž. Easy walk. By bus from Bad Schandau along the Elbe River to Hřensko in Bohemian Switzerland. A walk from the village Mezná into the wild deep Edmunds' Gorge of the Kamenice stream. Rich diversity of morphologic forms and plants, mainly cryptogams related to the microclimate inversion. A core zone of the national parks, however frequently visited by tourists. A traditional boat service in a part of the gorge (since 1890). More at <http://www.en.hrensko.net/> From Hřensko by bus to the spectacular Belvedere Lookout to the deep Canyon of the Elbe River (national nature reserve with large natural forests). Coffee break in the restaurant. More at <http://www.belvederhotel.cz/english/?Photogallery:Nature> The end of the excursion in the town of Děčín. From here by steamboat to Bad Schandau.

Option 2: Pravčická brána (Prebischtor) - the largest sandstone arch in Europe; guided by J. Šafránek and T. Salov. Medium demanding walk. By bus from Bad Schandau along the Elbe River to Hřensko in Bohemian Switzerland. A walk from the village Mezná along the traditional tourist Gabriela path (Gabrielensteig) to the famous Pravčická brána (Prebischtor) sandstone rock arch, the most visited site in the national park. Large variety of morphologic forms (rock pillars, walls etc.), including explanation of weathering forms and processes. From the arch a nice view to the landscape of both, Saxon and Bohemian Switzerland. More at <http://www.pbrana.cz/en/> Coffee break in the old traditional restaurant Sokolí hnízdo under the arch (Falkennest). The end of the excursion in the town of Děčín. From here by steamboat to Bad Schandau.

Excursion to Saxon Switzerland on Thursday, 9 June

Elbe-sandstones born in the sea – landscape of outstanding natural beauty; guided by J. Phoenix and J. Posthoff. Visiting some very picturesque sites in the front part of the Saxon Switzerland National Park and the landscape protected area, well known by tourists for more than 200 years. The excursion is by bus with short walks. First stop is at Hohburkersdorfer Rundblick, a fine viewpoint with an excellent look around over the Elbe-sandstones and neighbouring landscapes. Next point is Hockstein, a viewpoint above the Polenz valley, situated in the core zone of the National Park where we have a good view into one of the oldest nature reserves in Saxony with its characteristic forest zones and an exciting walk through the wolf-gorge (Wolfsschlucht) down to the river Polenz. The excursion ends at the best known "balcony" of Saxony – the Bastei above the Elbe valley, the most visited site in the Elbe-sandstones. Dinner is at restaurant Bastei.