Guidelines for Parks

24 May
European Day of Parks 2018

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Cultural Heritage: It's in our Nature!
1) Call for a joint celebration with the European Year of Cultural Heritage

Cultural Identity is rooted in the connection to the land.

Look at your local traditions, at the stories your landscape tells, at the crafts, literature and art, at the architectonic styles, or even at the food you eat. Cultural Heritage - it's in our Nature.

May this European Day of Parks be an opportunity for our Protected Areas to connect people to their land, bridging natural heritage and cultural identity.

“Through living in it, a landscape becomes part of us, just as we are part of it!”

Ingold, 1993. The Temporality of the Landscape.
2) Ideas to inspire your activities

Guided Tours
Helping visitors understand their cultural heritage and connect to nature!

- Organise storytelling activities in your Park where visitors are invited to travel back in time and discover how people used and created the landscape before.
- Organise night excursions with a local interpreter, introducing visitors to the park's most mysterious creatures and natural phenomena. How did those influence imagination and lead to local myths and tales? Spooky!
- Hold an outdoor theatre performance in your park;
- Create an art-exhibition (outdoors or in your visitor center!)
- Organise guided tours to cultural and historical sites, including thought-provoking interpretation.
- Organise art workshops like: landscape poetry; aquarelle painting; nature photography; create your wooden flute; etc.
- Organise concerts in your Park.

Art & Nature
When your Park is invaded by Art! Engage the local theater association, schools, home for seniors, NGOs, cultural associations to:

- Ask teachers to help create the “Great History of (my place)”
  1) Students ask their grannies, old aunts, family, friends their memories of the land. What were the main economic activities? What were the songs they sang outside? How would they celebrate summer? What was their food?
  2) With their inputs, they create the story of their land and imagine how they want their future to be in form of an art exhibition for your Park!

Gastronomy & Local Products
The European Day of Parks is always a great opportunity to promote local products.

- Engage your local restaurants to offer the traditional dishes with regional delicacies.
- Organise a market with local producers and make sure they bring authentic products!
- Organise guided tours to reveal the edible plants/fungi in your Park and combine it with a workshop or tasting session!

Schools
Finding the hidden stories of your land, through an intergenerational exchange activity!

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In 1999, the EUROPARC Federation launched the first European Day of Parks on 24th of May, celebrating the creation of Europe’s first National Park, established in Sweden, back in 1909.

The European Day of Parks (EDoP) aims at bringing people closer to Nature by offering a diversity of activities and events in Protected Areas across the EUROPARC Network.

The European Day of Parks 2018 addresses people of all ages. Children, youngsters, young adults, families and seniors - everyone can participate in local events organised by Parks and regional authorities.

The main day for events is the 24th, nonetheless, activities can be organised in the weeks around this date.

Join the celebration: organise an activity in your Park

You can download from EUROPARC website communication tools to help you promoting your events! They are available in several languages and include: the logo, the official posters and web banners. If you can’t find them in your language, write us an email to edop@europarc.org.

Don’t forget to register your events!

Registering your activities takes less than 10 minutes and is very important for us! All activities will be available on our interactive map!
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