

Bohemian Paradise Geopark Annual Report

During 2007 the Bohemian Paradise Geopark continued its work to improve the geological heritage conservation, research, promotion, geotourism, popularisation activities.

- In regards to the care of the Ondříkovice karst area, a clean-up took place, resulting in the collection of 4 containers of illegal waste. During the annual Clean-up of the Bohemian Paradise, part of the worldwide campaign “Clean-up the World”, 5 tonnes of waste were collected and disposed of autumn cleaning of Bohemian Paradise. Protections against erosion on Vranovsky edge and in Besednicke rocks, disposal of disallowed waste disposal and cleaning of tourist routing in Maloskalsko, cleaning of Jizera river and cleanup invasive pine-tree in Drabovna. Saving of 8 m long petrified woods from family Dadoxylon from the construction site from Lidl shop in Nova Paka.
- Implementation and opening of 5 new geo-adventure trails.
- Geopark reinforced its role in the development of local tourism and education with the organization of a large number of events and the production of publications (57 publications about geopark of various sizes from leaflets to books have been printed during the year).
- Scientific research in partnership with universities, museum and Czech geological survey.
- We have continued familiarization with the activities of exemplary European geoparks. In March 2007 two mayors and 5 managers of Bohemian Paradise Geopark visited Lesvos. Bohemian Paradise Geopark has become a sought-after destination for introduction of thoughts on the network of European Geoparks, for representatives from the Netherlands, Slovakia and Poland.
- The Bohemian Paradise European Geopark continued in activities of promoting geotourism in Czech and abroad. The Geopark has been presented at tourism fairs abroad (Berlin, London, Madrid, Munich, Utrecht, Poznan, and Warsaw) as well as at tourism fairs in the Czech Republic (Brno, Hradec Králové, Jablonec nad Nisou, Lomnice nad Popelkou, Ostrava, Pardubice, Prague).
- In the frames of the European Geoparks week have been organized guided tours in the parks, exhibitions and different presentation daily. Old Bohemian handcrafts market (about 10,000 visitors, 200 exhibitors).
- Jewels in the Bohemian Paradise’, a two-week international symposium and workshop on bone carving and Jade carving symposium TURNOV 2007 took place.
- The research group VENTS (Volcanic Systems within the Central European Permo-CarboNiferous InTermontane Basins and their BaSement), take place in June in Turnov.
- Day of Bohemian Paradise Geopark UNESCO (20th September) On the European Day of Parks, the opening of the season was celebrated at the information centre of the Bohemian Paradise PLA
- Participation in 3rd congress of Czech Geological Society, National Workshop – Popularization of geology, September 2007 and in International conference in Slovakian-Hungarian Geopark, December 2007, Fil’akovo, Slovakia. 27 temporary exhibitions were organized in Bohemian Paradise Geopark and abroad to. The temporary exhibition “Geopark Bohemian Paradise – a chance for the region”, which introduces the idea and operation of European Geoparks with supporting films and lectures, took place in 23 places in the Geopark. More than 10 000 people visited the exhibition. Temporary exhibition of photographs of petrified woods from the Bohemian Massif in cooperation with Lesvos Petrified Forest European Geopark, Exhibition „Villages of the Bohemian Paradise“, temporary exhibition „Bohemian Garnet“, temporary exhibition “Agates and jaspers.

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