

European Geoparks Week 2008
Report

Name of Geopark: **Cabo de Gata-Níjar Geopark**
Dates of geoparks week: **26/05/2008 to 07/06/2008**
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1. Please give the following information:

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| - number of activities/events held in geoparks week | 7..... |
| - number of press releases announcing geoparks week events | 3..... |
| - number of printed copies for program flyer/brochure/posters | 2000.... |
| - total number of visitors/participants | 460 to several thousands |

2. Describe the Geoparks Week 2008:

The key to understand "2008 European Geopark Week in Cabo de Gata" was a Geopark for everyone.

We offered two exhibitions to the great public. The main one was a photographic exhibition in one of the most important exhibition halls in Almería with almost all EGN members represented. It showed geological features as the volcanic rocks of the Geopark, a travelling exhibition focused on Geodiversity and the European Geopark Network and a collection of sands of the Geopark.

Mr. Clemente García Valera, Environmental Delegate in Almeria from Andalusia's Government and Mr Juan Carlos Usero, Almería's Province President attended the inauguration. The EGN picture exhibition also offered a local gastronomic tasting. This exhibition lasted for three weeks and received the visit of the public of Almeria and school groups.

The second exhibition, named "Cuadros de Tierras" or "Earth paintings" showed how Geology and Art can be intimately linked in a collection of paintings made with crude geological material as rocks, sands and minerals. This exhibition was a total success and many people came to the Geopark's exhibition hall to enjoy it.

Then we aimed at specific groups and social sectors, as for example:

- The second course for touristic interpretation of the Geopark's geology, addressed to geologists, tourist operators, ecologists and friends of the environment in general. Dr. Martín Martín, sedimentologist at the University of Granada, participated in this event.

- Geopark for children. We invited three educational centers within the Geopark to a full visit to our Geotouristical Center, a geology field experience and a story-teller journey.
- Volcanic caldera's cycling route. A low-middle level guided tour through the main calderas of the Geopark and through the actual events that inspired Garcia Lorca's "Bodas de Sangre" drama.
- Laugh-therapy workshop. A funny socio-dinamic activity for the Geoparks's inhabitants.
- Dramatic play "El Alcazar de las Perlas", in the Escullos castle

3. Photos

