

European Geoparks Week 2008
Report

Name of Geopark: **Nature Park Eisenwurzen.....**
Dates of geoparks week: **12th May – 13. June.....**
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1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events held in geoparks week 9
- number of press releases announcing geoparks week events 12.....
- number of printed copies for program flyer/brochure/posters 3000....
- total number of visitors/participants 956.....

2. Describe the Geoparks Week 2008:

The Geoparks Week was very successful. An excursion to the planned Snail Safari and the visitor centre of Hieflau found a large auditorium in the community. In a public opinion poll the inhabitants of the community have ranked this project on the second place of 10, following closely a social project.

As a special event for kids, Katharina has organized the first GeoSpook Night. Phantastic stories about caves and mysterious apparitions and a spooky night-walk provided an unusual approach to geological phenomena.

Assisted by 15 craftspeople, 140 students of the Nature Park School Weißenbach/Enns experienced traditional handicrafts on the historic Gallenstein fortress and applied them by creating own pieces of art. The event was highlighted by the presentation of the creative products by the students themselves. They made an exhibition in St. Gallen.

Professor Dirk von Husen, the foremost specialist in Pleistocene geology in Austria, could be persuaded for a talk on the Great Ice Age in St. Gallen. On the day following the talk he guided a field trip to the extraordinary deposits of the Great Ice in the Geopark area. Both events were assisted by a large number of participants.

In the Water adventure Park of Sankt Gallen, a 10x10 m geological model showing the water cycle was inaugurated at a Nature Park fête by a large auditorium with much political prominence. Beginning with a realistic thunderstorm, visitors can follow the path of water from springs over streams and rivers to the sea. They can walk on the surface, add sand to show the sediment transport and operate barrages to prevent inundations after heavy rainfalls. The model was immediately taken over by the children and is since this time a great success.

(e.g.: program addressed to special target groups, highlight particular events, prominent people participating in events, etc. etc.
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3. Photos:

