

European Geoparks Week 2008  
Report

Name of Geopark: **Vulkaneifel European Geopark**

Dates of geoparks week: **25. Mai.to 08. June 2008**

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Special motto of geoparks week: **“Terramaargica - adventure days Vulkaneifel“**

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events held in geoparks week	50
- number of press releases announcing geoparks week events	110
- number of printed copies for program flyer/brochure/posters	13.000
- total number of visitors/participants	6.000

2. Describe the Geoparks Week 2008:

The European Geoparks Week presented under the headline „Terramaargica – adventure days Vulkaneifel“ a large number of activities for different target groups. Indeed, the aim of the „Terramaargica“ was to address the broad public audience. Many co-operation partners contributed to the program that offered scientific and educational events as well as combinations of geology with others aspects of literature, sports, handicrafts and delicacies. The „Terramaargica“ was accompanied by intensive public relation activities that introduce and continuously report on the events in press media and radio. A special program brochure was printed and a own website was released: [www.terramaargica.de](http://www.terramaargica.de).

The adventure days started with the soiree „Dance on the volcano“ which was moderated by the famous science entertainer Jean Pütz. The evening presented a combination of Flamenco-dancing and a amusing reportage on a „A day in the life of a volcanologist“ by Prof. H.U. Schmincke. 300 guests attended the evening among them the former german minister of economics Dr. Hans Friderichs who took the patronage for the „Terramaargica 2008“ and representatives of the regional administrations, parties and other notabilities. Excursions, special childrens acitivities, authors readings, handicraft workhops were part of the program. To mention is the co-operation with the cinema in the town of Daun that prepared and presented a special terramaargica-cinema program for pupils during the geoparks week. The „Volcano market“ in the village of Strohn and the „Day of open quarry“ in a dolomite quarry near Gerolstein attracted masses of people. A big audience attended the inauguration of the recovered maar lake of Eichholz maar. A special scientific part of the program was given by Prof. J.F.W. Negendank who gave talks on „Maar lake sediments – archives of climate change“ and conducted students excursions in Vulkaneifel and the nearby Mosel valley.

A remarkable cultural event was the contribution of the co-operation parnter Lions-Club Daun who organised a high-class piano concert. Master-player Prof. Ute Prugmüller played piano-improvisations on Vulkaneifel photographs.

Another co-operation with the mineral water company „Dauner Sprudel“ provided an exhibition on mineral water and as a very special degust-event the new created „Vulkaneifel-mineral water-cocktails“ were served at the finissage of the Terramaargica 2008.

### 3. Photos:



Students excursion to tephra-wall at Ulmen maar