



EUROPEAN GEOPARKS WEEK 2007

Nature Park Eisenwurzen – European and Global Geopark - Austria

ACTIVITIES	
	Pottery Workshop including firing for youngsters The great rockslide of Wildalpen – field trip Butterfly watching in the Spitzenbach Gorge – field trip
PRESENTATIONS	
	A Journey through Europe - Magnificent landscapes across Europe – the European Geoparks Butterfly watching in the Spitzenbach Gorge - presentation
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS	
	Geo-Detectives: GeoLine Special - Week special programme for schools Workshop GEO-BOX - a small exhibition on geology
CELEBRATIONS	
	Pottery Workshop including firing for youngsters - celebration

PROGRAMME

Day 28 – 29 April, 19 - 20 May, 2007

Subject **Pottery Workshop including firing for youngsters**

This will be pottery making off the beaten track! We will first collect the clay and transform it afterwards into beautiful objects. After 2 weeks of drying we will experience the first outdoor firing in the region! On 19 May we will guard the fire for the whole day, enjoy ourselves and roast sausages. On next day, we will remove our objects from the fire place and clean them. At bad weather, the outdoor firing will be postponed to 26 – 27 May

Course leader: Friederike Thum, Rainbow Programme, Cultural Circle Gallenstein

Location: St. Gallen

time	28 – 29 April, 1.00 – 5.00 p.m., 19 May, 11.00 a.m., 20 May, 11.00 a.m
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Day 21 – 25 May, 2007

Subject **Geo-Detectives: GeoLine Special**

This is the Geoparks Week special programme for schools. Join us in an adventurous search for traces of the past on the GeoTrail in Gams bei Hieflau. After the opening of a new plank bridge through the spectacular Noth gorge and a stone-ball mill the trail has become still more attractive. Geo-Detectives Special will offer a rich programme in the GeoWorkshop.

Course leaders: Erika Riegler and Katharina Weiskopf

Location: GeoCentre, Gams

time	Half-day courses at 8.30 -12.30 a.m. and 1.00 – 5.00 p.m.
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Day 1 June, 2007

Subject *The great rockslide of Wildalpen*

An rockslide of gigantic dimensions was shaking the area around Wildalpen in the late summer, some 5900 – 5700 years ago. We offer a field trip to the newly recognized site.

Leader: Univ. Prof. Dr. Dirk van Husen

Meeting-place: Wasserleitungsmuseum Wildalpen

time 2 – 6 p.m.

Day 3 June, 2007

Subject *A Journey through Europe*

Reinhard Mitterbäck and Heinz Kollmann will take you on a journey to European Geoparks. Magnificent landscapes across Europe from Ireland over Scotland, France, the Czech Republic, Romania to Greece invite us to stay.

Presentation: Reinhard Mitterbäck and Heinz Kollmann

Location: Gasthof Hensle, St. Gallen

time 7.00 p.m.

Day 4 – 5 June, 2007

Subject *Workshop GEO-BOX*

What can we expect from an exhibition? Which informations are needed and how can we present them? Together, we will prepare a small exhibition on geology. Workshop or Secondary Schools and lower grades of Highschools.

Course leaders: Heinz Kollmann and Katharina Weiskopf

Location: St. Gallen

time 8 a.m – 3.30 p.m

Day 9 June, 2007

Subject *Butterfly watching in the Spitzenbach Gorge*

Together with the renowned experts Herbert Kerschbaumsteiner and Gerhard Stimpfl we will explore the "Butterfly Valley" of the Nature Park. We begin in the afternoon by watching diurnal butterflies and setting up light traps. From 6 – 9 p.m., a slide show will demonstrate the natural beauties of the Spitzenbach gorge. Literally the highlight will be the observation of moths in light traps after 10 p.m. (only at suitable weather conditions !)

Leaders: Herbert Kerschbaumsteiner and Gerhard Stimpfl

Meeting point: Gasthof Hensle, St. Gallen

time 4 p.m. – 12 p.m.