

European Geoparks Week 2008
Report

Name of Geopark: **Lochaber**
Dates of geoparks week: **25th May – 8th June..**
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1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events held in geoparks week14.....
- number of press releases announcing geoparks week events4.....
- number of printed copies for program flyer/posters200 /12.....
- total number of visitors/participants?.....

2. Describe the Geoparks Week 2008:

European Geopark Week in Lochaber varied from children's events in the local museum, known as 'Rock Detectives', exhibitions of the work of early geological surveyors in the West Highlands, to Land rover Safaris through the wild and rugged countryside of Glencoe.

However, the majority of events were based around walks along routes that could show the participants the landscape. The walks went to viewpoints that would allow the geological features to be pointed out and permit the explanation of the forces that created the land to be explained.

The weather was particularly wonderful as can be seen on the attached photographs which show an enthusiastic group looking at fossil ammonites, shark teeth and belemnites together with ring dykes and igneous intrusions along the coast on the Ardnamurchan peninsula in the western end of Lochaber Geopark.

The dates of the event were such that it was possible to combine the European Geopark Week events with those of the Scottish Biodiversity Week. This meant that one of the first events had both a Geologist together with a Biologist leading the same walk, so that it was possible to give the same walk with twice the value!

Lochaber Geopark would particularly like to thank the Highland Council Ranger service and the National Trust for Scotland for the work that they did in making this a great week for those that attended.

3. Photos:

