



European Geoparks Week in Bakony–Balaton Geopark Hungary 2013

The European Geoparks Week is a European-wide festival of 54 Geoparks in 19 countries aimed at raising public awareness of geoconservation and promotion of the geological heritage as well as events aimed at informing the wide public about geotouristic and educational activities in geoparks. Events are varied and include public talks, activity days for schools, guided walks, exhibitions, workshops, etc. While these activities may be common geopark activities, for this one week the activities are coordinated and promoted during the same days across the whole European Network. It provides the European Geoparks Network with the opportunity to demonstrate to their communities that they are part of a wider European Network which is promoting that the sustainable use of our geological heritage can bring the economic benefit for local people. Bakony–Balaton European Geopark joined to the initiative with numerous events between 18 May and 2 June in 2013.

Papuk Geopark in the Lavender House Visitor Centre 18-19 May, Tihany

Among the members of the European Geoparks Network, this year the Croatian Papuk Geopark's experts introduce their Geopark in the Lavender House Visitor Centre in Tihany on 18 and 19 May (Saturday and Sunday) 2013. The event also joined to the Balaton 7 Festival. Papuk Geopark is situated a little bit further



away than 200 km from Bakony–Balaton Geopark. During these two days we can get closer to Papuk with the help of illustrative information materials, local products that can be tasted and a short film made by local students about the Geopark. The free event takes place in the Lavender House Visitor Centre, the Eastern Gate of the Bakony–Balaton Geopark. The permanent exhibition of the Lavender House can be visited on these days as well by paying the entrance ticket. The visitor centre's shop offers the local products of Bakony–Balaton Geopark, perhaps the most unique of them being the lavender products, from lavender jelly to lavender vinegar.

Date: 18 May 2013: between 10 am – 5 pm, 19 May 2013: between 10 am – 2 pm

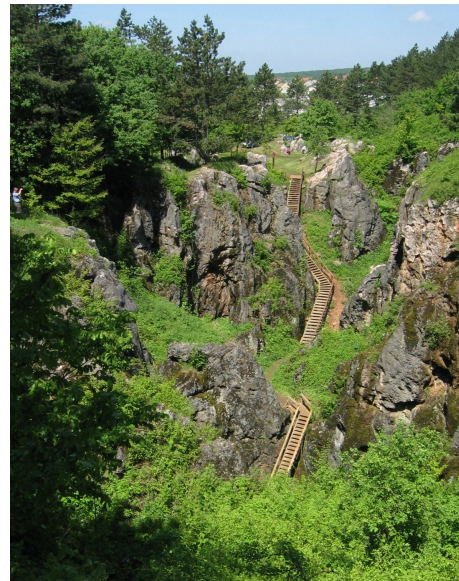
Location: Lavender House Visitor Centre, Eastern gate of the Bakony–Balaton Geopark, Tihany, Major u. 67.

Free event, the exhibition of the [Lavender House Visitor Centre](#) can be visited by paying the entrance fee on these days as well.

Previous booking: not needed

**Úrkút Palaeocarst Nature Conservation Area, the
"Geological site of Bakony–Balaton Geopark in 2013"
25 May, Úrkút**

The "**Three heads are better than one**" geological and botanical guided hiking tour will introduce the protected palaeocarst and its environment from many points of view. The speciality of this programme is that during the tour three expert guides will talk about the area from different perspectives. Mr Tamás Vigh, mining engineer of Mangán Ltd. will share his deep knowledge of the mining history of the nature conservation area and another interesting site near Úrkút village. Via his guiding, the programme is linked to the European Minerals Days as well.



Mr András Mészáros, ranger of the Balaton-felvidéki National Park, will tell the participants how nature have regained the once quarried areas. The three sinkholes during the tour will be introduced by the geotour guide, Julianna Sárdy, who works for the Bakony–Balaton Geopark Group of the Balaton-felvidéki National Park Directorate.

Date: 9.30 am 25 May 2013

Meeting place: Úrkút, parking place in front of Rákóczi street 45.

Itinerary: Manganese sludge deposits - fen - Macskalik sinkhole - Tönkölyös sinkhole - old railway - Úrkút Palaeocarst Nature Conservation Area

Expected duration: cca. 4 hours

Free event.

Booking in advance: if you do not speak Hungarian, please let us know until 22th May if you wish to join the tour.

Useful information:

Please wear suitable clothes and shoes for an outdoor hiking tour, sandwiches and 1 liter drink.



Opening of the "Cultural Heritage of the Bakony–Balaton Geopark" Photo Exhibition and the Exhibition of Local Minerals

25 May, Úrkút Community Centre

After the guided tour you are invited to the opening of the photo exhibition "Cultural Heritage of the Bakony–Balaton Geopark" and the exhibition of local minerals.

Date: 2-5 pm 25 May

Location: Úrkút, Community Centre, Rákóczi u. 43.

Free event.

Language of event: Hungarian

Booking in advance: not needed.

Flint Geotour to Lóczy Cave and Koloska Valley 26 May, Balatonfüred

Date: 9.00 am 26 May 2013

Meeting place: Balatonfüred, end of Öreghegyi street, entrance of [Lóczy Cave](#)

Itinerary: Lóczy Cave – Koloska Valley – Lóczy Cave

Length: 6-7 km

Expected duration: cca. 5 hours

Free geotour, entrance fee to visit Lóczy Cave to be paid:

500 Ft/adult, 400 Ft/pensioner, student, pedagogue,
300 Ft/3-14 years old child.

Language of guided tour: Hungarian

Booking in advance: needed until 25 May 4 pm

Geotour-guide: Julianna Sárdy, Officer of Bakony–Balaton Geopark Group

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Useful information:

Please wear suitable clothes and shoes for an outdoor hiking tour, sandwiches and 1 liter drink.



Geoeducational program for schoolgroups 30 May, Balatonarács



Students of the geopark can participate in a geoeducational programme on the "edge" of the Permian and Triassic geological eras. The schoolgroups will have the opportunity to meet the geological diversity of Bakony–Balaton Geopark with the help of samples of rocks. Via geo-games they will also learn about how these rocks were developed. Part of the "outdoor geography lesson" is a quiz and a guided geotour to Lóczy Cave and Koloska Valley.

Date: 9.00 am 30 May 2013 **Meeting place:** railway station, Balatonarács

Itinerary: Permian–Triassic outcrop at the border of Balatonarács – Lóczy Cave – Koloska Valley – Balatonarács. **Length:** 10 km **Expected duration:** cca. 5 hours

Booking in advance: needed until 29 May 2013, 4 pm.

Free event, entrance fee to visit Lóczy Cave to be paid: 500 Ft/adult, 400 Ft/pensioner, student, pedagogue, 300 Ft/3-14 years old child.

Language of guided tour: Hungarian

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