

European Geoparks Week 2013

Report

Name of Geopark: **Katla Geopark**

Dates of geoparks week: 22nd to 28th of April

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Special motto of geoparks week: The fire clerk Jón Steingrímsson and Geopark challenges

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during geoparks week 14 (some lasted for few days, like thematic week, exhibition etc)
- number of press releases announcing geoparks week events 6
- number of printed copies for program flyer/brochure/posters 1000 flyers
- number of printed articles on EGN week activities 2
- total number of visitors/participants 200 + students

2. Highlight most successful activities of your Geoparks Week 2013:

Three Geopark challenges were organised and a good participation was in a hike up the Eyjafjallajökull glacier and a few took part in a run around the geosite Hjørleifshöfði. The weather was not ideal so the third challenge was cancelled. Connected to the run we opened a new site at Hjørleifshöfði. A concert with the band "Moses Hightower" was held in an old cowhouse and that event was really popular. One of the band members is from the Katla Geopark area. The author Ófeigur Sigurðsson gave a talk about his book "A Novel of Jon" in Kirkjubæjarklaustur and Vík, it was interesting and a fine participation. The rescue unit Dagrenning in Hvolsvöllur invited guests to join them for a glacier walk on Sólheimajökull (glacier) and there was a good participation. Every year there is a thematic week in the primary schools which is good to create better awareness of the area.