

European Geoparks Week in Muskau Arch Geopark Germany-Poland 2015

Dates of geoparks week: 18th to 22nd May

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Category	Date	Activity/Event
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1. Geo & Geo	freely available	<i>Lignite, glass and bog iron ore</i> A guided tour surrounding the Felix lake, an old lignite mine, to discover the genesis of Muskau Arch and its raw materials. Bog iron ore, lignite, glass sand and clay as well as its processing will be focused on. Sagas and legends of Lutkis, sorbish dwarfs, accompany the field trip participants.
	freely available	<i>“Stone-rich” Germany</i> An organized guided tour by bicycle through the Geopark Muskau Arch. On the itinerary are stops on a „stone-rich“ field full with erratic blocks, and in many places with stone relics and typical witnesses, which tells from the cultural history of stone using.
	freely available	<i>Mining in Muskau Arch</i> A guided tour through the old mine Hermann near Weißwasser/O.L. However, the present state of this amazing and impressing lake landscape makes it hard to imagine, that here - only 70 years before – hard working men, puffing coal railways, dark shafts and deep mines were the order of the day.
	freely available	<i>Open house day at the GeoEvent-Center in Döbern</i> At the open door day there is always something new to discover for visitors and locals alive. Lectures, guidances and presentations of new products deal with the topics geology, nature, raw material and local history. The <i>GeoStrolche</i> (a kids project in our Geopark named <i>GeoScallywags</i>) show what they have created in the last months.
2. Geo & Culture/Music/Literature/Arts	freely available	<i>Sand painting</i> The children exercise the art to create pictures with sand. First of all, the sand will be coloured by different auxiliary materials. Nature materials like lignite, finely ground yellow and red bricks and other are employed. Incidentally, the children learn the

	freely available	<p>ever ongoing cycle of stones in nature.</p> <p><i>Glass and Glitter</i> The children get to know the material glass. A small exkursus through the history of glassmaking from the past to the future will be crowned by a personally experiment. Each child can process a work piece and take it home as a souvenir. In cooperation with the long-standing glass cutting Hedwigshütte Döbern.</p>
3. Geo & Education	freely available	<p><i>Making fossil imprints</i> Fossils are silent witness of times long past, and small and big are fascinated both by the mysticism of times, lagging behind even some millions of years, and secondly by their variety of forms. Children can make their own “fossil imprint” with mussels and take it home as a souvenir. There they can paint it by theirselves.</p>
	19 th May	<p><i>Wolves with us</i> Lectures on the subject wolf, the animal newcomer in our region. For more than twenty years, wolves live among us. They are often met with scepticism. We would like to educate and inform about with a proven expert.</p>
	freely available	<p><i>Treasures in Geopark</i> A GPS-guided treasure seeking tour on the geology path. In search of geocaches the visitors will discover the geology, the genesis and the mining history of the Muskau Arch very easily in a playful way.</p>