

## European Geoparks Week in Katla UNESCO Global Geopark ICELAND 2017

Dates of geoparks week: **18th to 25th April 2017**

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Category	Date	Activity / Event
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<b>1. Geo &amp; Geo</b>	24.04	Hjörleifshöfðahlaupið, the annual run around the “island in the sand” geosite Hjörleifshöfði. Free traditional lamb soup and swim in the pool at Vík for participants.
	25.04	Free hike with the hiking group “Vesen og Vergangur”, inauguration of the Wapp - walking-app rout in Katla Geopark.  (Inauguration of the opening of Midgard Hostel, Hvolsvöllur.)
<b>2. Geo &amp; Culture/Music/Literature/Arts</b>	23.04	Hike to Paradise cave geosite, in connection to heritage linked craft of wedding rings connected to the true love saga behind the cave. Work-meeting at Skógar Heritage museum for further public elaboration on the project/concept.
	?	(Geo-foodtrail in Skaftárhreppur municipality)
<b>3. Geo &amp; Education</b>	18.-20.04.	Signing of contracts for the cooperation between the three primary schools and Katla UNESCO Global Geopark. – The formal inauguration of Geo-schools of Katla Geopark. Hvolsskóli. Víkurskóli. Kirkjubæjarskóli. (Katla hands out: Flags for UNESCO Schools to use, map of the territory, certificate of the new status).
	?	Public get-together. Dissemination of the final results of GeoEducation project.
	??	The inauguration of the Day of the Whimbrel. First inauguration of the whimbrel returning to the worlds densest breeding grounds, on the plains of glacial river Markarfljót. A special flag will be made for the occasion, and the event is in collaboration of Katla Geopark, Hvolsskóli primary school, Fræðasetur Háskóla Íslands (Local University Research centre) and Fuglavernd (Society of the protection of birds). Use of the info already made public: <a href="http://www.krakkaruv.is/faersla/spoinn-flygur-i-fimm-daga?page=1">http://www.krakkaruv.is/faersla/spoinn-flygur-i-fimm-daga?page=1</a>
<b>4. Geo &amp; EGN/GGN</b>	18.-25.04	<b>Year of Sustainable tourism</b> – Hikes and geoeducation, Glacierhikes and geoeducation on globalwarming, Paragliding for a green experience and new perspective.