

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Fforest Fawr UNESCO GLOBAL Geopark (European Geoparks Network)

Year of inscription: 2005

Year of the last revalidation: 2016

Representative photo with caption (from the most important event this year)



A bronze relief model of the Geopark landscape installed in 2020 forms a focus of the new Geopark Discovery Point at Craig-y-nos Country Park

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staff: 7 including 2 geoscientists

Number of Visitors: approximately 3 million (in a normal year – no figures for 2020)

Number of Geopark events: 15 (almost all online talks, including an “e-tour of the Cribarth” and the “River Usk – from source to Sea”)

Number of school classes attending Geopark educational programmes: The Geopark’s educational programmes could not be delivered due to the Covid-19 crisis.

Number of Geopark press releases: 0

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2020

- November 2020: completion of Atlantic Geoparks Interreg Project

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Member of the European Geoparks Advisory Committee
- Participation in the First and Second European Geoparks Digital Forum Meetings, 5 June and 15 September 2020.

- Participation in the First UNESCO Global Geoparks Digital Meeting 17 and 18 November 2020.
- Publication Editor European Geoparks Magazine, Issue 17.
- Edited European Geoparks Newsletter 16, 17 and 18 and contributed articles in issues 16 and 17.
- Partner in Interreg Atlantic Area Project: Atlantic Geoparks. Promoting Geotourism across the Atlantic Area and led to the creation of a Geopark Management Toolkit.
- Contributing to the Geopark Harz-Braunschweiger -Land -Ostfalen “Explorer Stele Project”, involved translating and narrating historical texts, in English about the impact of mining and smelting on the Harz Forest.

Management and Financial Status

- Fforest Fawr Geopark is managed by members of its partnership organizations including: the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority; the British Geological Survey; Natural Resources Wales; Dyfed Archaeological Trust; the Brecon Beacons Park Society; Cardiff and Swansea universities and local businesses and tourism providers.
- The Geopark continues to be funded by the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority.

Geoconservation

- The Geopark is actively involved with SEWRIGS (South East Wales Regionally Important Geodiversity Sites).

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Fforest Fawr Geopark continues to support tourism businesses in and around the Geopark with training and advice and dissemination of trail literature
- Partner in Interreg Atlantic Area Project: Atlantic Geoparks
- Partner in the Geopark Harz-Braunschweiger -Land -Ostfalen “Explorer Stele Project”

New education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction. No new programmes in 2020.

Strategic partnership

- British Geological Survey, Cardiff University, Swansea University, University of South Wales

Promotional activities

- Further developing Instagram and Facebook pages @fforestfawrgeopark,

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