

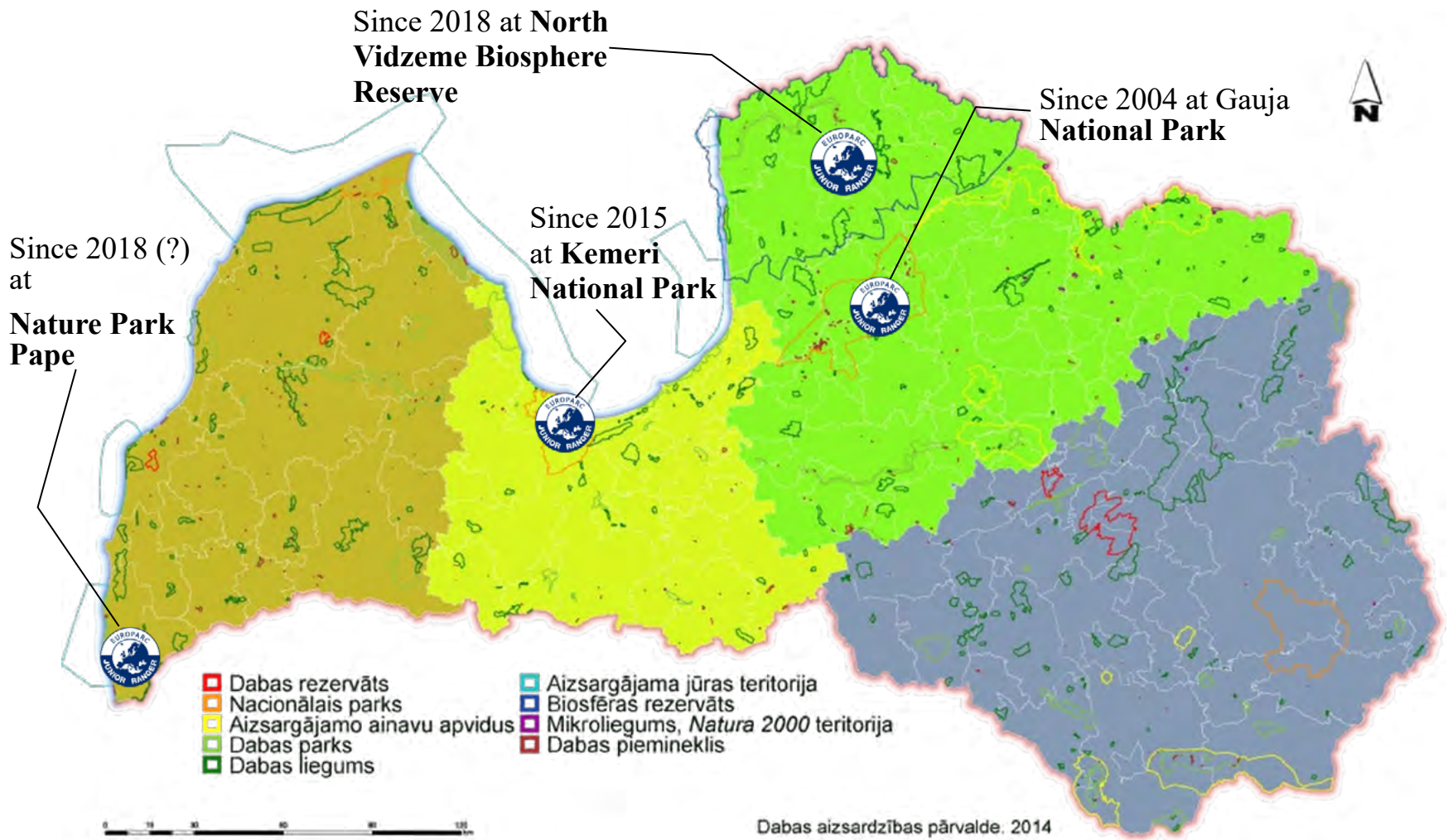


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EUROPARC Junior Ranger Program in Latvia: development and trends

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Junior Ranger Program in Latvia





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The model of the program

8-15 participants per meeting

8-10 meetings per year

- 1-2 days meeting during the school season (2-day meeting in the autumn & spring holidays)
- 2-3 days meeting during the summer holiday

2-4 meetings together with other junior ranger groups

Participation in international camp (winter, summer holidays)

No common topics

Non-regularity

Involvement of participants

- Voluntary principles (not many interested ☹)
- Information at schools (National Park territory)
- Word-of-mouth advertisement (schoolmates, classmates, friends)
- Facebook (parents)
- Public events (personal communication)
- Parent network





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Funding

- **Nature Conservation Agency** – main organizer, provides accommodation, lecturers, transport
- **NP NGOs** – transport, project support, lectures etc.
- If possible, **project money**
- **Municipalities**
- If necessary, participants pay for food- 3-5 EUR/event



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Activities of the program: Discovering and enjoying the nature





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Exploring in scientific level



Exploring cultural heritage





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Working for nature





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Supporting educational activities/public events

- Leading creative workshops
- Working on participants' registration
- Explaining the games etc.





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Adding the value for the park in other ways

Gaujas Nacionālā parka Jaunie Reindžeri
@GNPJaunieReindzeri

Sākums
Atsauksmes
Par lapu

Patik Tu seko Dalies

Uzzini vairāk Sūtīt ziņu

erakstiet kaut ko šajā Lapā...

mes
Nacionālā parka Jaunie Reindžeri has no reviews yet.
Tavs vērtējums ★★★★★
Apskatīt visus

Kopiena
Skatīt visus

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Skatīt visus

- Uzaicini savus draugus atzīmēt "patik" šai Lapai
- 26 cilvēkiem šis patik
- 29 cilvēki seko šim
- Dace Vītola and 1 other like this

Par Skatīt visu





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Promoting junior ranger movement/nature conservation





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Camping





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Always included: nonformal and fun activities

- Icebreakers
- Team works
- Night orienteering
- Boating
- Swimming
- Cycling
- Quizzes
- Games
- Etc.



Always included: nonformal and fun activities





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International perspective



Success example

- Project «**Junior Rangers in specially protected nature areas – awakening nature awareness**»
- Money – Administration of Latvian Environmental Protection Fund
- Managed by Kemeri National Park Foundation

- 4 events in 4 different nature areas
- Including:
 - Knowledges about nature values in the territory the event is held
 - Working for nature
 - Interactive lessons held by field experts
 - Non-formal education methods (games, orienteering, hiking, boating, cycling etc.)
 - Cultural heritage





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Success example

Nature reserve «Lubans Wetland complex»: wetlands nature trail



North Vidzeme Biosphere Reserve: habitat of sand tod



Gauja National park: improving the living conditions of rattle grasshopper (*Psophus stridulus*)



Kemeru National park: restoration of historical stone site





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Success example



Results of the project:

- **70 participants** in total
- Each event – 25-35 participants
- **11 KNP & 13 GNP** Junior rangers in all 4 events
- New junior ranger experience for **46 youngsters** (12-16 years old)
- New junior ranger group at **North Vidzeme Biosphere Reserve**
- Activities also held in the **nature reserve «Lubans Wetland complex»** (NGO)
- Some new participants joined existing JR groups

Junior Ranger contribution

- Careful attitude to the nature
- Promotion Nature conservation ideas among young people, family.
- Junior Rangers - energy distributors
- Participation in joint work and CLEEN ups
- Support in educational activities - public events

Junior Ranger benefits

- Positive attitude to nature
- The initiative for further professions / study
- Education in the field of nature and local history
- Improving communication, cooperation skills
- Skills in team work
- Opportunities to participate in the camps
- Tourism skills - maps, ropes, tents.
- Boating skills
- Work experience
- Friendship



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Junior Ranger in the future



- Our colleagues
- Clever landowners
- Leaders of society
- Heads or managers
- Decision-makers
- Politicians
- Businessman
- Supporters



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BUT... There is need for experience exchange. How?

1. How to engage more Junior Rangers?
2. How to market JR-program both to youngsters and their parents?
3. How to work with (ex-)Junior Rangers who are over 18 years old?.
4. How to open youth initiative?



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