

# Nature without Barriers



This is the name of our project.  
This is also what our logo says.  
Our project works together with nature parks.  
You can learn a lot in nature parks.

## In nature parks there are:

- Nature trails with signs.
- Guided tours with experts.
- Exhibitions.
- Adventure days.

## These should be accessible to all people:

- Young and old people.
- Blind and deaf people.
- Pedestrians and wheelchair users.
- People with learning difficulties.

## We are doing a project for this.

## In our project we are looking at:

How to make nature parks accessible to everyone?  
How workers in nature parks can help everyone  
experience nature? You can read more about  
our project at: [www.nature-without-barriers.eu](http://www.nature-without-barriers.eu)

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Pool frog.



A guide explains an animal model  
in sign language.



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Tactile signs help blind and visually impaired people to navigate in the educational center 'House of the Forest' in Stuttgart, Germany.



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Lake Balaton in Hungary is one of the project areas of "Nature without Barriers".

## Assuring the Access to Nature Education and Nature Experience for Impaired People

The European project "Lakes without Limits: Assuring the access to nature education and nature experience for impaired people" aims to make nature an experience available for everyone. For almost 80 million people in Europe, everyday life is associated with a wide variety of barriers. Access to nature is often difficult for people with disabilities.

### Barrier-Free

Ramps instead of steps are not enough to make an area barrier-free. Accessibility means that services are readily available to everyone without outside help. Ramps, but also sign language, Braille boards, and audible information contribute to this.

### Our Project

We need more barrier-free access so that everyone can experience nature. Our project develops guidelines for barrier free modification of nature trails and educational centers. It provides good examples from four European countries: Poland, Hungary, Austria, and Germany. With this project, we want to promote the inclusion of people with disabilities in the EU and inspire all Europeans for nature.

The project is intended to help environmental educators to identify opportunities for more accessibility and inclusion in their offers. The guidelines give ideas and support in the offer design.

### We want to answer two important questions with this project:

1. How to improve the range of guided tours for people with disabilities?
2. How to prepare and/or change educational nature trails so people with disabilities can use them independently?

### Offers for Nature Educators

Within the framework of the project we develop:

- Guidelines for adapting nature tours to the needs of disabled people
- Practical suggestions for redesigning nature trails for barrier-free independent use
- Model description for a barrier-free reconstruction of nature trails:  
elimination of physical and communication barriers
- Methodology handbooks for the work with the four target groups:  
mobility, hearing, sight and cognitive limitations
- Explanatory webinars for a targeted use of developed materials

We have compiled all information for your free use on the Internet. You will find the guidelines and other helpful information like videos in sign language, audio guides, examples of overview maps for blind and visually impaired people and information in easy language at [www.nature-without-barriers.eu](http://www.nature-without-barriers.eu).

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