Ecotourism management in the Balaton Uplands National Park
National Park Directorate and Protected Areas in Hungary
Basic activities of Hungarian National Park Directorates

- Nature conservation property management
- Guarding/protection of natural, cultural and historic values, protection of landscape
- Preparation of nature conservation, management plans
- Research on nature conservation, biodiversity monitoring
- Education, forming of consciousness, ecotourism
Operational Area of the Balaton National Park Directorate with the Protected Areas

Operational area: 1,004,664 ha

National Park: 57,019 ha
Balaton-Uplands National Park
Tihany Peninsula

Tihany Peninsula, the first Protected Landscape Area in Hungary (1952)
European Diploma: 1645 ha
Pécsely Basin

- Cultural landscape
- Karstic formation
Káli Basin

Protection of natural, landscape and cultural-historic values
Tapolca Basin
Keszthely Hills

- Bedrock is dolomit
- Forested area
- Diverse in geological features
Kis-Balaton

Designated Ramsar site: 14.745
Introducing Natural and Cultural Values

- Demonstration sites
- Nature trails
- Guided tours
- Events
- Fairs
- Presentations
- Publications
- Internet
Interpreting Natural and Cultural Values

Demonstration sites

• Differ in theme and location
• Operated by entrepreneurs
• Opening times mostly from May till September
• Gift shop
• Entrance fee:
  child (4-14 years)
  adult
discounted (full-time student, pedagogue, pensioner)
The world of caves
Balatonfüred, 
Lóczy Cave

- 40 m long section open to visitor
- Limestone layers
Cave Lake of Tapolca

formed in Sarmatian limestone, 3.5 km long; protected since 1942
Adventure tours in Csodabogyós Cave: an underground success story

Telephone: 30/306-6050 és 30/237-3759
E-mail: tura@csodabogyos.hu
World of rocks
Hegyestű Geological Demo Site
World of traditional domestic animals
Salföld, Manor
Buffalo Reserve
World of cultural values
Folklore House around Kis-Balaton
Old fisherman’s hut in Kis-Balaton
Interpreting Natural and Cultural Values

- Nature trails
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- **Guided tours**
- **360 guided groups**

**Location**

**Operation**

**Seasons**

**Fee**
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Green Days
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• Fairs
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Presentations
Internet

• www.bfnpi.hu
Publications and Products
Services of the National Park

• Guided excursions
  • Birdwatching
• Nature photography
• Guided boat trips
  • Bike renting
• Accommodation
• Green-Point Office
Let's discover the Kis-Balaton

- guided excursions
- boating
- guided birdwatching and nature photography
- buffalo reserve in Kápolnapuszta
- nature-trail on the Kányavári Island
- country exhibition house in Vörs

Further information: tel.: 06-30-664-0404
E-mail: bfnp@bfnp.kvvm.hu

Information about other regions:
http://bfnp.nemzetipark.gov.hu

Balaton Uplands National Park

We suggest you visiting the Kis-Balaton House of the Transdanubian Directorate of Environmental and Water Conservancy in Zalavár
Bird-watching
Guided boat trip at Kis-Balaton
Accommodation
Pansion Villa Park
Statistics
Visitors of the Demonstration Sites

Number of visitors

1998: 65,000
1999: 100,786
2000: 104,963
2001: 118,750
2002: 122,230
2003: 125,540
2004: 152,045
2005: 251,676
2006: 268,180
2007: 304,999

Years: 98 99 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07
Environmental education, forming of consciousness

summer camps
Open-air school
Future
Demonstration sites as visitor centres

Two future visitor centres

Bakony–Balaton Geopark centre at Hegyestű (present geological demo site)

Lavender House in Tihany Peninsula, with a geopark exhibition and geo-information point
Bakony–Balaton Geopark centre
Lavender House, Tihany Peninsula
Thank you for your attention!