

JANUARY

Special Winter Tour in the Aggtelek Karst I: Environmental Education Programme (for schools)

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 28, 2014. 09:30 am

Location: Szögliget, Salamander House

Tickets: 250 huf/person

More Info: Manor House Environmental Education Centre - tel: 48/350-056,
www.kuriaoktatokozpont.hu

The Aggtelek Karst shows different faces in different seasons. When snow blankets the hillsides, or if fog sits in the valleys, the mountainous environment is palpable. The tour includes the heights of Szád Castle. From the lofty castle ruins you get a real sense of the topography and landscape. If ice and snow happen to prevent the tour from taking this route, your guide will bring you on an alternative path to the hucul horse pasture, giving you a taste tracking in the wintery karst forests.

FEBRUARY

Special Winter Tour in the Aggtelek Karst II.: Springs (for families)

Date: Saturday, February 1, 2014.

Meeting Time: 9:30 am

Departure Time: 10:00 am

Meeting Point: Jósvalfő, Manor House Environmental Education Centre

Tickets: 500 huf/family

More Info: Tourinform, Aggtelek, tel: 48/503-000, www.anp.hu

The Aggtelek National Park (and Slovak Karst) World Heritage Site's karst surface is also marked by the workings of underground springs. The resulting subterranean steams are a constant 10° C, even when they reach the surface. As a result, these surface waters do not freeze. Four of these streams (Kecső, Jósval, Small and Big Tohonya) converge in the scenic village of Jósvalfő. Take a tour around the historic village, the valley it rests in, and the streams and springs that have defined this unique karst landscape.

February 6: Special Winter Tour in the Aggtelek Karst III: Environmental Education Programme (for schools)

Date and Time: Thursday, February 6 at 9:30 am

Location: Jósvalfő, Manor House Environmental Education Centre

Tickets: 250 huf/person

More Info: Manor House Environmental Education Centre, tel: 48/350-056,
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Check the vital signs of in the winter forest! Read clues in snow and mud that show us life in the karst during this harsh season. Many people think hiking is only a summer activity, but that only lets us have a peak at one of many of nature's faces. Lace up your boots with us on February 6 and share a glorious day in nature without the distraction of the autumn leaves, blooming flowers or bird song! Discover the stark and beautiful winter landscape of surface karst formations, trees and wildlife.

February 18: Ranger Day

Learn about all the different exciting aspects of being a national park ranger.

Location: Jósvalfő, Manor House Environmental Education Centre

Time: 09.00

Tickets: Free Entry

Advanced Booking is necessary. Deadline is February 14.

More Info: Manor House Environmental Education Centre, tel: 48/350-056,
www.kuriaoktatokozpont.hu, anp.oktatas@index.hu

February 22: Winter Carnival Playhouse

Location: Jósvalő, Manor House Environmental Education Centre

Time: 10:00 am

Tickets: Free Entry

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MARCH

March 1

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Times: 11:00, 13:00

Duration: 30-60 minutes

Tickets: Free if you show a ticket for a cave tour (free even if you don't, but check out the caves anyway!)

Maximum number: 40 people at each screening location

More Information:

- Tourinform-Aggtelek, Tel: 48 / 503-000, aggtelek@tourinform.hu,

<http://www.anp.hu/en/mainpage/site>

- Baradla Cave Jósvalő Ticket Office

H-3758 Jósvalő, Tengersizem oldal 3.

Tel: (36) 48-506-009

- Baradla Cave Aggtelek Ticket Office

H-3759 Aggtelek, Baradla oldal 1.

Tel: (36) 48-503-003

- Baradla Cave Vörös-tói (Red Lake) Ticket Office

Tel: (36) 48-350-037, -048

- Rákóczi Cave Ticket Office – Esztramos Exhibition

Tel: (36) 48/350-011

- Művészetek Magtára – MagtArt Arts Granary

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March 13: “Seed Power” Exhibition Opening

[MagtArt Arts Granary](#) (Magtár), Bódvaszilas

Time: 14:00

A significant part of mankind remains unaware of how our wastefulness, greed and indiscriminate use of our planet's resources has led to the irreversible processes transforming natural areas into sites desecrated by pollution and the largest mass extinction of wildlife in history. The deteriorating condition of the earth's natural areas also has resulted in loud calls by many professionals for the ex situ preservation of important plant species.

An important step taken by Hungarian authorities under the auspices of the [Life+ Project](#) was the establishment of the Hungarian [Pannon Seed Bank](#). Seeds from over 800 species of vascular plants will be collected and preserved by the Plant Diversity Centre, Ecological Research Centre and Ecological and Botanical Institute. For security purposes, a duplicate of the entire seed collection are stored by Aggtelek National Park deep within the former ore and mineral mine under Esztramos Hill. LIFE+ Biodiversity projects contribute to the implementation of “Halting the loss of biodiversity by 2010 – and beyond.” The establishment of the Pannon Seed Bank aims for the long-term ex situ conservation of Hungarian vascular wild plants.

The aim of the exhibition is to demonstrate the inner power of seeds – the role and significance of plants in our lives. Additional programmes such as lectures, biology classes, and arts and crafts events may be organised.

Tickets: Free

Open Hours: daily 8:00 to 16:00

More Information: [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#): Tel: 48/350-056, anp.oktatas@index.hu

March 15: Spring Fragile Beauties Tour in Aggtelek

The arrival of spring marks the first appearance of fragile beauties such as the Prairie Crocus/Pasque (Pulsatilla) and Pheasant's Eye/False Hellabore (Adonis vernalis). This guided tour follows a section of the Baradla Nature Trail, encounters the unique landscape of the Devil's Plough, and passes by signs of the old craft of lime burning, while we search for spectacular wild flowers waking up and poking through this amazing karst environment.

Departure Time: 10:00

Location: Aggtelek, meeting point in front of the [Baradla Cave Entrance](#) in the square. The guided tour sets off along the [Baradla Nature Trail](#) head and also returns there.

Duration: 5 km (3.1 miles), 3 hours

Tickets: 500 Huf/person

Maximum number: 30 people (As spaces are limited, advanced booking is required. Minimum of 10 participants required for the tour to proceed)

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March 25: [World Water and Meteorology Day](#)

Interesting interactive activities, short lectures and discussions focus on the important role of the Earth's atmosphere and water resources to the health and continuing life on this planet.

Location: Jósvalfő, [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#)

Time: 09:00

Tickets: Free. Advanced booking is required by March 20.

More Information: [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#): Tel: 48/350-056, anp.oktatas@index.hu

March 26: [World Water and Meteorology Day](#)

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Location: Jósvalfő, [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#)

Time: 09:00

Tickets: Free. Advanced booking is required by March 20.

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April

April 16: [World Day for Preservation of Historical Monuments](#)

Tour Sights: [14th Century Háromhegyi Pálos Church and Monastery](#), the best preserved Pauline edifice remaining in Hungary. Within the territory of Aggtelek National Park, and with the exception of [Szádvár](#), this is the most significant medieval building, and a monument of national importance.

Meeting Point: by the township sign for the town of Martonyi

Departure Time: 09:30

Duration: 7km, approx. 3 hours

Tickets: Free. Advanced booking is necessary by April 11.

More information: [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#): Tel: 48/350-056, anp.oktatas@index.hu

April 16: [World Day for Preservation of Historical Monuments](#)

A walk around the scenic village of [Jósvafő](#) and an introduction to all its protected monuments. Sights include the “Kisház” or Tiny House (the village’s oldest house), Calvinist Church (1399), helmeted Baroque-style Bell Tower (1851), Cemetery with Carved Wooden Grave Markers, Jewish Cemetery, the priests’ footbridge and former rectory building, and the local museum.

Location: Jósvafő, [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#),

Departure Time: 9:00

Duration:

Tickets: Free. Advanced booking is necessary by April 11.

More information: [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#): Tel: 48/350-056, anp.oktatas@index.hu

April 19: Easter Playhouse

Location: Jósvafő, Tájház (Local Museum)

Time: 10:00-12:00

Tickets: Free

More information: [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#): Tel: 48/350-056, anp.oktatas@index.hu

April 22: Leafy Forest Tour

With the arrival of spring, Jósvafő explodes into life, colour and sound. The tour will show off Aggtelek National Park’s spectacular forest colours, scents, illumination, budding and blooming trees and bushes, resplendent flowers, basking lizards, fluttering butterflies and chirping birds.

Location: Jósvafő Baradla Cave Entrance

Departure Time: 10:00

Duration: 5 km (3.1 miles), 3 hours

Tickets: 500 HUF/person

Maximum number: 30 people (As spaces are limited, advanced booking is required. Minimum of 10

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April 24: Earth Day

Planet Earth’s natural treasures. Learn more about our natural treasures and resources through interactive games and lectures.

Location: Jósvafő, [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#)

Time: 09:00

Duration:

Tickets: Free. Advanced booking is required by April 16.

More information: [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#): Tel: 48/350-056, anp.oktatas@index.hu

April 26: Village Museum Day

Local museums within Aggtelek National Park and the Zemplén Protected Landscape Area are jointly organising programmes in Jósvafő, Szögliget, Bódvaszilas and Boldogkőváralja. Guided tours, arts and crafts, local cultural history, natural history, and many colourful spots to visit.

Locations: Aggtelek, Jósvafő, Szögliget, Bódvaszilas, Boldogkőváralja

Tickets: the ticket price for entry to the local museum grants you access to all the event-related programmes at the museum

Maximum number: unlimited

More information:

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- ZEMPLÉN Regional Office: 3916 Bodrogkeresztúr, Kossuth út 30, Mobile: 30/422-0605, Tel/Fax/answering machine: (+36) 47-570-061, bodrogzug@gmail.com

May

May 1-2-3, 17, 24, and 31: Wandering Over the Roof of the Baradla Cave

When did the Devil plough around Aggtelek? Why haven't the waters of Aggtelek Lake been drained by the cave? These and similar questions will be answered during this guided tour.

Time: 14:30

Location: Aggtelek, departure from in front of the Tourinform Office

Tickets: 200 Huf/person, 500 Huf/family.

Maximum number: 30

Duration and Distance: 1.5-2 hours, 3 km

More information: Tourinform-Aggtelek

This year marks the **70th birthday of the Tengerszem Hotel** and Environmental Education Centre. First inaugurated as the King Matthias Sport Hostel in 1944, the 6-month long series of events celebrating the Tengerszem Hotel will consist of exhibitions, lectures and jubilee tourist programmes.

Location: Tengerszem Hotel and Environmental Education Centre, Jósvalő

Duration: May-October, 2014

Ticket Prices: depends on the programme, please enquire

Maximum number: limitless

More information:

- Tourinform-Aggtelek, Tel: 48 / 503-000, aggtelek@tourinform.hu, www.anp.hu

- Tengerszem Hotel and Environmental Education Centre: 3758. Jósvalő, Tengerszem oldal 2, Tel: 48/506-005, www.anp.hu

May 7: Bird Song and Star Gazing Tour

Location: Jósvalő, [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#)

Time: 19:00

Duration:

Tickets: Free

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May 9: Day of Birds and Trees (Ottó Herman Memorial Year Event)

Location: Jósvalő, [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#)

Time: 09:00

Duration:

Tickets: Free. Advanced booking is required by May 6.

More information: [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#): Tel: 48/350-056, anp.oktatas@index.hu

May 12: Day of Birds and Trees – Exhibition Opening (Ottó Herman Memorial Year Event)

Location: Bódvaszilas, MagtArt Arts Granary

Time: 09:30

Duration:

Tickets: Free. Advanced booking is required by May 6.

More information: [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#): Tel: 48/350-056, anp.oktatas@index.hu

May 17: Day of Birds and Trees Tour in the Tokaj-Bodrogzug Nature Reserve

Outstanding examples of floodplain forests are found in the Tokaj-Bodrogzug Nature Reserve. Most significantly, the Bodrogzug's wildlife lives through a flood cycle several times a year. The area's waterfowl, wading birds and birds of prey congregate in great numbers around specific feeding areas. Consequently, the multitude and varied birdlife can be taken in at a glance during this tour.

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Location: Bodrogkeresztúr

Time: 09:00

Duration: 2-3 hours, 5 km

Maximum number: 100 persons

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May 20-23: [European National Park's Week](#)

Various tours and opportunities to investigate the natural world for nursery, kindergarten and school groups. "The European Day of Parks is a commemorative day for protected areas across Europe that was launched in 1999 by the EUROPARC Federation to celebrate protected areas throughout Europe.

The European Day of Parks takes place annually on and around May 24th. It aims at bringing people closer to nature and raising public awareness on the importance of the natural beauty preserved in protected areas and the importance of conservation and sustainable management of those places."

May 20. Open Day for pre-schoolers

May 21. Open Day for lower primary school students (grades 1-4, ages 6-10)

May 22. Open Day for upper primary school students (grades 5-8, ages 11-14)

May 23. Open Day for secondary school students (ages 15-18)

Location: Jósvalfő, [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#)

Time: 09:00

Tickets: Free

Advanced booking is required by May 12.

More information: [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#): Tel: 48/350-056, anp.oktatas@index.hu

May 24: Fragile Beauties Tour: The Search for Hungarian Orchids

Gaze upon some of the most beautiful flowers found in the Zemplén Nature Reserve, if not all of Hungary - the late spring, early summer orchids. A professional will guide you to examples of these fragile beauties in the natural environment.

Location: Tokaji Nagy-Kopasz Hill, Tokaj-Bodrozug Nature Reserve

Time: 10:00

Duration: 5 km, (3 hours)

Tickets: 500 HUF/person

Maximum number: 30 people (At least 10 advanced bookings are necessary before the tour will proceed as scheduled)

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May 24: Bükk – Aggtelek Bike Tour

In celebration of the [European Day of Parks](#), the [Bükk](#) and Aggtelek National Park Directorates annually organise a joint cycling tour between the two parks. The 75 km route from [Szilvásvár](#) to Aggtelek passes through twelve villages. There are plentiful natural and cultural history sights along the way.

Route: Szilvásvár – Nagyvisnyó – Dédestapolcsány – Uppony – Borsodbóta – Sajómercse – Putnok – Kelemér – Zádorfalva – Ragály – Trizs – Aggtelek

Location: departing from Szilvásvár at 10:00 and arriving in Aggtelek

More information: Tourinform-Aggtelek, Tel: 48 / 503-000, aggtelek@tourinform.hu, www.anp.hu

May 24: Stargazing Tour in Aggtelek National Park, [European Day of Parks](#)

Location: Jósvalfő, [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#)

Time: 19:00

Duration:

Tickets: Free. Advanced booking is required: 48/350-006, anp.oktatás@index.hu

More information: [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#): Tel: (+36) 48/350-056, anp.oktatas@index.hu

May 24: Baradla Chamber Music Festival

Time: 18:00

Location: Aggtelek, Baradla Cave

Tickets: Free

More information: Tourinform-Aggtelek

June

Awakening along the Tisza River in the Tokaj-Bodrozug Nature Reserve

The Bodrozug, where the [Bodrog](#) and [Tisza](#) Rivers meet. This landscape is unique in Hungary for being the only area that still experiences regular flooding. Consequently, many of the area's natural treasures have been undisturbed, and in 1989 the Tokaj-Bodrozug Protected Landscape Area won [RAMSAR](#) site status for its extensive waterfowl habitats. For two weeks every year in mid-June a magical explosion of life occurs when the Tisza mayfly (*Palingenia longicauda*) explores its short life. It is the largest mayfly species in Europe, measuring 12 cm (5 in) from head to tail. Unlike most mayflies, adults never leave the water; but constantly touch or sweep the surface. The slow-moving river and absence of surface-feeding fish help make this possible. The presence of the Tisza mayfly is an indicator of clean water.

Location: Bodrogkeresztúr

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June 6: [World Environment Day](#)

The World Environment Day celebration began in 1972 and has grown to become one of the main vehicles through which the United Nations stimulates worldwide awareness of the environment and encourages political attention and action.

Location: Jósvalő, [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#)

Time: 09.00

Tickets: Free. Advanced booking required by June 3.

More information: [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#): Tel: 48/350-056, anp.oktatas@index.hu

June 7: Pentecost Playhouse

Location: Jósvalő, [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#)

Time: 10:00-12:00

Tickets: Free

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June 15–21: Children's Horse Riding Camp

Following the successes of Aggtelek National Park's riding camps in spring and summer, we have added an autumn riding camp to our calendar. During the camp, the young riders will saddle up the smaller sized hucul horses and canter around Jósvalő and its environs. Camp attendees can also join side programmes such as cave tours and other special activities to acquaint them with the cultural and natural treasures of the area.

Only our herd's best mares and geldings are selected for work with the children. The love of animals, their care, and of course the importance of the behaviour of horses is stressed as part of the lessons.

In addition, environmental education classes are held by our Manor House Environmental Education Centre.

These camps are appropriate for young riders ages 8-16.

Morning Programme: The children ride out in accordance with their level of knowledge and ability. Beginners learn on a lunge line. During the second half of the camp, they will practice on the Hucul Path obstacle course, learning to cleverly overcome the see-saw, gate and raised planks.

Afternoon Programme: Excursions to Szádvár, tours of the Baradla Cave, horse-and-carriage rides in and around Jósvalő, bicycle tours and handicraft programmes and environmental education classes in the field.

Closing Event: A riding competition is arranged by the camp director on the last day. The children are divided into teams and participate in a Hucul Path challenge where they can show off what they have learned during the week. Of course, a party is arranged on the last evening, topped off by the competition results being announced.

For information and Registration:

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June 23-27: Nature Camp I.

Programmes:

- hiking;
- nature and environment professionals;
- sports competitions;
- medieval games;
- handicraft professionals;
- excursions by bus; and
- team building exercises, etc.

Ages: eligible applicants are children grades 2-8

Tickets: (includes accommodation, minimum 3 meals a day, and all programme costs).

Location: Szögliget, [Salamander House](#)

More information: [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#): Tel: 48/350-056, anp.oktatas@index.hu

June 25-29: Cave Days

Open Days in celebration of caves and underground treasures of the Aggtelek Karst.

Location: the caves of Aggtelek National Park

Tickets: Discount tickets available on the specified days.

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For information and Registration:

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Hot Summer Sunset Tours

Saturdays in July and August

July 5, 12, 19 and August 2, 9, 16

Route: The square in front of the Baradla Cave entrance in Aggtelek to the Devil's Plough and back.

Departure Time: 19:00

Duration: 4 km (2.5 miles), 2 hours

Tickets: 500 HUF/person

Maximum number: 30 people (a minimum of 10 advanced bookings is required for the tour to proceed)

More information: Tourinform-Aggtelek, Tel: 48 / 503-000, aggtelek@tourinform.hu, www.anp.hu

July 7-1: Nature Camp II.

Programmes:

- hiking;
- nature and environment professionals;
- sports competitions;
- medieval games;
- handicraft professionals;
- excursions by bus; and
- team building exercises, etc.

Eligible applicants (grades 2-8)

Tickets: (includes accommodation, minimum 3 meals a day, and all programme costs).

Location: Szögliget, [Salamander House](#)

More information: [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#): Tel: 48/350-056, anp.oktatas@index.hu

July 20-July 26: Children's Horse Riding Camp

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July 21 – 26: XXI. Jósvalfő Arts and Crafts Camp

Location: Jósvalfő, [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#)

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July 26: Cool Evening Spiritually Recharging Walks

Route: departing from the square in front of the entrance to the Baradla Cave in Aggtelek and ending at the Calvinist church in Jósvalfő.

Departure Time: Saturdays, 18:00

Duration: 4 km (2.5 miles), 2 hours

Tickets: 500 HUF/person

Maximum number: 30-30 people (a minimum of 10 advanced bookings is required for the tour to proceed)

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July 26: Midsummer Playhouse

Location: Jósvalfő, [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#)

Time: 10:00-12:00

More information: [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#): Tel: 48/350-056, anp.oktatas@index.hu

July 31: Family Day

Location: Jósvalfő, [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#)

Time: 10:00

Tickets: 500 HUF/family

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August

August 7: Family Day

Location: Jósvalfő, [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#)

Time: 10:00

Tickets: 500 HUF/family

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August 14: Family Day

Location: Jósvalfő, [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#)

Time: 10:00

Tickets: 500 HUF/family

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August 21: Family Day

Location: Jósvalfő, [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#)

Time: 10:00

Tickets: 500 HUF/family

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August 23: Cool Evening Spiritually Recharging Walks

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August 23-24: VI. Annual Jósvalfő International Hucul Horse Races and III. Annual International Farrier Competition

The Horse Races: The Hucul Horse Races at Aggtelek National Park are a new type of modern competition specifically developed to test and gauge the hucul breed of horse. The goal is to put the horses through their paces on a course built on extremely difficult hilly terrain, and thus demonstrate their extraordinary skills and knowledge in navigating and overcoming obstacles.

International Farrier Competition: The event highlights and promotes the traditional farrier profession, and aims to help preserve this knowledge for posterity. The competition displays blacksmithing skills and technology from various national schools.

Location: Race Track, Jósvalfő

More Information: Tourinform-Aggtelek, Tel: 48 / 503-000, aggtelek@tourinform.hu, www.anp.hu

September

Dates to be Announced

Rutting Deer Tour in the Aggtelek Karst

September in the Park is distinguished by spectacular autumn colours, cool evenings, and the sound of deer bellowing and rutting in the forest.

Locations: in front of the Baradla Cave entrances in both Jósvalfő and Aggtelek

Departure Time: 18:00

Duration: 2 km, 2 hours

Tickets: 500 HUF/person

Maximum number: 30-30 people (a minimum of 10 advanced bookings is required for the tour to proceed)

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September 18: Night of Researchers (Ottó Herman Memorial Year Event)

Location: Jósvalfő, [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#)

Time: 18.00

Tickets: Free

More information: [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#): Tel: 48/350-056, anp.oktatas@index.hu

September 23: Clean Up the World Day

Clean Up the World is a community based environmental campaign that inspires and empowers communities from every corner of the globe to clean up, fix up and conserve their environment. Now in its 22nd year, Clean Up the World, held in conjunction with the [United Nations Environment Programme](#) (UNEP), mobilises an estimated 35 million volunteers from 130 countries annually, making it one of the largest community-based environmental campaigns in the world. The campaign brings together businesses, community groups, schools, governments and individuals in a range of activities and programs that positively improve local environments.

Location: Jósvalfő, [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#)

Time: 09:00

Tickets: Free. Advanced booking is required by September 19.

More information: [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#): Tel: 48/350-056, anp.oktatas@index.hu

September 26: St. Michael Day Playhouse

Location: Aggtelek Elementary School

Time: 15:00

Tickets: Free

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October

October 4: Grape Harvest Playhouse

Location: Jósvalfő, Szőlő-hegy (Vineyard Hill)

Time: 10:00-12:00

Tickets: Free

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October 4: World Animal Day Tour and Inauguration of the New St. Francis of Assisi Hiking Trail

The tour departs from the Vörös-tó (Red Lake) Visitors Centre and entrance to the Baradla Cave. The route follows the new trail to the Shrine of St. Francis and returns to the starting point. World Animal Day was started in 1931 at a convention of ecologists in Florence as a way of highlighting the plight of endangered species. October 4 was chosen as World Animal Day as it is the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. Since then, World Animal Day has become a day for remembering and paying tribute to all animals and the people who love and respect them. It's celebrated in different ways in every country, with no regard to nationality, religion, faith or political ideology.

Meeting Point: Vörös-tó (Red Lake) Visitors Centre

Time:

Duration: 3 km (1.9 miles)

Ticket: 500 HUF/person

Maximum number: 50 people

More information: Tourinform-Aggtelek, Tel: 48 / 503-000, aggtelek@tourinform.hu, www.anp.hu

October 4: World Animal Day: A Celebratory Mass Will be Held at the Shrine of St. Francis

Aggtelek National Park is organising this exceptional event in honour of **World Animal Day**.

The **Shrine of St. Francis** is located on the main road leading between the villages of Aggtelek and Jósvalfő. This is Hungary's only protected shrine to St. Francis, and was consecrated by the Hungarian Catholic Church's Vicar of Eger. World Animal Day has been held since 1931 in honour of St. Francis of Assisi on this day.

Location: Shrine of St. Francis, Aggtelek

Time: 10:00

More information: Tourinform-Aggtelek, Tel: 48 / 503-000, aggtelek@tourinform.hu, www.anp.hu

October 4: Geologic Tour in Aggtelek National Park

This guided geologic tour follows the original paths in and around the Esztramos Hill and mine.

Location: Esztramos Hill, Bódvarákó

Departure Time: 10:00

Duration: 3 km (1.9 miles), 3 hours

Tickets: 500 HUF/person

Maximum number: 30 people (a minimum of 10 advanced bookings is required for the tour to proceed)

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October 8: European Birdwatcher's Day

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This global event during the first weekend in October is celebrated annually under the leadership of [Birdlife International](#). This day is an opportunity for people to discover the beauty and importance of the world's birds. On this day birdwatchers in most European countries go out to their favourite birding locations to spot as many birds as they can and then enter their data into a common database.

Besides being a World Heritage site, Aggtelek National Park, its Baradla Cave system, and entire the catchment area have been a designated Ramsar Convention on Wetlands (1971) site since 2001. The Ramsar Convention is an intergovernmental treaty that commits its member countries to maintain the ecological character of their Wetlands of International Importance and to plan for the "wise use," or sustainable use, of all of the wetlands in their territories. This includes the protection and conservation of the wetlands themselves, as well as the flora and fauna that inhabit and utilise these areas - *especially waterfowl*.

Location: Bird Ringing Camp, Szalonna

Time: 10:00

Duration: 6 km (3.7 miles)

Tickets: 500 HUF/person

Maximum number: 30 people (a minimum of 10 advanced bookings is required for the tour to proceed)

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Location: Bodrogkeresztúr

Time: 10:00

Ticket: 500 HUF/person (a minimum of 10 advanced bookings is required for the tour to proceed)

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October 11: Geologic Tour in the Zemplén Nature Reserve

Discover the geologic resources and treasures in and around Telkibánya.

Location: area around Telkibánya

Time: 10:00

Duration: 8km/4.2 miles (4 hours)

Tickets: 500 HUF/person

Maximum number: 30 people (The tour will depart as long as it receives a minimum of 10 advanced bookings)

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October 15: Project Day (Ottó Herman Memorial Year Event)

Location: Jószaő, [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#)

Time: 09:00

Tickets: Free

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NOVEMBER

November 12: Art Competition Awards Ceremony and Exhibition Opening (Ottó Herman Memorial Year Event)

Location: Bódvaszilas, MagtArt Arts Granary

Time: 14:00

Tickets: Free

More information: [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#): Tel: 48/350-056, anp.oktatas@index.hu

November 14: St. Martin's Day Playhouse

Location: Jószaő, [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#)

Time: 15:00-17:00

Tickets: Free

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DECEMBER

December 6: Advent Playhouse

Location: Jószaő, [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#)

Time: 15:00-17:00

Tickets: Free

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December 20: Christmas Playhouse

Location: Jósvalfő, [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#)

Time: 15:00-17:00

Tickets: Free

More information: [Manor House Environmental Education Centre](#): Tel: 48/350-056, anp.oktatas@index.hu

December 30: New Year's Gala

The annual concert will be held in the Baradla Cave's highly acoustic and ambient concert hall.

Detailed programme to follow.

Location: Aggtelek, Baradla Cave Concert Hall

Ticket Price: 2500 HUF/person

Duration: 1.5 hours

More information: Tourinform-Aggtelek, Tel: (+36) 48 / 503 000, Email: aggtelek@tourinform.hu

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