

PRESS RELEASE: Geological assets of the GeoPark Carnic Alps

The Carnic Alps are world famous for its rich fossil heritage from the Paleozoic Era. Nassfeld, Plöckenpass, Lake Zollner and Lake Wolayer represent pilgrimages for geoscientists since no other region in the Alps has comparable fossil documents from this time.

500 million years Earth history has left their traces in this region!

In addition, the Geopark Carnic Alps is characterized by the petrified forest of Laas and the largest fossil tree in Austria extending over a length of more than 8 meters.

These and 80 more Geotopes of the region are highlighted in the book “Der wahre Held ist die Natur“ by Hans Peter Schönlaub. The geoscientific important assets not only comprise extraordinary fossils and rocks but also places of outstanding aesthetic beauty like mountain lakes, gorges or impressive rock cliffs.

Detailed descriptions including access, maps, photos and general informations can be found and downloaded from the Homepage of the Geopark.

For the visitors of the Geopark the Geotopes are divided into three categories, i.e., those for relaxing and easy access destined for families, those where more information can be gained and those where more activity is required.

For example, Lake Zollner, Bodensee or Lake Wolayer offer recreation and relief, the Geotopes Nötsch, Krone or Stranig Alm are places to learn more about brachiopods, fossil plants and nautiloids. Places where more activity and fitness are required are the Mauthen and Garnitzen Gorges or the Kellerwand Cliff.