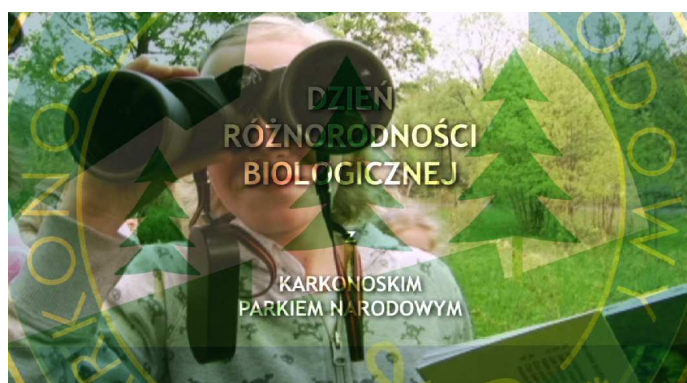


BIODIVERSITY ACTION DAY

22 MAY 2010, JELENIA GÓRA – JAGIŃTKÓW, POLAND

KARKONOSZE NATIONAL PARK

Karkonosze National Park organized the Biodiversity Action Day on 22 May 2010 together with Natural Museum in Jelenia Góra and local association “WATRA Jagińtkowska” from Jelenia Góra-Jagińtków. The event was called “Ecological picnic on the Biodiversity Day” and it was directed mainly to local people, both children and adults.



After the official opening ceremony three thematic excursions took place. Participants could choose between ornithological, forest-botanical or faunistic topics. Field trips were guided by national park staff into the Karkonosze Mts ecosystems. During the excursions participants had a possibility to see, hear, feel and touch the biodiversity and to learn to recognize many plant and animal species. For the most active participants special gifts were waiting at the picnic. Everybody was satisfied and happy that could be so close to the nature. The youngest

nature lovers could participate the game “How to catch a frog and check if it is a princess” and they really loved it!

After the excursions the second part of the picnic started. During this time participants could enjoy very interesting presentations and attractive games and competitions. Everybody liked beautiful slide-show about fungi in the Karkonosze Mts and also about a small owl, called pygmy owl. Children and their parents could imitate the voice of this smart bird and the best imitator won a beautiful framed photograph. In another competition children were trying to paint their vision of the biodiversity on the paper and some of their pictures were really amazing! There was also possibility to watch interesting natural objects through binoculars, like colorful insects, various plant seeds or shiny minerals.



To evaluate the organized Biodiversity Action Day every participant had to fill a questionnaire – one part was to fill before and one after the picnic. The results showed that people learned a lot from our lesson of biodiversity.

During the picnic every participant got a set of materials about the nature of the Karkonosze National Park. Everybody could also taste a delicious meals prepared by local association “WATRA Jagińtkowska” and celebrate a huge bonfire.