

Respect Nature in the Carpathians

A rising number of visitors in the Carpathians is impacting significantly this beautiful natural area. Therefore raising awareness and providing education on proper behaviour in nature is critical, helping minimise the impact visitors have on nature.

Respect Nature is an initiative of the European Wilderness Society, which aims to spread awareness and train people to protect the nature we love. This is achieved through the provision of guidelines on appropriate behaviour in nature.

The Respect Nature initiative offers key guidelines to support nature conservation as well as further sustainable tourism development in Europe, particularly in the Carpathians.

Respect Nature's 9 principles help to communicate the guidelines on how to behave in nature without harming it:

- Know where you go
- Stay on trails
- Minimise camping impact
- Keep nature clean
- Make fire responsibly
- Show respect
- Respect wildlife
- Respect others
- Respect livestock protection.

We have already produced and distributed Respect Nature:

- Posters
- Folders
- Large and small outdoor signs.

Respect Nature educational tools will be soon available in multiple European languages. More information is available on our website: <u>here</u>.

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Note:

The European Wilderness Society is the only Pan-European, Wilderness and environmental advocacy non-profit organisation with a professional, dedicated, multicultural, and experienced team. The European Wilderness Society:

- -contributes to the implementation of the Carpathian Convention's different protocols, particularly with regards to sustainable tourism: http://cstp.center/
- -identifies, designates, stewards, and promotes Carpathian Wilderness: https://european-wilderness.network/
- -supports capacity building and the education of the Carpathian nature conservation actors and youth: https://wilderness.academy/.
- participates in the international projects (INTERREG CE, ERASMUS+, EOCA, CREATIVE EUROPE etc.) including Carpathian countries: https://wilderness-society.org/wilderness-projects/