

Member Association & Other Reports

Czech Republic

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World ranger day 2014 in the Czech Republic

Czech Rangers Association and Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic celebrated World Ranger Day traditionally at the National Nature Monument Panská skála near the village of Prácheň (PLA České středohoří).

There, an excellent example of a so called "stone organ" is formed of tephrite rock columns. They were uncovered during quarrying in the 2nd half of the 19th century and 1st half of the 20th century. Stone extraction was stopped in 1945 and the Czech State took over to guarantee the preservation of the rest of the rock formation in 1953.

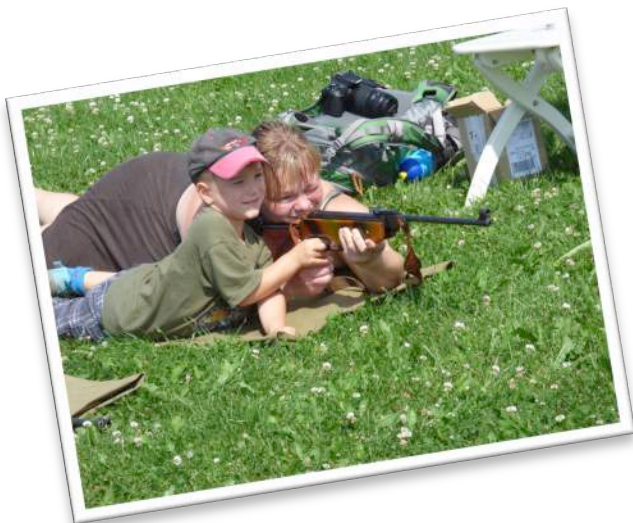


A little lake under the "organ" wall is a well, which has been formed at quarrying and filled with rainwater. This is a place between the borders of PLA Lužické hory and České středohoří.

Rangers from the National Park, České Švýcarsko with German colleagues from the National Park, Sächsische Schweiz, protected landscape area České středohoří, PLA Labské pískovce, PLA Jizerské hory, Regional office Liberecký kraj, Regional office Jihočeský kraj were there. Professional and voluntary rangers showed visitors the problems with global and regional nature conservation, daily works on the posters and PC slideshow.

We held a minute of silence for dead rangers. We strongly believe that our celebration will help to educate the public about the work of rangers and their problems in the world.

This day around 600 visitors came - lovers of nature. We thank all organisers for their generous support. We send our best regards to all rangers and their family members.



Death of a Ranger

We are sad to report the death of Roselyne Anselmet, 55 yo, who was a Park Ranger in the Vanoise National Park.

She died following an accident (fall) while she was counting vultures, high in the mountains (2700m), on August, Saturday 23rd. She slipped and fell 100m, she died later in hospital.

She started working in the Vanoise National Park in 1982 and was the first woman Ranger in the VNP and maybe in all the French National Parks.