

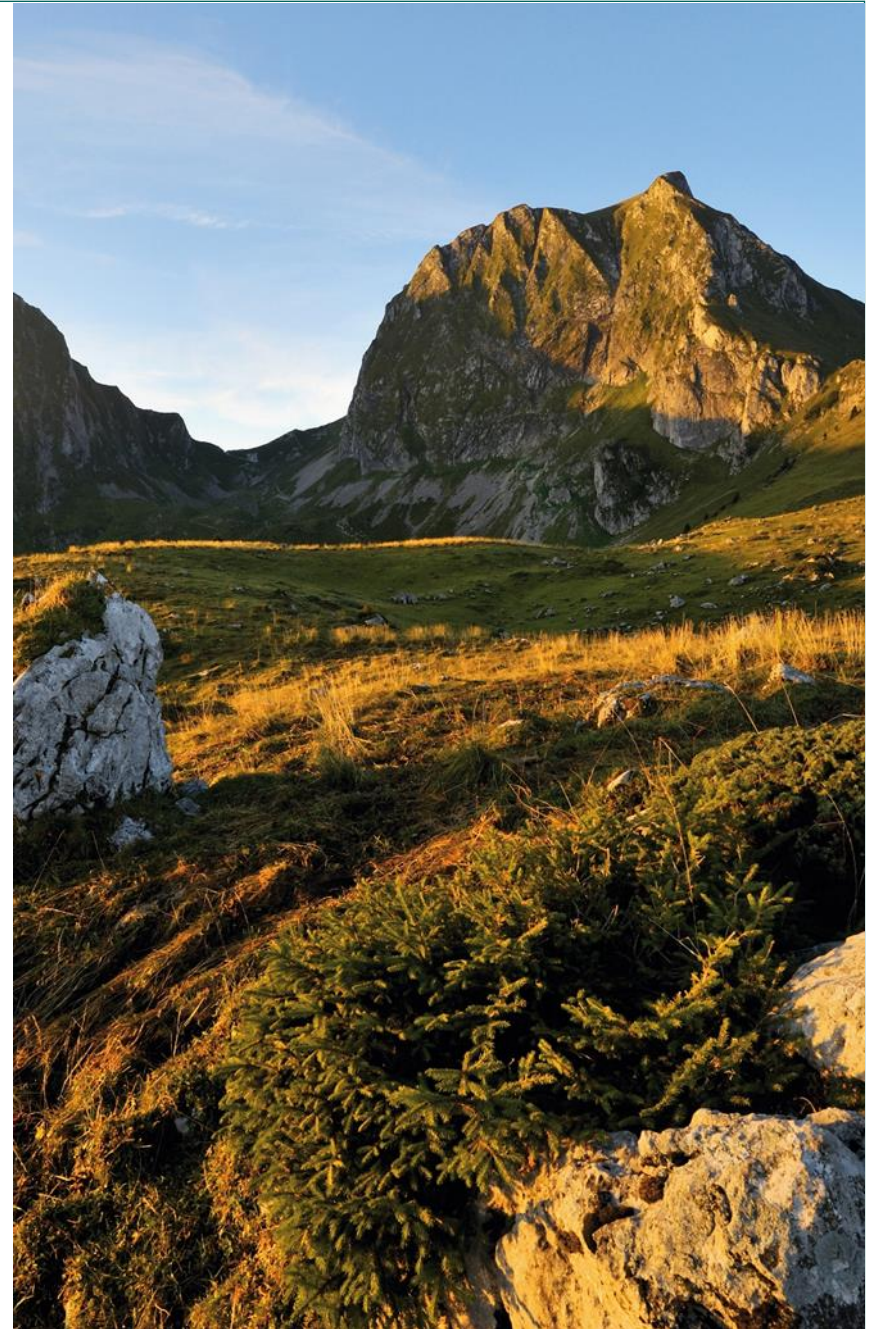


CORPORATE VOLUNTEERING IN SWISS PARKS

An Introduction

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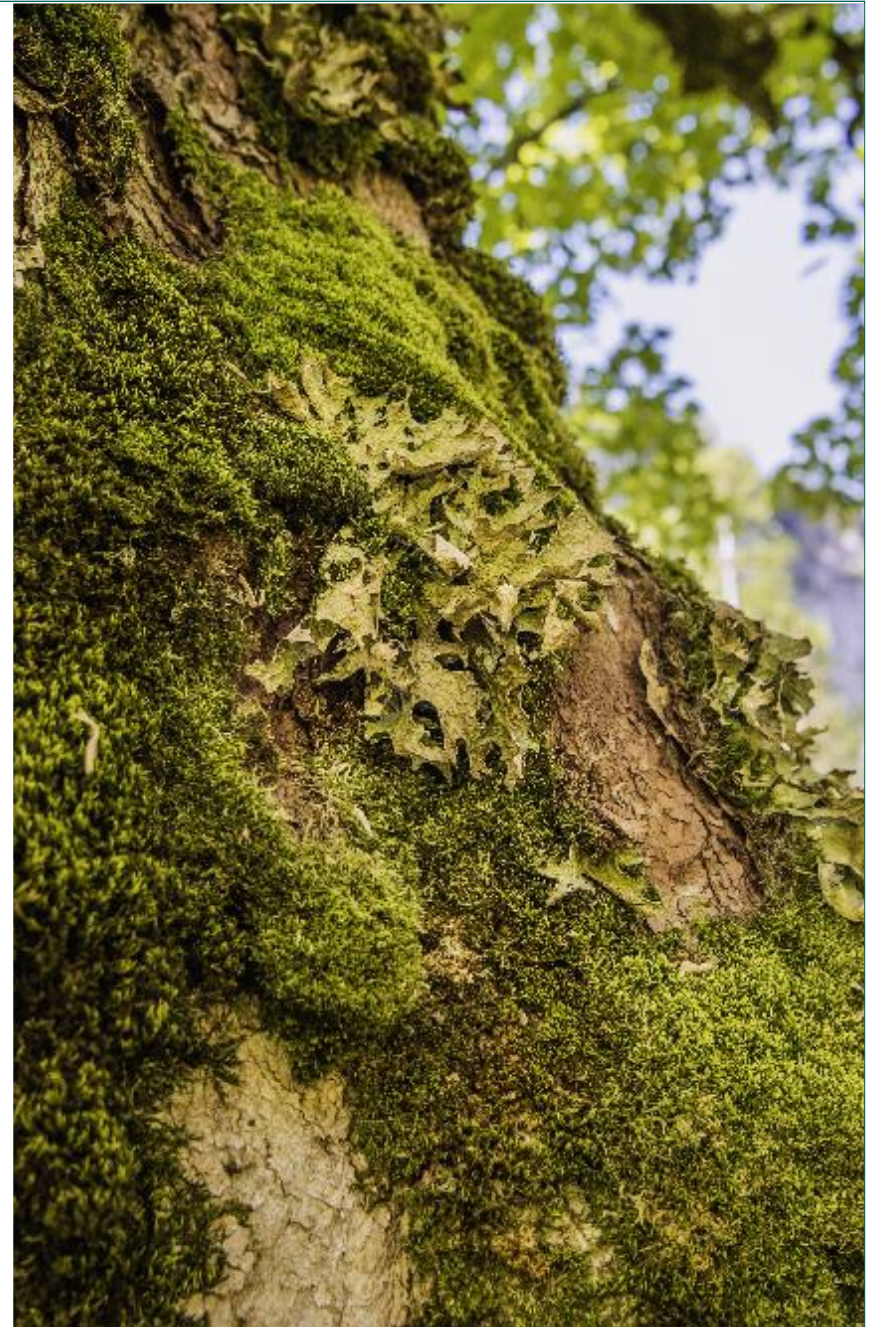
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The Swiss Parks

Our Nature Parks are characterized by unspoilt landscapes, a rich biodiversity and great culture.

Our mission is to maintain these landscapes of outstanding beauty and to promote the sustainable economic development of the park regions.



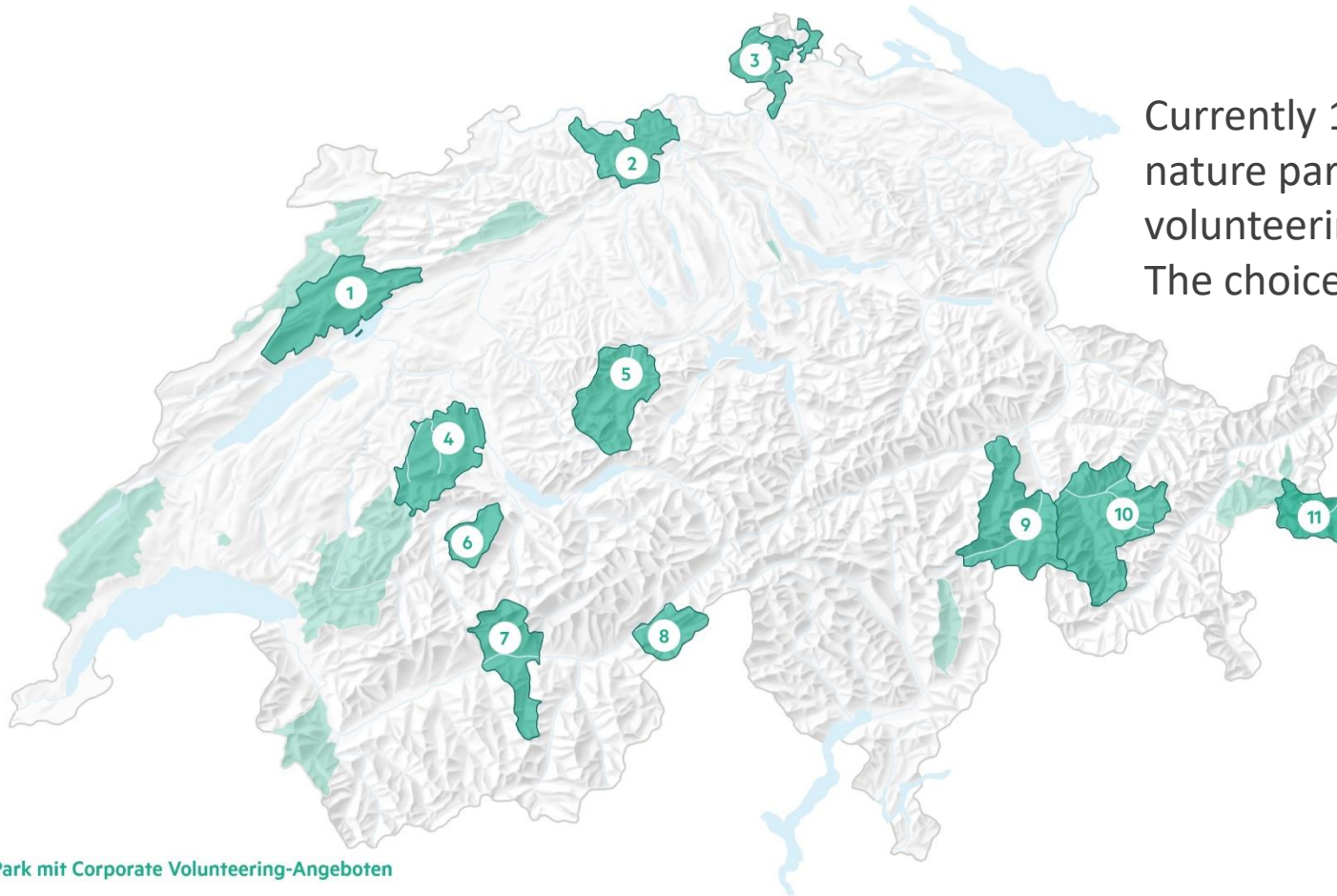
Goals of Corporate Volunteering

By volunteering, you support the Swiss Parks directly and help to maintain and protect these valuable landscapes.

During a volunteering event, physical work, educational inputs, exciting encounters and tasty catering ensure a varied day.



Where do volunteering events take place?



Currently 11 of the 19 nature parks offer volunteering days. The choice is yours...

■ Park mit Corporate Volunteering-Angeboten

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| 1 Parc régional Chasseral | 7 Naturpark Pfyn-Finges |
| 2 Jurapark Aargau | 8 Landschaftspark Binntal |
| 3 Regionaler Naturpark Schaffhausen | 9 Naturpark Beverin |
| 4 Naturpark Gantrisch | 10 Parc Ela |
| 5 UNESCO Biosphäre Entlebuch | 11 Biosfera Val Müstair |
| 6 Naturpark Diemtigtal | |



What to expect on a typical volunteering day?

Morning

- Volunteers arrive at a central meeting point
- Welcome & introduction to the park
- Transfer to the working site followed by debriefings
- Work starts
- Short breaks throughout the day
- Lunch on-site comprising regional products

Afternoon

- Work continues with interesting inputs
- Afternoon breaks and snacks
- Transfer back to the meeting point / volunteers depart

Timing: 8.30am – 5.30pm approximately

What are the requirements?

- Enthusiasm for working outdoors
- A good level of physical fitness
- A good surefootedness

Volunteering events take place in all weather conditions.



What kind of work do the volunteers do?

Depending on season and park:

- Trimming of bushes
- Maintenance of hedges
- Thinning-out and upgrading of forest edges
- Construction of small structures to serve as nesting sites or shelter for amphibians, reptiles and small mammals
- Maintenance of stone walls
- Working with wood
- Creation and maintenance of small ponds
- Clearing of Neophytes
- Working in environmentally valuable orchards and vineyards



Required equipment

- Good shoes for walking / trekking
- Depending on the weather: sun cream, sun hat, sunglasses or rain clothes, cap, wellies
- A pair of long trousers
- Gloves for working outdoors
- Full Water bottle (at least 1 liter)
- Small backpack

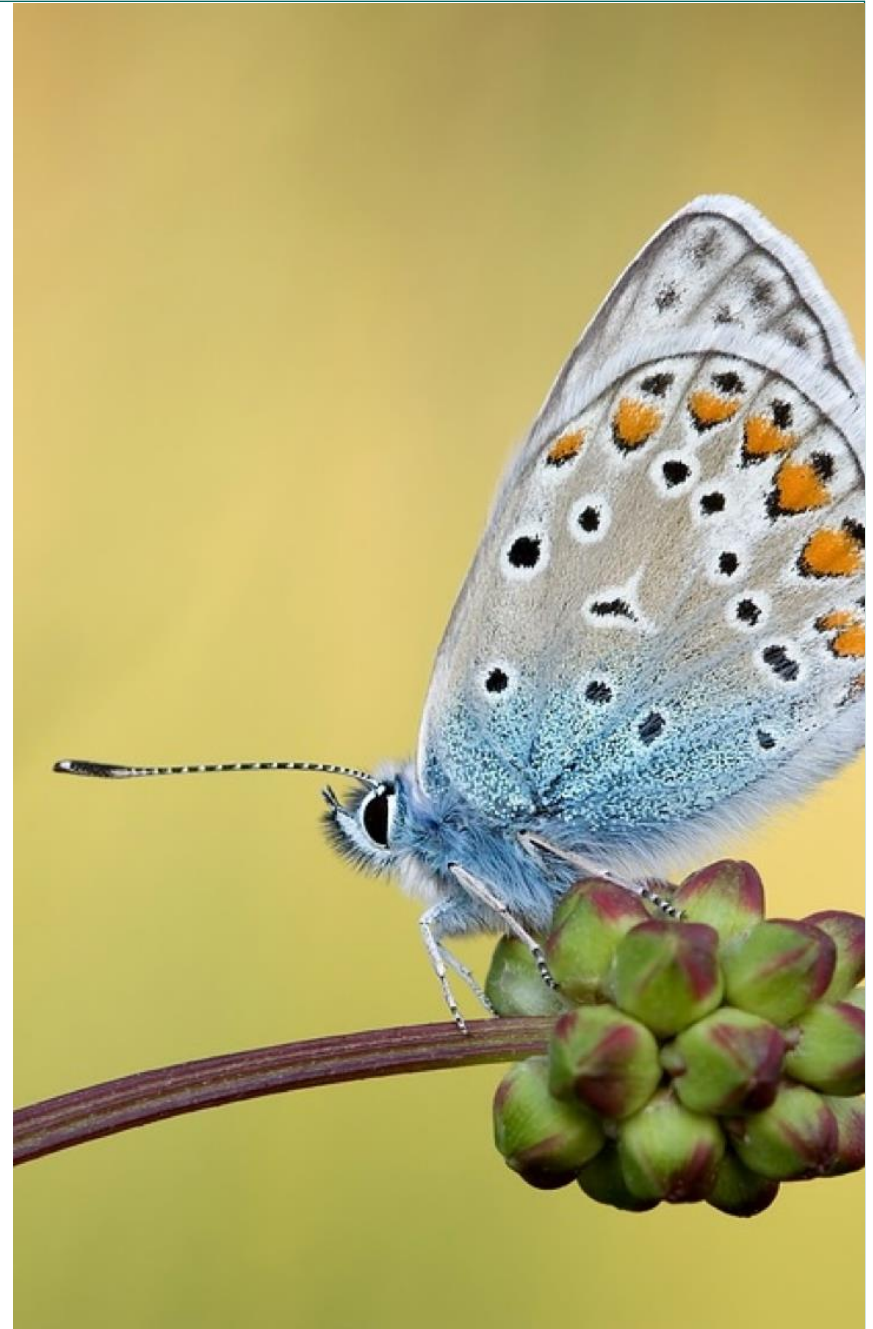




Our services

- Organisation of the overall event
- Determining the work location
- Planning and preparation
- Preparation of detailed programs and participation information
- Supervision of the event

You only need to take care of the registration procedure and the delivery of the participation lists.



How much does a volunteering day cost?

A day in our parks does come at a **cost price**: We look for a suitable site including reconnoitring the area. We provide security, and organize tools, transportation and food. We develop a detailed program and provide the professionals who will be looking after your employees during the day.

The price for a full day, including meals (morning & afternoon snack & lunch comprising regional products) amounts to approximately CHF 115 per person for 30 people. **We are happy to send you a personalized offer.**

We cover the cost of all necessary tools and materials. **As token of our appreciation, you will receive a small gift from our park.**

Our strengths

- The Swiss parks offer you an **exclusive setting** in beautiful natural and cultural landscapes.
- You can choose from a **wide range of locations** throughout Switzerland, in different geographical locations and with different thematic focuses.
- We design and organise **tailor-made, individual assignment programmes** for you, which can also be combined with other activities on request (seminars, team building, nature and cultural experiences, culinary delights, etc.).
- We ensure the highest **culinary enjoyment** - with quality products from regional production.

Your advantages

Organisation & Sustainability

Our specialists plan and carry out each volunteering day professionally and in a well-organised, structured manner. We ensure that each event meets the high sustainability standards of the Swiss Parks and runs in accordance with strict safety regulations.

Experience & Teamwork

During our events physical activity, educational inputs, exciting encounters and delicious food make for a varied and exciting programme. Working together creates a good atmosphere and motivation, and serves to strengthen cohesion amongst employees.

Environmental Awareness

Participants will learn about ecological relationships in nature and build up their environmental awareness.

Impact

Volunteers support the preservation of the most beautiful natural and cultural landscapes of Switzerland. Moreover, they support mountain farmers, small family businesses and local conservation organizations.

Our experience (since 2013)

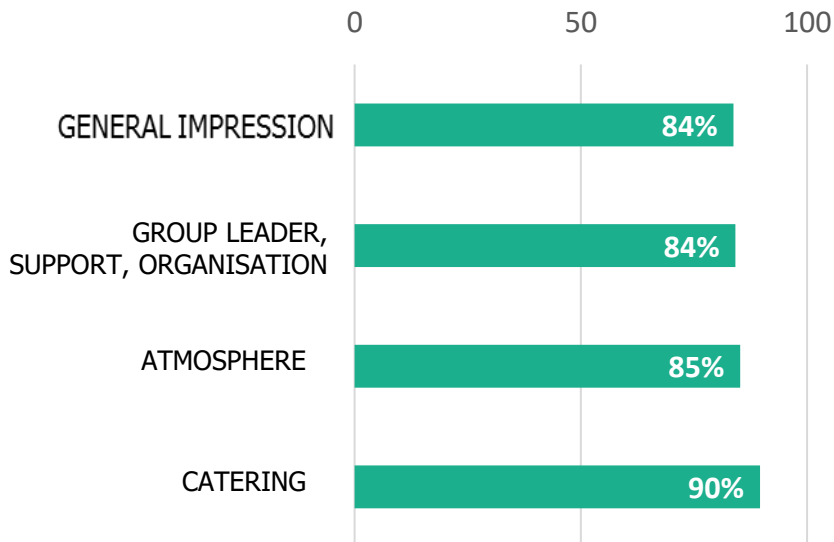
- 65 Swiss companies as satisfied customers
- 329 Successfully organized volunteering days
- 5'204 Engaged volunteers
- 33'187 Hours of work for nature and landscape



Feedback from volunteers

(Evaluations 2013 – 2022)

The majority of participants have given us the highest possible score: **“excellent”**



References

«We are looking for activities that have an long-term impact and provide a great experience for our employees. The Swiss parks' program totally convinced us and their enthusiasm is contagious. We are looking forward to organizing more corporate volunteering days with the parks!»

Ursula Darmstaedter
Swisscom
Corporate
Responsibility

«Fantastic organisation! We would never have been able to organise such a quality day without the support of the swiss parks team.»

Gregor Sölch
Teamleader
Credit Suisse

«What an awesome experience! The whole team (and our muscles as well) loved the program. It was extremely varied: we had lots of movement, received a lot of information and ate delicious specialties. What a great way to get away from the office for a day!»

Marcel Zuber
UBS-Volunteer

We are looking forward to welcome you in the swiss parks!

We support you with planning and organizing your volunteering day. Please do not hesitate to contact us for more information!

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