

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2024

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: “Volcanes de Calatrava, Ciudad Real” UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain, European Geoparks Network)

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2024/---

Representative photo with caption (from the most important event this year):



Celebration of UNESCO's recognition of the UGGp “Volcanes de Calatrava, Ciudad Real” (2024, April).

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: five persons, including one geoscientist

Number of visitors: we don't have yet this information

Number of Geopark events:

- Events held by management body:
 - o Meeting of the Spanish National Geoparks Committee_June 18, 2024.
 - o Meeting of the Spanish UNESCO Global Geoparks Network_September 23, 2024.
 - o Meeting of the Spanish UNESCO Global Geoparks Network in Granada_November 13, 2024.
 - o Meeting of the Spanish UNESCO Global Geoparks Network_November 29, 2024.
- Events held by cooperative organization:
 - o Outreach at the Campo de Calatrava Sustainable Tourism Development Congress, "El Arriero Development Association" Conference (Pozuelo de Calatrava) on August 29, 2024.

- Outreach at the 20th International Congress on Geological and Mining Heritage and at the 24th Scientific Session of the SEDPGYMc on September 16, 2024.
- Outreach at the "Signing of Agreement and Presentation of Geopark Actions in Puertollano" Conference on September 27, 2024.
- Outreach at the "Ciudad Real Tourism_SICTED" Conference on October 4, 2024.
- Outreach at the "Tertulia XV" venue on December 4, 2024.
- Outreach at the María Inmaculada School (Puertollano) on World Geodiversity Day on October 3, 2024.
- School outreach at "Turismo Ciudad Real Quijote Convention Bureau" _ "Harvest Day among volcanoes" _18-10-2024.

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes:

- <https://www.lanzadigital.com/economia/vino/ciudad-real-celebra-las-ii-jornadas-de-la-vendimia-entre-volcanes/>
- <https://geoparquevolcanesdecalatrava.es/geoparque-volcanes-de-calatrava-dia-mundial-geodiversidad/>
- <https://eldiadigital.es/art/469700/pozuelo-de-calatrava-abordara-el-potencial-de-la-comarca-del-campo-de-calatrava>

Number of Geopark press release:

1. <https://geoparquevolcanesdecalatrava.es/valverde-pide-en-el-primer-acto-de-divulgacion-del-geoparque-mundial-el-compromiso-de-todos-para-conservar-la-declaracion-en-2027/>
2. <https://geoparquevolcanesdecalatrava.es/el-geoparque-mundial-volcanes-de-calatrava-ciudad-real-presenta-su-potencial-en-un-encuentro-internacional-impulsado-por-la-unesco/>
3. <https://geoparquevolcanesdecalatrava.es/geoparque-volcanes-de-calatrava-dia-mundial-geodiversidad/>
4. <https://geoparquevolcanesdecalatrava.es/congreso-internacional-patrimonio-geologico-y-minero/>
5. <https://geoparquevolcanesdecalatrava.es/el-sector-turistico-de-ciudad-real-se-pone-al-dia-con-el-geoparque/>
6. <https://geoparquevolcanesdecalatrava.es/descubre-el-geoparque-volcanes-de-calatrava-una-joya-de-la-unesco-en-ciudad-real/>
7. <https://geoparquevolcanesdecalatrava.es/valverde-y-seis-alcaldes-firman-convenios-para-impulsar-el-geoparque-volcanes-de-calatrava/>
8. <https://geoparquevolcanesdecalatrava.es/el-carbonifero-de-puertollano/>
9. <https://geoparquevolcanesdecalatrava.es/el-geoparque-volcanes-de-calatrava-participa-en->

el-foro-espanol-de-geoparques-en-granada/

10. <https://geoparquevolcanesdecalatrava.es/participacion-del-geoparque-volcanes-de-calatrava-en-el-foro-espanol-de-geoparques-de-granada/>

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2024

- UNESCO recognition of the "Calatrava Volcanoes, Ciudad Real" Geopark.
- Effective integration into the network of national, European, and international geopark groups.
- Planning of the geopark's basic infrastructure and commencement of construction: information centers and museum areas.
- Final establishment of the main headquarters at Calle La Rosa, 3 (Ciudad Real).

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

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Management and Financial Status

Our financial funding and official support continue to depend on the Provincial Council of Ciudad Real and, for the development of our infrastructure, we have the financial support of a Sustainable Tourism Destination Plan.

Geoconservation

In 2024, we have begun developing (on-site) a plan to assess the geoconservation status of our thirty-one already accessible geosites, as well as the remaining fifty-seven geosites that we plan to make accessible over the next few years.

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

In 2024, we have begun developing a collaboration plan with public (SICTED) and private tourism entities (companies dedicated to developing tourist routes throughout the geopark).

This plan includes specific events for the educational training of these public and private entities, as well as a proposed distribution of the territory among private companies for the development of their geotourism projects.

New education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction

We have developed the "Vulcano" Program. The "Vulcano" Program is one of the pillars of the "Calatrava Volcanoes Geopark. Ciudad Real." Through this program, the Geopark makes the values of its geological, natural, and cultural heritage available to the educational community. Teacher training activities have been carried out, and practice notebooks have been produced for school courses. This initiative is the result of collaboration between the Regional Government of Castilla-La Mancha, the Provincial Council, and the Scientific Committee of the Geopark project.

Regarding geoconservation, works have been planned and/or initiated at several geosites located in:

- Bullring and Mining Park, Almadén.
- Mining Museum_Pozo Norte, Puertollano.
- Mortara Castle, Piedrabuena.
- Clavería Palace, Aldea del Rey.
- Silo, Almagro.
- Volcanic Water Interpretation Center and Laguna del Prado Nature Reserve, Pozuelo de Calatrava.
- Cerro Gordo Museum and Interpretation Center, Granátula de Calatrava.
- Paleontological Theme Park, Alcolea de Calatrava.

Strategic partnership

We have begun developing collaborative initiatives between the Geopark and the various rural development groups within the Geopark, including rural development groups in other Spanish Geoparks.

We have also begun developing collaborations with private entities linked to rural tourism and popular gastronomy.

Promotional activities

In addition to the aforementioned actions, we have begun working on a mascot for the geopark, called "Vulcano".

"Vulcano" will be a key element in our future promotional activity.



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