

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2024

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Yanqing UNESCO Global Geopark (China , APGN)

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2013/2023

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



Geo-science Popularization Activity

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 2490staffs including 9 geoscientists

Number of visitors: 9.65 million tourists in 2024

Number of Geopark events: 30

World Earth Day Activity, World Wetlands Day, International Day for Disaster Reduction, International Tourism Day, International Day for Geological Diversity, Students Research and Study Activity, Volunteer Activity, Ice Lantern Festival in Longqingxia, Bird-watching Activity and others.

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 20

Number of Geopark press release: 101

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2024

- replacing the guardrail on the south side of the museum, upgrading the footpath of the

Geological Gallery and 16 identification signs.

- Upgrading the facilities inside the museum (sand table projection, 3D cinema, electronic large screen of the eight planets)
- Collected rock specimens in Yanqing area
- Completed the compilation of Beijing Museum Yearbook (2019-2023) for Yanqing Geopark Museum.
- Updated signage and guide board of Yanqing Geopark
- Carried out environmental governance in dinosaur footprint fossil areas

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- In April 2024, during the World Earth Day, the 5th APGN Geopark Week and "Sister Geoparks Mutual Exhibition and Interaction" event were jointly organized with 42 other geoparks and museums.

2.13 Yanqing UGGp (China) conducted several activities

On April 22, the 55th "World Earth Day", the Yanqing UGGp organized a promotion activity in the open square of the Yanqing Geopark Museum. Display boards were placed in front of the Museum to introduce the knowledge of Global Geopark and guide everyone to start from daily life, cherish resources and protect the environment. A total of more than 500 promotional materials were distributed to visitors, including various promotional leaflets, Yanqing Geopark Rubik's Cube, Fragrant Wood Fan, T-shirts, aprons, Global Geopark passports, Earth Day theme notebooks, umbrellas, playing cards, flying chess, environmentally friendly cloth bags, etc. Yanqing Geopark Museum stamped "Yanqing Global Geopark" for every citizen who received a Global Geopark passport.



Geopark staff members went into Qianjiadian Central Primary School and gave a popular science lecture, introducing the typical geological and geomorphic landscapes of the area and popularizing the concept of harmonious coexistence between man and nature. Thereafter, students had a guided walk in the Geopark.

Students observed dinosaur footprints on the sandstone layer, learned about the formation process of footprint fossils, and why dinosaur footprints are seen now on the cliffs. They observed petrified woods, observed the stripes and annual rings of them, learned the formation process and mechanism of how trees in the Jurassic Period became today's fossils. They got more understanding about the scientific value of all these fossils. While walking in the woods, they carefully cleaned up plastic garbage.

- Yanqing UNESCO Global Geopark has been designated as a 2024 "Experience China" Social Practice Base, ranking among the five selected bases in Beijing. It serves as a premier platform for international students in China to engage in academic exchanges and hands-on learning, while further amplifying the international influence of the Yanqing Global Geopark brand.
- Participated in 2024 International Academic Seminar on "Belt and Road" Ecological Protection for a Community with a Shared Future for Mankind (Shennongjia).
- Participated in Longyan UNESCO Global Geopark Sustainable Development Salon.
- Participated in 2024 China UNESCO Global Geoparks Annual Conference & 20th Anniversary Seminar of the Global Geoparks Network (GGN)



- Participated in 8th International Training Course on UNESCO Global Geoparks Management and Development
- Participated in 4th High-Level Forum on Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Institute of Natural and Cultural Heritage, China University of Geosciences (Yanqing as its Branch)
- As requested by the Earth Sciences and Geoparks Section of UNESCO, provided textual and visual materials of Yanqing UGGp along with a letter of Grant of Rights.

Management and Financial Status

- Our Geopark is managed by Management Committee for Yanqing Global Geopark, the Administration for Yanqing Global Geopark, Area Management Sections.
- The income and expenses stay balanced. Funds of the geopark mainly come from local governmental fiscal budgets, ticket and other business income. Expenses are mainly in geo-heritage protection and conservation, science popularization, staff salary, etc.

Geoconservation

Cleared the weeds on the dinosaur footprints rock wall.

The exposed silicified wood in situ has been cleaned and protected against weathering.



Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- The Yanqing Global Geopark Off road Race was held.



- Develop the "Wind Comes from Yanqing" series of study books, echoing the content of nature, geography, biology, chemistry, literature, etc., and closely integrating classroom content with outdoor education.

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

- We brought the science popularization lecture on the theme of "Guarding Green Waters and Mountains, Caring for Human Homeland" to primary school students, leading them into the midst of green waters and mountains, combining reading with walking.
- Organized geological science popularization schools to hold disaster prevention lectures and risk avoidance drills.



Strategic partnership

- Assist Badaling Culture and Tourism Group in carrying out research and learning activities such as "Fossil Hunter".
- Collaborated with China University of Geosciences to conduct field internships in geological education.

Promotional activities

- Build a modern style siliconized wood display pavilion and install a science popularization electronic touch screen to vividly promote the past and present of silicified wood to the public.
- Jointly produced a dinosaur footprint science popularization video with the Beijing Geological Survey and Research Institute.



Wildlife Rescue

Strengthened the protection and rescue of wildlife. Rescued 118 wildlife in 2024, including 8 the National First-class Protected Animal.



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