



Experience geology!

... this is the motto of our project "Bayerns schönste Geotope (Bavaria's most beautiful geotopes)".

Geotopes are geological features of the inanimate nature: Bizarre rocks, mysterious springs and caves, outcrops of rare rocks, soils, fossil beds or mineral showings. These documents of past times have always fascinated men. Often they are not only interesting for their beauty, rarity or uniqueness, but they also have a high scientific significance. On those geotopes you are able to feel - in a figurative sense - the heartbeat of the Earth!

Start your own search for the Bavarian Treasures of Nature and help in this way to con-serve "Bayerns schönste Geotope (Bavaria's most beautiful geotopes)" - our witnesses of earth history.



Dr. Werner Schnappauf
Bavarian State Minister
for Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection

Experience geology! - save our natural heritage.

Only what is known can be protected. This motto expresses the aims of the program "Bayerns schönste Geotope (Bavaria's most beautiful geotopes)" of the Bayerische Staatsministerium für Umwelt, Gesundheit und Verbraucherschutz (Bavarian State Ministry for Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection)", which intends to make the public eye turn to our geological wonders.

Within the next years, one hundred geologically exceptional features will be presented to the public in order to attract the attention to their beauty and need for protection.

At present, the Bayerisches Geologisches Landesamt (Bavarian Geological Survey) is assembling the GEOTOPKATASTER BAYERN (Bavarian geotope register) up to now comprising about 2,600 geotopes. This digital database forms the technical basis for the project "Bayerns schönste Geotope" as well as for the integration of important geotopes into Bavarian natural conservation and spatial planning.

Each geotope site awarded with the attribute "Bayerns schönste Geotope" will increase the attractiveness of the respective region. Therefore, it can support a soft geo-tourism that impresses the tourists with our geological heritage - without extensive capital and spatial investments.



Bayerisches Geologisches Landesamt



„Hundred masterpieces“



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Geosite conservation in Bavaria

... is an initiative of the Bavarian State Ministry of Environment, Health and Consumer Protection with the aim to preserve and maintain the important witnesses of earth history, the **geotopes**, on a long term. Geotopes characterize the natural diversity of our homeland and are of special significance for the investigation of the planet Earth.

Protection and maintenance measures base on the „**GEOTOPKATASTER BAYERN (Bavarian Geotope Register)**“, a digital database at the Bavarian Geological Survey. With the project "Bayerns Schönste Geotope", one hundred of the most important geotopes will be presented to the public.



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Experience geology ...

One hundred outstanding geotopes in Bavaria will be awarded the attribute "Bayerns schönste Geotope (Bavaria's most beautiful geotopes)". Experience those witnesses of the Earth's history - at the spot where they were formed or are now exposed! Come to know Bavaria's geotopes ...



... by leaflets:

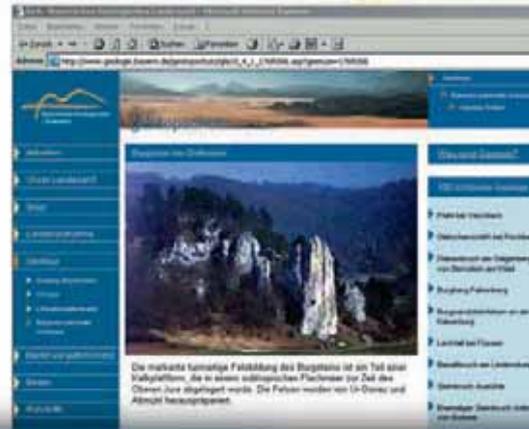
where each geotope is characterized by its most interesting facts. You can obtain the leaflets at the local tourist information center or the respective local authority, or they can be ordered by internet at www.umweltshop.bayern.de

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... by internet:

Where you can gather newest information on "Bayerns schönste Geotope" as well as on the entire "GEOTOPKATASTER BAYERN (Bavarian geotope register)" including a glossary, maps and many figures.

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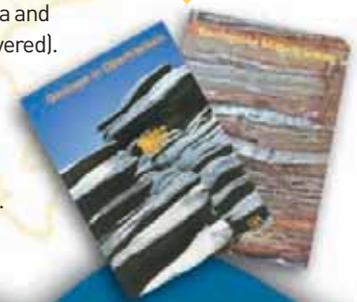
... at the real site:

where an information board offers detailed insight into origin, age and importance of the geotope. Please follow the signs!



... with our publications:

which supply comprehensive details on the geotopes in the Bavarian districts (so far, Upper Bavaria, Upper Franconia and Middle Franconia are covered). The publications can be ordered with the form in the leaflets or by internet www.geologie.bayern.de.



You would like to learn more about the Bavarian geotopes?
Please write us a letter or send an e-mail to
info-geotope@gla.bayern.de

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“Pin-up: our highest!”

Symbol for geotope protection in Bavaria: Situated at 1,300 m above sea level, the “Steinerne Agnes (Rocky Agnes)” in Berchtesgaden county is one of Bavaria’s most beautiful geotopes.

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