

RAPTOR NEST INVENTORY



CARPATHIAN PRIMEVAL FOREST

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MAKE HISTORY.

Work with Pioneers in the Carpathian Primeval Forest to establish a new national park.

„This is not an ordinary place – a thought crosses my mind at the end of my working day in the field. This single average day our teams have found two lesser spotted eagle nests and over 100 sites of endangered moss species. Coming back home I make a photo of a wolf footprint. Setting sun is pouring through thick canopy of 300-year-old trees. Every single day is a discovery.”

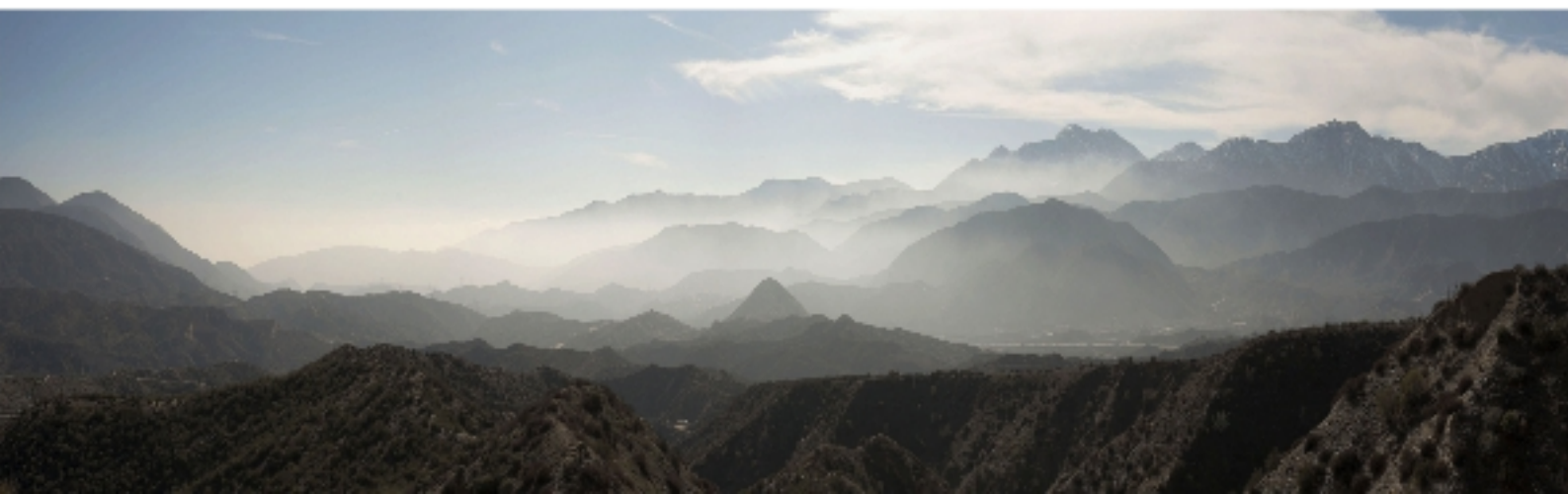
WWF Priority Area. Carpathian Primeval Forest is one of the wildest areas in Europe. Carpathians stretch between Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia, Romania, Hungary and Ukraine, creating an ecological corridor across the continent. It provides shelter for brown bear, lynx, wolf, wildcat, owls and birds of prey, such as the lesser spotted eagle. However, due to the human impact, their numbers are declining.

„It is a real privilege to work with this species.” Lesser spotted eagle is a majestic bird, a symbol of true, pristine wilderness. It is classified as Natura 2000 species and an umbrella species. When its nest is found, a protection zone is formed in the radius of 500m and trees within this zone cannot be logged.

Every year we look for nests of this elusive bird of prey. It's a part of a large scale project in which we collect data on rare Carpathian species. Documentation is a key argument to **establish a new national park** in Southeastern Poland.

For now, large parts of the forest are **a no man's land**. Timber extraction takes place. Every day we go to work, we hear chainsaws on our research sites and see ancient trees falling.

***We have to act quickly. We need you NOW. Become our Field Researcher.
Help us establish a new national park. Make history.
There will be no second chance.***



What will I do?

You will attend a comprehensive training on raptor identification in the field. You don't have to be a bird expert – the training is made for amateurs as well as professionals.

We will observe and record lesser spotted eagles returning to the nest with prey. We will be located at vista points in such a way that you will see your neighbours at their spots.

You will be equipped with a map and compass. You will mark the

bird's flight direction on the map. If records of neighbouring observers are compatible, the nest location will be assessed using triangulation.

Our work depends on the weather. Ideally, we will work 5 days a week, 7-8 hours a day: 4 hours in the morning and 3 hours in the evening, to match the birds activity .

We will have free middays, when we can return to the base, relax and cook dinner together.



Where will I stay?

- **In a truly wild, unique place.** The base is located in a small village – Nowosiolki Dydyskie. The nearest bigger city – Przemysl – is 25 km away. The Ukrainian border is a few kilometers away.

You will be surrounded by stunning nature and forests, on the foothills of the wildest mountains in Poland. The area is very tranquil and welcoming. There is a river and an old monastery nearby as well as a small shop with basic goods.

We will stay in the Natural Heritage Fund center. This is a building with 7 rooms, a kitchen, a bathroom with shower and a common room with space to eat together and equipped with books.

We will sleep in bunk beds but you need **your own sleeping bag**. Internet available by WiFi. There may be some problems with mobile phone coverage since the area is not urbanized. Don't forget the electricity plugin adapter.



Free time!

With good organisation of work we can have plenty of **free time**. And then...

The idea is to try something new. Share our passions and learn from each other. Bring anything that crosses your mind – a game, an instrument that you play, a recipe for a delicious meal or other things that you find interesting. Tell us about your hobbies or your interesting job. Teach us unique skills that you have. **Share everything you want – it's up to you!**

In this beautiful place, you can:

- explore numerous tourist trails
- bathe in the river
- collect mushrooms
- play guitar
- get spectacular photos
- play games
- cook delicious dinner
- have a nap
- learn some Polish!
- visit the monastery



There is also a possibility of organizing two sightseeing days in the **historic city of Przemyśl**, the City of Thousand Monuments. It will include a walk through the Old Town and a visit in local **Wildlife Rehab Center** or neighbouring **Botanical Garden**.

What's in it for me?



Boost your CV with our Certificate of Participation!

We offer HANDS-ON intensive exchange of specialist ornithological experience and knowledge and HANDS-ON field experience in wildlife monitoring abroad, especially important for Ornithologists, Students, Wildlife Volunteers and Professionals. We will provide training in high-standard techniques of species identification and tracking as well as data registration.



Spend Time of Your Life in one of the wildest areas of Europe!

We offer deep contact with unspoiled Wildlife, 24 hours a day! You can watch stunning, tranquil sunrises and sunsets and reconnect with rhythms of Nature. You will have an opportunity to make lifelong friends with inspiring, like-minded people. You will experience invaluable and refreshing international, intercultural exchange. You will gain unforgettable memories.



***Experience life like in a documentary movie...
for real.***

How much will it cost?



You will spend £350 for entire 3 week stay

The price includes transfer from Przemysl to the base, all food expenses and accommodation in the Natural Heritage Fund center with all facilities. It also covers our high-quality field training confirmed by the Certificate.



If you choose the version with sightseeing days, the price will be 50 Pounds higher. When applying, please specify if you are interested in the sightseeing days – there has to be a minimum number of Participants.

Although our fee doesn't include plane tickets, transport to Przemysl and insurance on the site, everything else is covered for you for the entire length of your stay with us.



***Contribute to world-class bird conservation research
of critical importance:
become a part of something bigger.***

Your questions answered

Do I have to know a lot about eagles to participate?

You don't have to be a bird expert! Ornithological knowledge can be gained on the site. There are persons who help in the research not mainly for birds – they want to reconnect with nature or be a part of a friendly community.



What to bring?

In this time of the year, the weather in Poland tends to be hot, sometimes reaching even 30 C. Therefore, a hat, sunglasses and light clothes are strongly recommended. On the other hand, evenings sometimes tend to be somewhat cool, so a sweater will be needed. Here is a list of what you need to bring: passport, proof of insurance, sleeping bag, towel, binoculars, compass, trekking boots, flipflops, jacket, raincoat, sunscreen, insect repellent, torch, rucksack, swimsuit if you want to bathe in a river, electricity plugin adapter.



What is provided on the site?

Full board and lodging. The food is covered and we will cook our meals. Sometimes we can also eat in the bar for pilgrims at the neighbouring monastery.



How to get here?

The nearest major airport is in Cracow (Krakow Balice KRK). Then we recommend taking the train which will take you straight to Przemysl, which is the final stop so you won't miss it. Our meeting point is in Przemysl at the train station, which is small so you won't need to go anywhere. You can check the timetable and buy tickets here: <http://rozklad-pkp.pl/en>



In the section „From” type Kraków Główny and in the section „To” type Przemysł Główny. The journey takes 3,5 hours. Economic class ticket costs 45 Polish Zlotys (around 9 Pounds).



What if I have more questions? You are welcome to ask! We are here to help.

Health & Safety tips

Bring a proof of your insurance with you, European Health Insurance Card is the best option.

Report any allergies or diseases to us before you arrive. Take all necessary medicaments that you use. First aid kit is on site, but it contains only basic supplies.

When going to work in the field, take sufficient amount of water with you to prevent dehydration. One litre is a minimum. Don't forget a hat to protect your head from sun.

Beware of ticks. In Poland they transmit borreliosis and Tick Borne Encephalitis. There's a vaccination against TBE and it is recommended that you vaccinate yourself. If you notice a tick on your skin, you should remove it as soon as possible. Shower everyday is a good idea – ticks will be removed by the running water. It's difficult to spot them regarding their size – below is an image of a tick on a grass stem.

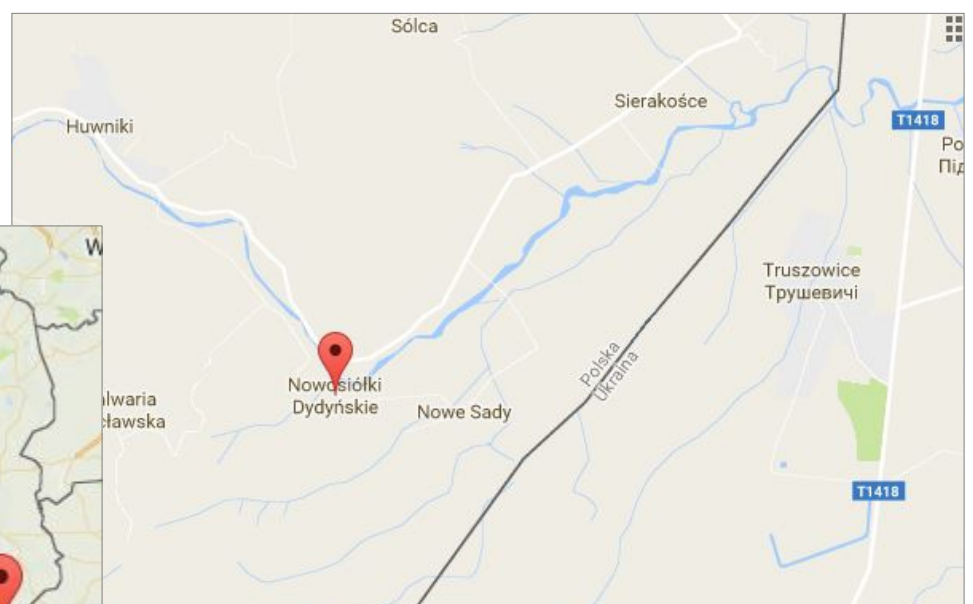
Sosnowsky's hogweed (*Heracleum sosnowskyi*) is a poisonous plant that you might encounter in Poland. Don't touch it – it causes severe burns. It is a tall, impressive umbellifer, reaching up to 4 meters of height.



Camp factfile

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Our location in Poland



Nowosiółki Dydyńskie village
near Ukrainian border.