

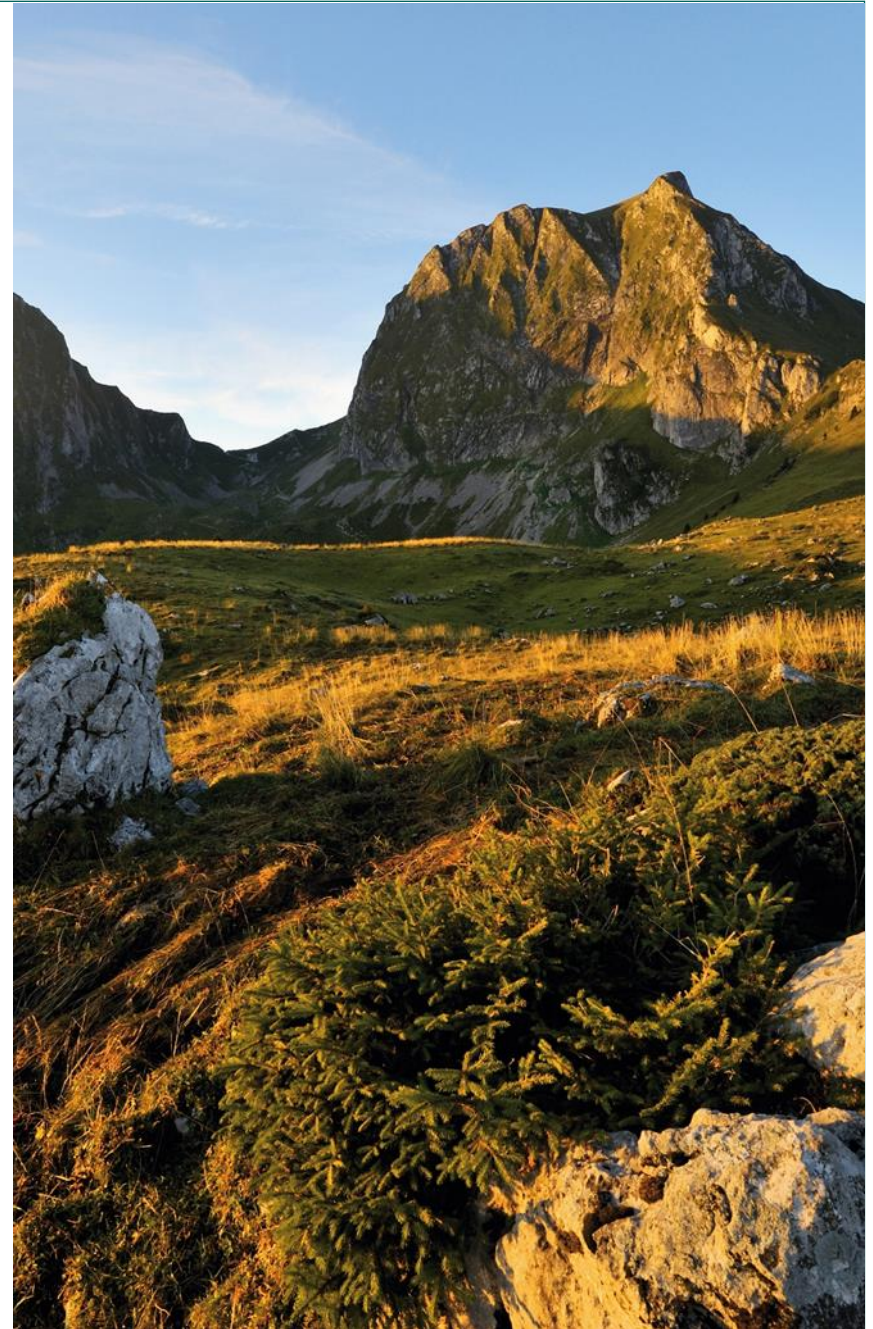


# CORPORATE VOLUNTEERING IN SWISS PARKS

An Introduction

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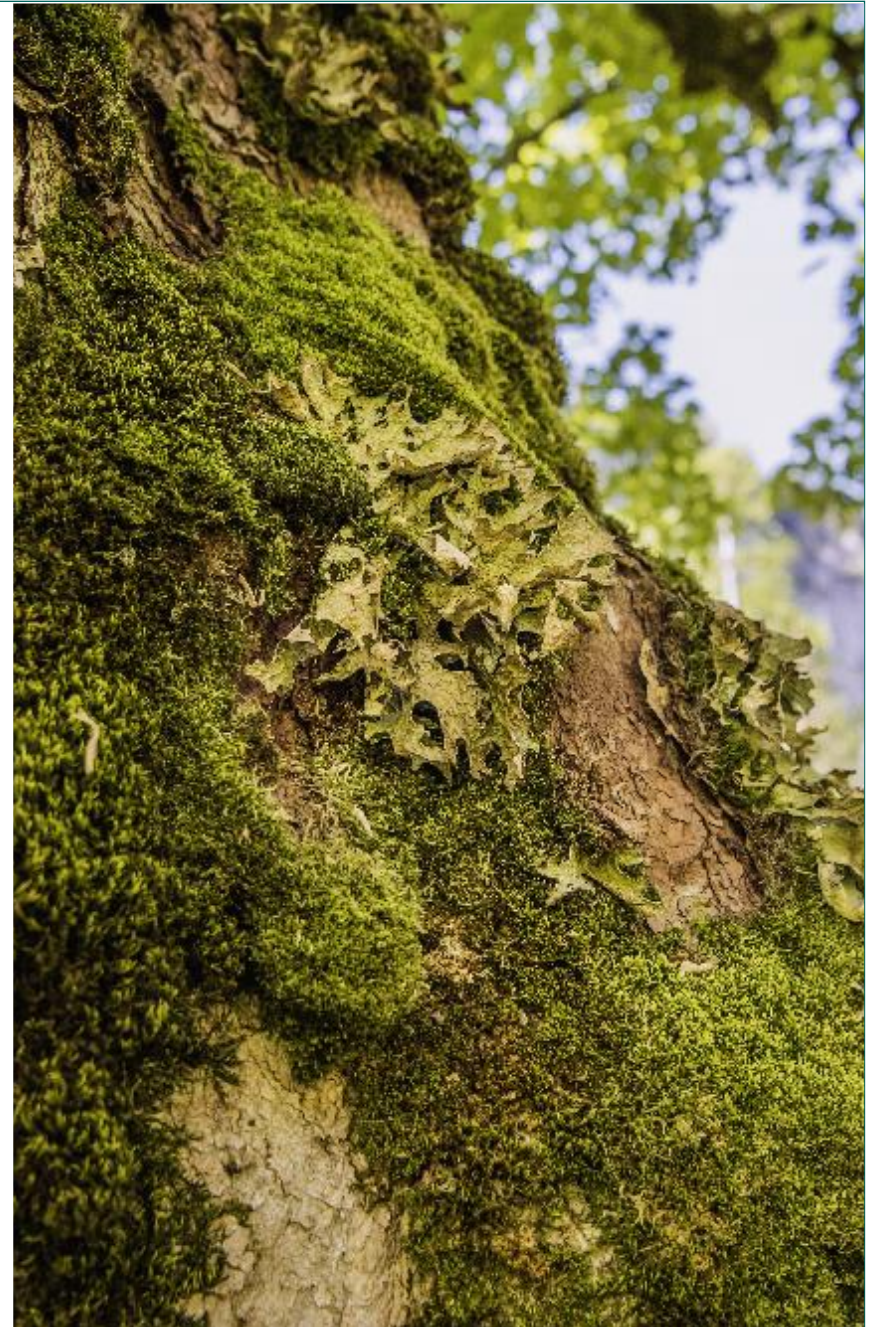
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## The Swiss Parks

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.



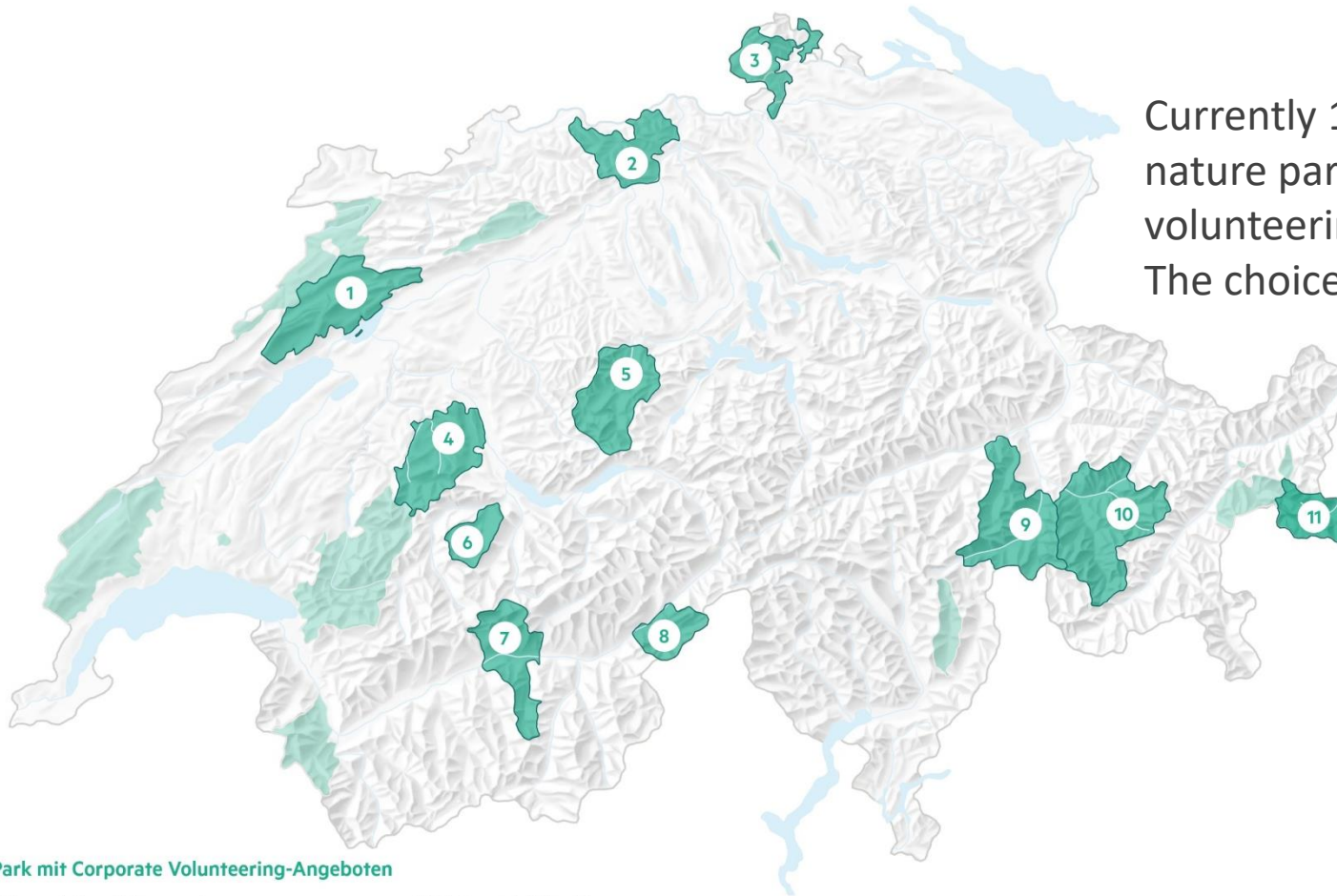
## Goals of Corporate Volunteering

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 Diemtigal               |                             |



## 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

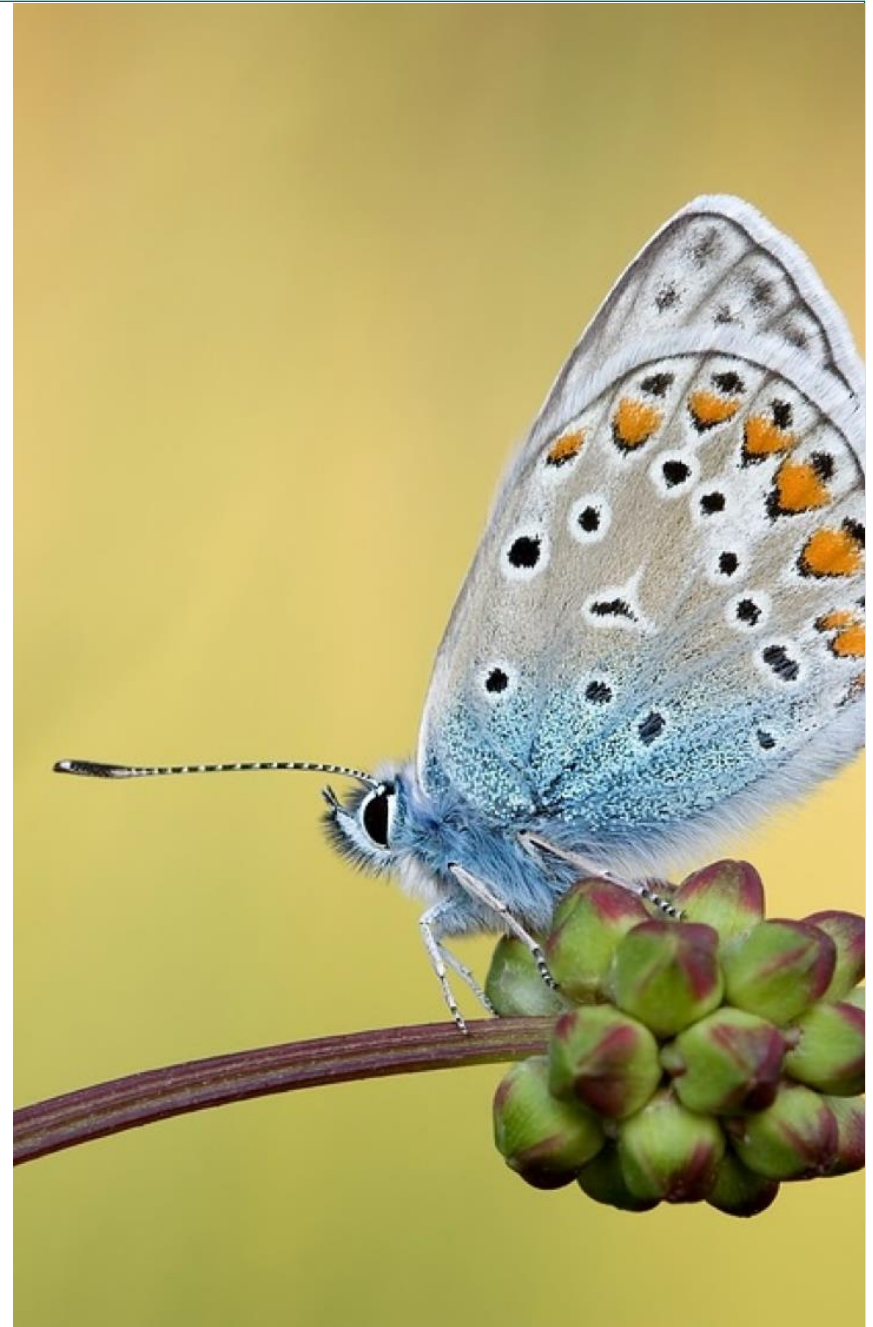




## Our services

- 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

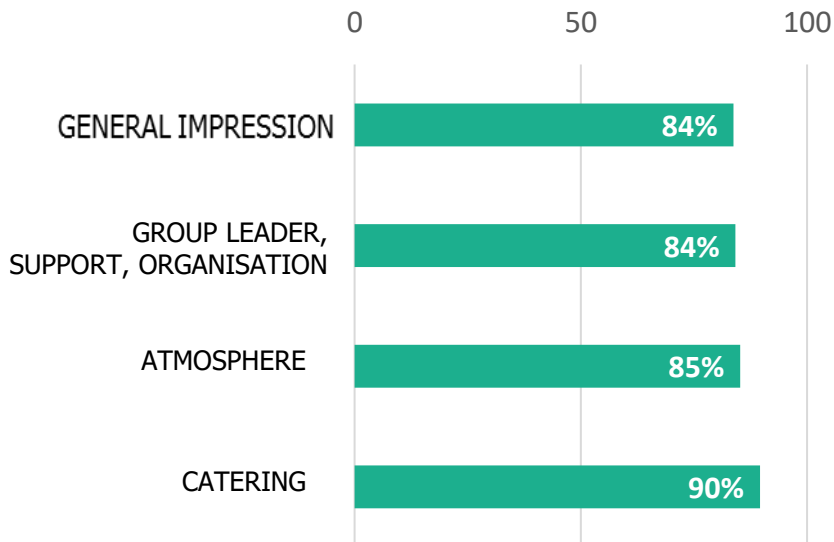




## Feedback from volunteers

(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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