New Handbook

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Field Guide to Protected Areas in the Barents Region

A new field guide to the protected areas in the Barents Region will soon be published with support from the Norwegian Ministry of the Environment. The field guide will present practical information, photos and maps from some of the most interesting nature areas in the region.

More than 50 carefully selected areas will be presented in detail. There will also be a complete list of protected areas, map sketches, species lists, presentation of selected key species e.g. The field guide will be a useful tool for conservationists, backpackers, ecotourists and everybody interesting in environmental management in the Barents Region.

The first European national parks were established in Sweden already in 1909. Today the four Barents countries have a great diversity of protected areas, both when it comes to protection form, size and habitats. Alongside the national parks there are nature reserves, nature parks, landscape protection areas, wilderness areas, bird protection areas e.g.

In total there are now more than 30 national parks and several hundred nature reserves in the region.

Some countries have already published both books and booklets about their national parks, but so far there has been no such thing as a common presentation of protected areas in the Barents Region as a whole.

Contents
The introductory part of the field guide will contain:

- *General information on conservation of nature in the region*
- *Presentation of nature protection and legislation in the different countries*
- *Overview of number and size of protected areas*
- *List of Ramsar-areas in the region*
- *Border crossing collaboration between protected areas*
- *Leave No Trace – Outdoor Ethics*

There will also be three separate chapters on:

- *Whale watching in Nordland*
- *Bird watching in Varanger*
- *Brown Bear watching in Kuusamo*



The main part of the field guide will include detailed information on more than 50 selected areas in the Barents region. The presentations will contain:

- *Map sketch*
- *Kind of protection*
- *Area size and year established*
- *Protection aim, purpose*
- *Habitats*
- *Biodiversity and interesting species*
- *Available maps (name and number)*
- *How to get there? – parking areas, public transportation*
- *How to get around? – paths, boardwalks, cabins e.g.*
- *When to go? – seasonal information*
- *Where to go? – restrictions on public access*
- *Where to stay? – accommodation and other facilities in and near the protected area*
- *Visitor centres,"naturum" and information boards*
- *Contact information for further info*
- *Textbox with information on a particularly interesting key species*

Among the selected areas are:

- *Nykan Nature Reserve*
- *Skogvoll Nature Reserve*
- *Saltfjellet/Svartisen NP*
- *Prestvatnet Landscape Protection*
- *Reisa National Park*
- *Stabbursdalen National Park*
- *Slettnes Nature Reserve*
- *Øvre Pasvik National Park*
- *Tanamunningen Nature Reserve*
- *Hornøya/Reinøya Nature Reserve*
- *Haparanda Archipelago NP*
- *Laponia World Heritage Site*
- *Gammelstadsviken Nature Reserve*
- *Blaikfjället Nature Reserve*
- *Holmöarna Nature Reserve*
- *Vindelfjället Nature Reserve*
- *Lemmenjoki National Park*
- *Kevo Strict Nature Reserve*
- *Käsivarsi Wilderness Area*
- *Pallas Ounastunturi National Park*
- *Oulanka National Park*
- *Eimyssalo Protected Area*
- *Liminganlahti LIFE Project*
- *Kandalaksha zapovednik*
- *Lapplandsky zapovednik*
- *Kenozero National Park*
- *Paanajärvi National Park*
- *Vodlosersky National Park*
- *Nenetsky zapovednik*
- *Yugyd Va National Park*
- *Pechoro-Ilchsky National Park*

Among the selected species are:

- *Atlantic Salmon*
- *Northern Gannet*
- *Lesser White-fronted Goose*
- *Steller's Eider*
- *Smew*
- *White-tailed Eagle*
- *Little Gull*
- *Brünnich's Guillemot*
- *Red-flanked Bluetail*
- *Yellow-breasted Bunting*
- *Brown Bear*
- *Arctic Fox*
- *Forest Reindeer*
- *Harp Seal*
- *Killer Whale*
- *White Mountain Saxifrage*
- *Marsh Saxifrage*
- *Cinnamon Rose*
- *Mountain Avens*
- *Russian Clematis*
- *False Helleborine*



The final part of the field guide will include an appendix with:

- *Complete list of national parks*
- *Complete list of nature reserves*
- *List of other protected areas*
- *Red data list for vertebrates*
- *Links to information on the Internet*
- *List of useful addresses*
- *Index (locations and species)*





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