

EUROPARC Federation

**Memorandum of Understanding
with the United States National Parks Service North East Region**

EUROPARC Members' Questionnaire

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YES , we are interested in an exchange programme with a protected area in the United States (North East Region).

Please state reason:

SUPPORT FOR TRANS-NATIONAL KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE AND SHARING BEST PRACTICE

1. If yes, on which topics would you be interested in pursuing cooperation?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> organisational development | <input type="checkbox"/> ecotourism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sustainability | <input type="checkbox"/> marketing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> transboundary management | <input type="checkbox"/> education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> financing | <input type="checkbox"/> other (please state) AGRI-ENVIRONMENT SCHEMES |

2. If yes, what type of exchange would you be interested in ?

ALL OF THE BELOW

- at staff level (professional development)
- at political level (Presidents, Board Members)
- other stakeholders (e.g. farmers, tourism businesses)

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3. If yes, please give a short description of the features of your park and main areas of current work:

Exmoor National Park covers 267 square miles with varied landscapes from coastal heathland and cliffs, semi-natural ancient woodlands, high moorland plateaux and an intricate farmed, 'cultural' landscape. A living and working environment, approximately 10500 people live within the National Park boundary. Primary economic activity is through landbased business (predominantly farming) and tourism.

Major initiatives at the moment are Sustainable Development, sustainable tourism/'green' tourism and a shift in agricultural support mechanisms for this less favoured area (National Government and European Union reforms). National Park Authorities in England and Wales are being used as 'test beds' for rural revival, particularly following Foot and Mouth outbreak in 2001.

The National Park Authority provides a local focus and specialist staff to manage a national/international asset with delivery at a local level in partnership with local, regional and national stakeholders.

Signed: Tim Braund

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