

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).

No, we are not interested in an exchange programme with a protected area in the United States (North East Region).

*Please state reason:*

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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> organisational development | <input type="checkbox"/> ecotourism                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sustainability                        | <input type="checkbox"/> marketing                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> transboundary management              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> financing                  | <input type="checkbox"/> other (please state) _____ |

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

- 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:**

**The Administration of Teici Nature reserve** is responsible for two, state owned protected areas – Teici and Krustkalni nature reserves.

Teici, the largest virgin mire in Baltic, secures 77% from the whole area (19337 hectares) of **Teici Nature Reserve**. The typical dome-shaped raised bog landscape dominate in the reserve – open parts changes to huge bog – pool labyrinths and naturally dryer sites, partly covered by low Scotch pine stands. The Teici mire with 19 lakes have outstanding importance for protection of waterfowls and other birds, it hosts 53 species endangered in Europe - such as golden eagle, black stork, black-throated diver, golden plover, whimbrel. Teici Nature Reserve is a Ramsar site since 05.04.95 and is inscribed on the List of Important Bird Areas for Europe.

**Krustkalni Nature reserve** is situated in the Central highland of Latvia, and covers almost **3000 hectares**.

It maintains the typical forests and clean water bodies of the woody Madona-Trepe range of hills, reaching the relative height of 70 meters and rise up over generally flat landscape. Calceous springs running out from the eastern slope provides remarkable amount of fresh water to the main lake and river system - natural and unpolluted water bodies, of the reserve. 90% of the territory is covered by various types of woods, changing with overgrowing lakes or bogs in the valleys of hills. Some forest stands reaching 150 - 170 years. 48 species of plants protected in Europe are found in Krustkalni, several of them are particularly rare.

The traditionally strong legal protection of both reserves, lasting for more than 20 years, save high diversity of biotopes and provides living conditions for extinct and particularly protected bird, animal and insect species, as well as traditional landscape - lakes, stones, holy springs with mythological and healing value.

**The main areas of current work:**

- **nature conservation planning and management,**
- **scientific research and monitoring of ecosystems and protected species,**
- **inspection and guarding (incl. fire guarding) of both reserves,**
- **nature conservation law enforcement, proposals for improvement of National legislation,**
- **environmental consulting,**
- **fundraising and management of projects.**

Signed:

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