



NATURAL VALUES OF BÉDA-KARAPANCSA

The region of Béda-Karapancsa includes habitats with some of the most outstanding natural values of the Hungarian Lower Danube-valley. This is where Hungary's most densely populated white-tailed eagle and black stork areas are found. Herons, egrets and spoonbills find refuge in the depth of undisturbed forests. Snakeshead lily, woodbine and carpesium are also found here. Plants of marsh meadows and pastures include solitary clematis and fen ragwort. A special natural value of Lake Riha on Mohács-island is a nesting colony of little egrets and night herons.



Mohács National Historic Memorial

Our historic memorial, a symbolic, parkland graveyard can be found outside the village Sátorhely. The area of the park is the final resting place of more than 15.000 soldiers who died in the Mohács battle in 1526. Besides the display of carved wooden grave-poles, the memorial park tells about the historically reconstructed story of the battle that lead to the tragic outcome.

Opening hours: 9.00-18.00 every day from 1st April – 30th October. Between 1st November – 31st March, open only upon prior arrangement.

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White Stork Museum – Kölked

Inhabitants of the village Kölked south of Mohács have lived together with storks for centuries. This is where Hungary's only White Stork Museum is found. The exhibition is located in a house that used to be a school building, and educates about various stork species, stork migration routes and life history. While inside the exhibition hall the visitor can follow the migration routes of storks on a huge display of light spots, outside in the yard a few over-wintered storks are trying their wings besides a tiny pond.

Nagypartos study trail

Located outside the village Kölked, the trail is easily accessible from the White Stork Museum. It leads along the edge of the strictly protected Nagy-rét meadow, right up to the Danube. It takes the visitor across one of Hungary's largest floodplain pastures where it is possible to take a look at the extensively kept Hungarian grey cattle herd. With a bit of luck one can even encounter a drab coloured calf called locally "pirók".



Újmohács study trail

This study trail is found on the left side of the Danube, on Mohács-island. The route, telling about the specialities of the floodplain, provides detailed information on how water-mills used to work.



National Park on land and on water

The picturesque floodland habitats and wildlife of Béda-Karapancsa can be explored on foot, on organised canoe-tour, or on any of three cycling routes varying both in length and content – either individually or with national park guidance. Here is a brief sample from the multitude of possibilities:

Follow the storks – This tour is started by visiting the White Stork Museum in Kölked, and then continued with a guided walk along the Nagypartos study trail down to the Danube riverside where the programme can be continued by having a nice local food speciality. To conclude the day, visitors can take horse-carts that carry them back to the village.

National Park on land and on water – During this exceptional programme, visitors have a guided canoe-tour along the winding Danube side-branch Külső-Béda. Following paddling, the White Stork Museum is visited, then the programme is concluded with a walk on Nagypartos study trail leading to the Danube riverside. The programme can be supplemented with a picnic in the floodplain and horse-cart riding.

Cycling and canoe-touring in Béda – This programme includes cycling along the Danube dyke on national park bikes from Mohács to Kölked where the White Stork Museum can be visited. Then cycling is continued to the Külső-Béda side-branch where canoes are awaiting the visitors. After completing a round in the floodland side-branch, we can ride the bikes back to Mohács.

Small boat cruising on the Danube – The comfortable, 11-person small motorboat called "Ficánka" is available, with on-board snacks and wine tasting as an option. The route unfolds sights of the Hungarian Lower-Danube valley. Possible targets can be the Nagypartos study trail or the country border. Other options include guidance provided by national park staff in the Béda-Karapancsa region.

Possibilities in the Béda-Karapancsa area include bicycle rental, canoe hiring and small boat cruising or hiring. The staff of Duna-Drava National Park Directorate are available to our dear visitors for guided canoe-tours or hiking.



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