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Dyje WILDRiver



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Dyje WILDRiver, Czech Republic

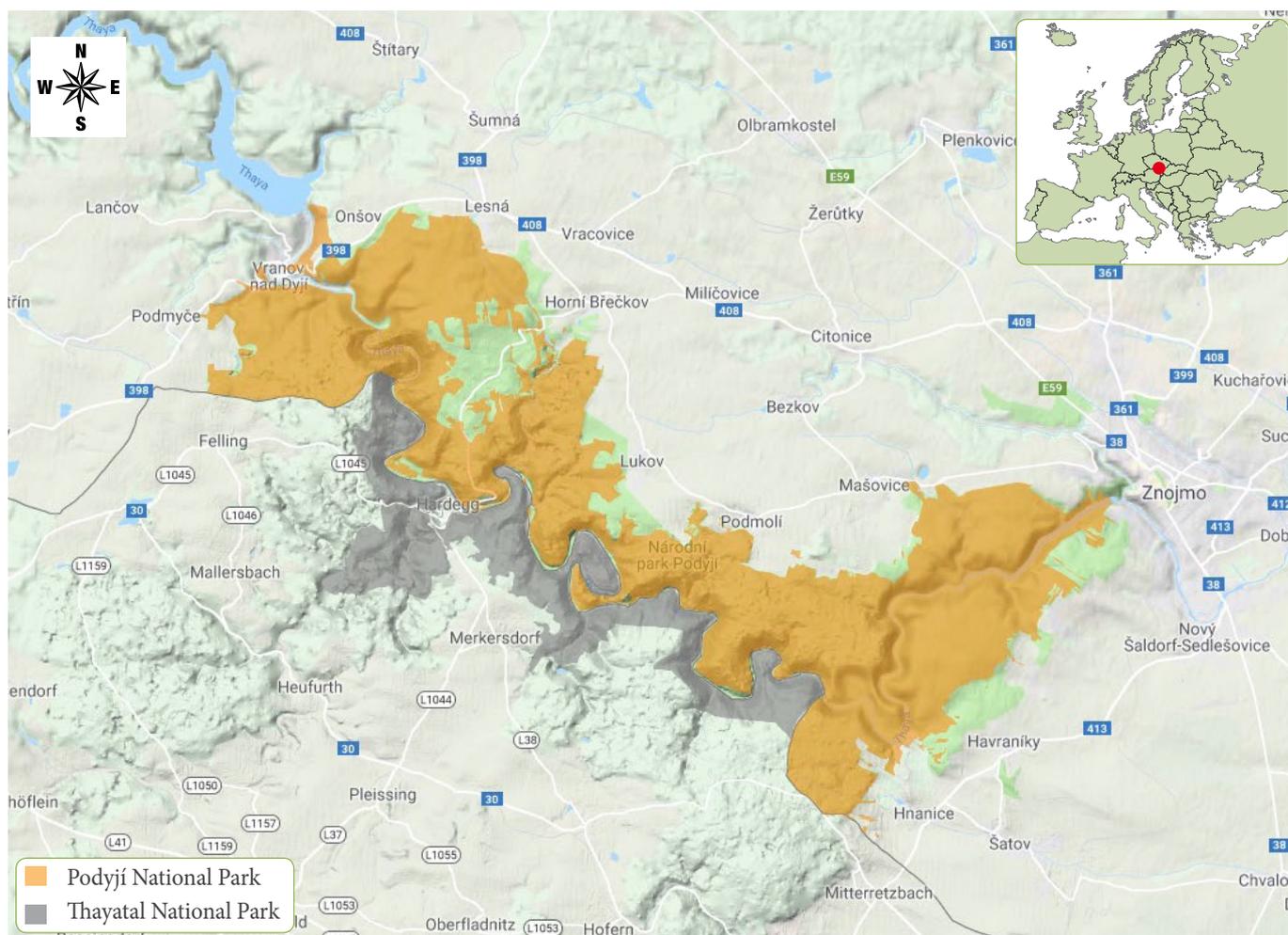
The Dyje WILDRiver spans a length of over 2 kilometres and is embedded in the Podyjí Wilderness. The Podyjí Wilderness is part of the Podyjí National Park, Czech Republic. The Dyje WILDRiver is characterised by extraordinary scenery, being home to features such as rocky amphitheatres, cliffs, meanders and alluvial river terraces around the River. The dynamic water flow continuously changes the riverbed.

The Dyje WILDRiver, since the beginning of conservation efforts in this area, is the key element and driving force behind the establishment of the Podyjí National Park and transboundary protected area of Podyjí National Park in Czech Republic and Thayatal National Park in Austria.

European Wilderness Quality Standard Audit System

The 2 km Dyje WILDRiver was subject to a Quick-Audit in 2017 and meets the Bronze Wilderness Quality Standard. A European Wilderness Quality Standard Full-Audit is scheduled for 2023.

Wilderness information	
Protected area	Podyjí National Park
WILDRiver	Dyje WILDRiver
Country	Czech Republic
Size of the protected area	6 276 ha
Size of the WILDRiver	2.7 km
European Wilderness Quality Standard Audit	2017
Wilderness Uniqueness	Surrounded by mixed deciduous forests in the lower continental region Pannonia lowland, left to spontaneous development
Number of visitors per year to the protected area	approx. 200 000
Number of visitors per year to the WILDRiver	approx. 10 000



Due to the fragility of Dyje WILDRiver, the exact location of Podyjí Wilderness and Dyje WILDRiver is not disclosed.

Map scale 1 : 141 000

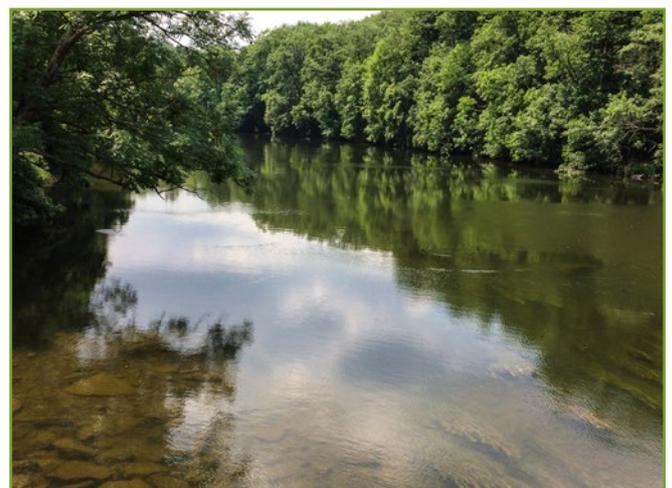


Biodiversity

The surrounding area of Dyje WILDRiver has a very high biodiversity. There are approximately 1 300 vascular plants species, nearly 1 000 macroscopic fungi species, approximately 300 species of lichens and 300 species of mosses, 209 bird species, 66 mammal species, 7 reptile species, 25 fish species, 13 amphibian species, and around 10 000 species of invertebrates.

Wilderness Tourism Experience

The Podyjí National Park lies in a very densely populated area with very good transport accessibility, 80 km from Vienna, 180 km from Prague. The park itself is not accessible for cars, but is accessible by a dense network of marked footpaths for cyclists and pedestrians. The paths lead along the Dyje WILDRiver and therefore the character of the area can be seen from several attractive viewing points. A system of information panels in the field provide the visitors with valuable information about the area.



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European Wilderness Society

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It has a dedicated multi-cultural and experienced team of Wilderness and wildlife specialists, nature conservationists, researchers and scientists, tourism experts, marketing and business professionals, legal advisors and Wilderness advocates, whose mission is to:

- ▶ identify
- ▶ designate
- ▶ steward
- ▶ promote

Europe's last Wilderness, WILDCoasts, WILDForests, WILDIslands and WILDRivers. Here non-human intervention leads to open-ended, dynamic processes.

This is conveyed through a range of projects that facilitate Wilderness knowledge exchange, including education, culture and science, from local community through to scientific and governmental level.

European Wilderness Network

The European Wilderness Network connects Europe's wildest places. Certified by the European Wilderness Quality and Audit System, these unique areas host diverse wild ecosystems governed by dynamic open-ended processes, with no or minimum human-intervention. The Network includes, for example, Europe's last primeval beech forests, the arctic tundra, and mountain landscapes in different climate conditions. It aims to promote Europe's last Wilderness, WILDCoasts, WILDForests, WILDIslands and WILDRivers, with a comprehensive marketing strategy. The European Wilderness Network offers a platform to share Wilderness Stewardship best-practice examples and Wilderness research. It connects like-minded Wilderness managers and advocates and fosters the exchange of ideas and knowledge across Europe and the world through the European Wilderness Exchange Programme.

For more information please see <http://european-wilderness.network>

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