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SWISS PARKS

The park environment in Switzerland has taken shape. Following the dynamic developments of the past 10 years, the latest map (updated January 2017) includes 19 parks and park projects, representing more than 12% of the area of Switzerland in 13 different cantons.

The Swiss National Park in the Engadine is the best-known park in the country. It was established over 100 years ago as the first national park in the Alpine region, and it has its own legal basis. Since the revision of the Federal Act on the Protection of Nature and Cultural Heritage (NCHA) of 2007, new national park projects have been developing. The Parco Nazionale del Locarnese TI is currently being created (candidate). However, the second candidate – the Parc Adula GR/TI – was rejected in a vote held in November 2016.

In addition to the national parks, Switzerland has 14 regional nature parks and one nature discovery park that meet the requirements of the Parks Ordinance (ParkO) to the NCHA. There are also the Jorat Nature Discovery Park project in the Canton of Vaud and the Schaffhausen Regional Nature Park, which was voted on in late 2016 but is not yet in operation.

Swiss park policy has been a success story. Regional nature parks have sprung up in all areas of the country. They have become pillars of long-term regional growth, creating added value for the nature and the countryside, for society and the regional economy – with tourism and regional products as the main economic beneficiaries. The national and nature discovery parks focus on conservation of nature and the countryside, with particular emphasis on natural processes (core zones). By providing the basis for experiences of nature, these parks also attract tourism.

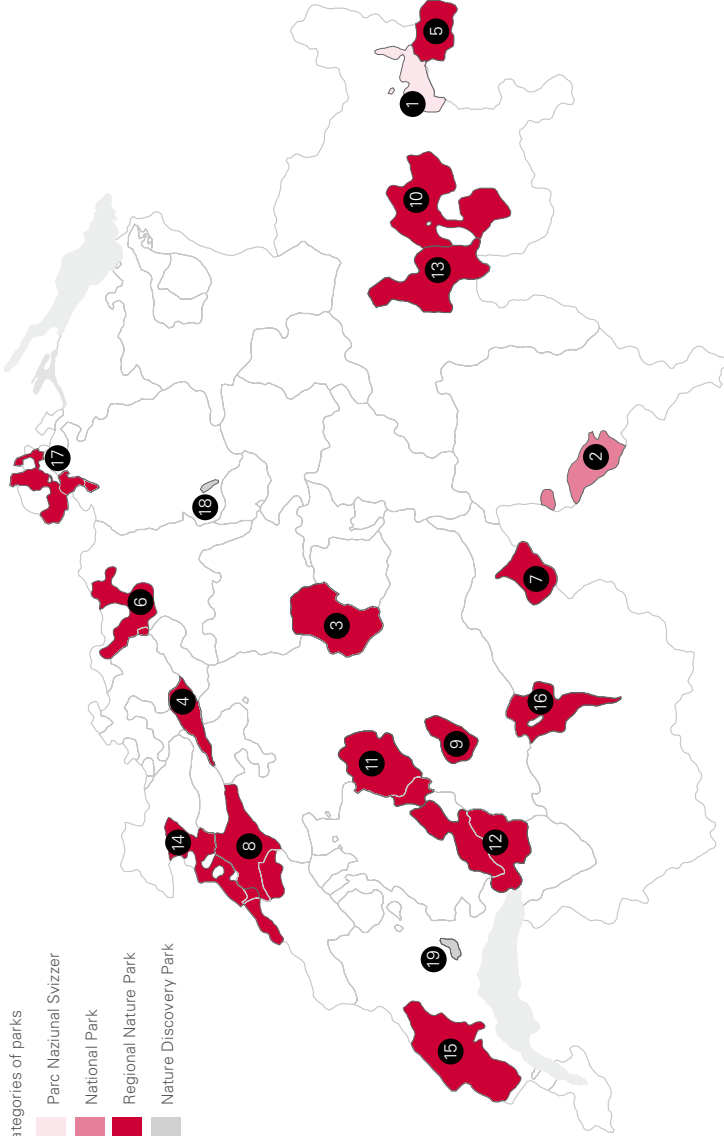
In 2016, the Swiss Parks won the Tourism For Tomorrow Award, an international prize for sustainable tourism. Thanks to its parks, Switzerland was thus honoured as one of the world's most sustainable destinations.

Studies on value added by tourism in the UNESCO Biosphere Entlebuch (Knaus F., 2012) and the Biosphere Reserve 'Val Müstair Parc Naziunal' (Backhaus N., 2013) have shown that 16% of visitors make their journeys because of the Biosphere Entlebuch, while as many as 36% travel on account of the Swiss National Park. They generate total added value of CHF 6 million for the Entlebuch region and CHF 20 million for the Swiss National Park region, corresponding to six times the amount of the public funds invested (at federal, cantonal and municipal levels).

SWISS PARKS

Categories of parks

- Parc Nazional Swizzer
- National Park
- Regional Nature Park
- Nature Discovery Park



1 Parc Nazional Swizzer | 2 Progetto Parco Nazionale del Locarnese* | 3 UNESCO Biosphère Entlebuch | 4 Naturpark Thal | 5 Biosféra Val Müstair | 6 Jurapark Aargau | 7 Landschaftspark Binnental | 8 Parc régional Chasseral | 9 Naturpark Diemtigtal | 10 Parc Ela | 11 Naturpark Gantrisch | 12 Parc naturel régional Gruyère Pays-d'Enhaut | 13 Naturpark Beverin | 14 Parc du Doubs | 15 Parc Jura vaudois | 16 Naturpark Plyn-Finges | 17 Naturpark Schaffhausen** | 18 Wildnispark Zürich Sihlwald | 19 Parc naturel péribain du Jorat***

* Candidate National Park ** Candidate Regional Nature Park *** Candidate Nature Discovery Park

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