

Wilderness Interpretation Guide

Goals

- Create a meaningful orientated wilderness experience by spreading the conservation story of the European bison, be an ambassador of European wilderness and a role model of wilderness ethics.
- Develop nature interpretive guiding abilities in a unique European wilderness context. The Carpathian Mountains are one of Europe's richest biodiversity reservoirs, where emblematic species like brown bear, grey wolf, Eurasian lynx and, recently, the European bison live. Romania hosts the second-largest surface of virgin forests in Europe after Russia.
- Gain knowledge about European flora and fauna specific to a mosaic landscape formed of pastures forest and alpine areas from experienced nature interpretation guides. Take part in exploration trips to neighbouring nature and national parks covering the SW Carpathians area, alongside specialised mountain guides,
- Play an active role in developing nature based experiences in the Bison Hillock region, working closely with the community development specialist, local wilderness guide as well as partners on programme development, hospitality capacity building amongst the local community. You will have a chance to be part of shaping activities which involve creative workshops, outdoor camping experiences, mountain bike activities, local experiences and work alongside the team on enterprise development.
- Nurture a culture of knowledge sharing, learning and support amongst members.

Deliverables

- Supporting, assisting or substituting local wilderness guide during hosted experiences in the area (bison tracking, Tented Camp experience, bear watching hides and chamois trails)
- Identify new trails together the WWF local team;
- Provide support to other members of the taskforce in their ongoing field monitoring activities to ensure accurate data collection for the duration of the programme;
- Engage locals with support from the WWF team to develop a network of farm-based campsites in nearby villages of Sub Margine and Sat Batran to include local cuisine. Identify and help mark walking trails between villages and nearby cultural landmarks. Work closely with community development specialist to produce a basic map and subsequent marketing materials to promote camp-stays at locals.
- In situ communication based as host at the visitor centre min 1 day/week. Support ongoing online communication on owned social channels, working closely with the communication specialist, community development specialist and taskforce coordinator; provide regular updates for the local blog, WWF blog, Facebook and Instagram pages from your own experiences in the area.
- Participate in workshops related to embedded systems development, multi-sensor wildlife monitoring, adaptive wildlife management, HWC mitigation with Bison Hillock Lab team and partners in Romania and abroad;

Desired traits

- Experience in nature guiding, outdoor skills, situational awareness, basic understanding of ecology, basic knowledge of first aid and vigilance in the prevention of accidents. Be respectful and considerate towards locals, guests, staff and colleagues.
- Ability to share your curiosity about nature enthusiastically. Create a more permanent interest about the story of a single tree than in the naming of many trees. Understand the eloquence of silence.
- Experience with identifying tracks & signs and ideally with following tracks of wild animals (trailing), experience with wildlife encounters, familiarity with use of field guides for species identification; Innate urge to develop outdoor and wilderness knowledge and skills;