



Risbecker International

THE HUMAN EVENTS MANAGEMENT COMPANY

CSR - Volunteer work in the forest



Tyresta National Park and Nature Preserve – The Art of Nature

Only 20 kilometres from the centre of Stockholm lies one of the most unspoilt areas of natural beauty in central Sweden - Tyresta National Park and Nature Reserve. The area is characterised by a rift valley landscape which is typical for central Sweden but unique in an international perspective. The park has been protected to preserve its exceptional natural values and to safeguard its importance for recreation. Here you will find primeval forest with 400 year old pine trees, clear forest lakes and a large number of unusual plants and animals. Up to 8,000 species of animals can be found here which is four times as many as in exploited forests-- many species completely dependent on primeval woodland for their habitats, indeed for their very survival! During the Stone Age, this area was a part of the archipelago, populated by seals and seal hunters.

In August 1999, around 4.5 square kilometres of forest or ten per cent of the national park and nature reserve burnt down. It was over one and a half weeks before fire fighters brought the fire under control and it was even longer before it was completely extinguished. At most, there were 400 fire fighters tackling the blaze using over 180 kilometres of fire hose. The fire in Tyresta National Park was a tragedy in many respects, but far from disastrous from an ecological point of view. Many species benefit from the natural chaos in the aftermath of fire. New grass shoots forth and several species whose seeds have been buried in the soil can only begin to germinate after exposure to the intense heat.

PRESERVE THE FOREST

Volunteers make an immeasurable contribution to the park, working continuously to preserve and protect Sweden's natural and cultural heritage for the enjoyment of this and future generations. As a volunteer, you will contribute to the many responsibilities required maintaining a nature reserve, such as improving trails, repair bridges, planks and fences, scything, clear up/haul branches and burn them. Our volunteers are active, dynamic, creative individuals who possess the skills, desire, patience, and time to accomplish a wide variety of tasks. You can be a part of this and help us take better care of the forest.

An outdoor WILDLIFE lunch can be arranged upon request.

Your National Parks are living examples of the best this Nation has to offer - our magnificent natural landscapes and our varied yet interrelated heritage. Parks can provide recreational experiences, opportunities to learn and grow, and places of quiet refuge.

Please bring: rubber boots, raincoats and gloves