

Nature education in sustainable tourism services in Lahemaa NP region ESTONIA

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Nature education linked tourism services in Lahemaa region

- nature education has an important role in tourism services in our region with Lahemaa NP and several other protected areas
- nature education in sustainable tourism services is implemented by very different type and size providers
- leading role and maximum amount from total of nature education tourism services in the region is provided by Sagadi Nature School and Oandu Nature Centre
- mostly family based sustainable tourism service providers (different type of farms, village houses, private museums, actice tourism firms, nature guides) nature education linked tourism services have also important role and increasing demand
- many adult visitors target groups choose Lahemaa NP as the visit destination because of the nature values and ecpect to experience some nature education elements in tourism services
 - more information: <u>www.lahemaa.ee</u> <u>www.sagadi.ee</u>

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Nature education in Lahemaa region's sustainable tourism services

different type nature education services and providers:
-Oandu nature centre: children and adult programs, using nature trails, study materials/tools, events...
-Sagadi Nature School and Forest museum: children and adult programs, courses, exibitions, arboretum, park nature trail, events....

-Palmse TIC: Lahemaa NP video, exibitions, information point, park nature trail, events...

-Nature guides services: group visits to different nature study trails, other services with cooperation of tourism service providers in the region

-Palmse, Sagadi and Vihula manors tourism centre packages and programs

-smaller tourism entreprises and NGO-s services

Sagadi Nature School nature education services

different nature education programs for all age groups: kindergarden, school and adult target groups



in 2016 in total 9 thousand visitors, average children group 20-25 pupils



several different programs, combined also with visit to Sagadi Forest Museum and different Lahemaa nature study trails



in cooperation with Sagadi hotel different programs and some courses for adult groups

yearly exibitions in nature school and forest museum NGO Development Centre - Lahemaa National Park region

Nature education services examples

- nature study programs in nature school / nature centre
- nature study trail trip with nature guide for group
- program in tourism farm: forest mashroom picking nature trail trip (1,5 h) + practical preparing of different mashroom preserves and dishes (1,5 h) + dinner (with some examples of food from earlier picked mashrooms)
- different handicraft making programs for smaller group: making mashroom paper, making decoration from different type of wood, local food cooking....
- night visit to seaside in spring time with small group of adults (waching and studying different birds)



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Thank you and welcome to Lahemaa !

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