

VOLUNTEERING IN PROTECTED AREAS

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NATURALIT



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LIFE INTEGRATED PROJECT

OPTIMIZING THE MANAGEMENT OF
NATURA 2000 NETWORK IN LITHUANIA



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Since the Natura 2000 network in Lithuania is insufficient, and the implementation of the Green Course will set even more ambitious goals for Lithuania, as for other Member States, the LIFE integrated project Naturalit plays a special role in fulfilling these commitments, one of its main objectives being to create a sufficient Natura 2000 network in Lithuania.

We strive to preserve the ancient woods, wetlands, grasslands, other habitats and their naturalness which has surrounded Lithuanian people since the ancient times.



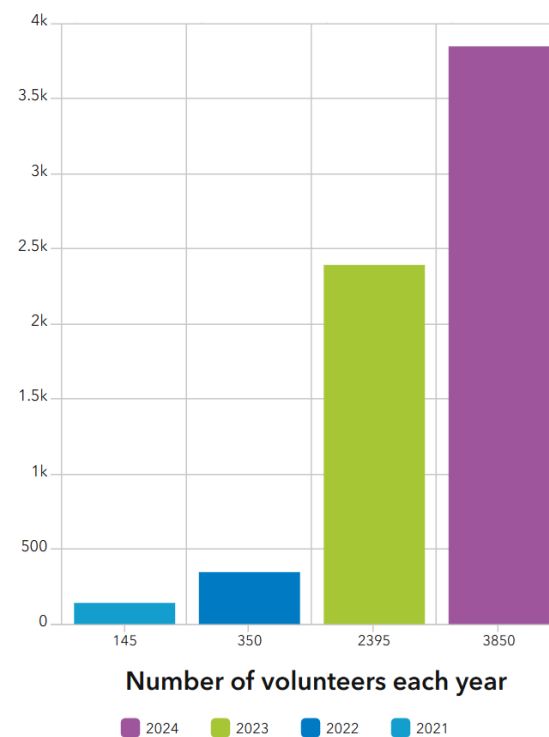
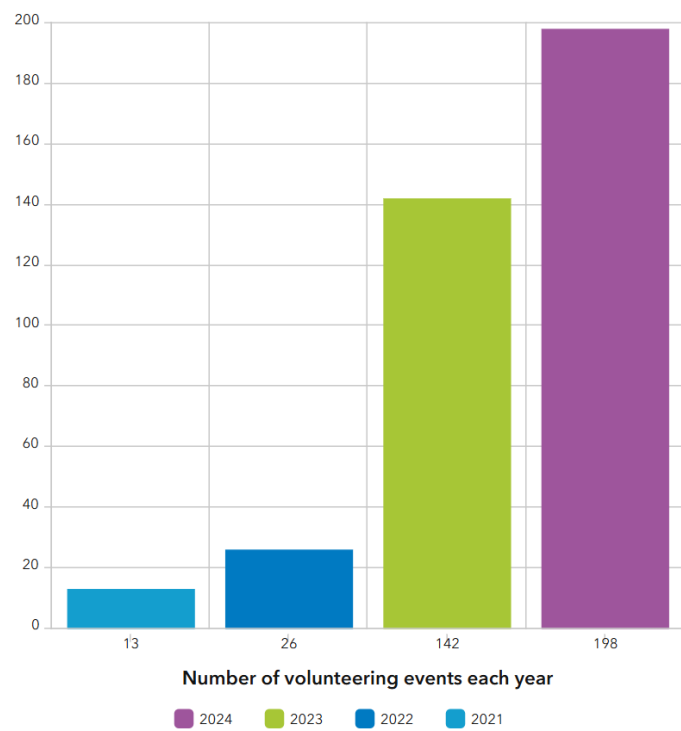


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- The Naturalit project aims not only to optimize the management of the Natura 2000 network, but also to actively involve the public in nature conservation activities. Volunteering is an important part of this project because it:
- It promotes environmental awareness
- It helps to manage protected areas
- It contributes to the conservation of biodiversity
- It strengthens communities' connection with nature

STATISTICS



Savanorystė saugomose teritorijose

Ačiū, kad prisidedate prie saugomų teritorijų apsaugos!



Ankstesnių metų rezultatai
2024

Ką daryti jeigu su savo įmonės kolegomis norite
savanoriauti saugomose teritorijose?

- Išsirinkite teritoriją, kurioje norite savanoriauti. Surasti galimas veiklas padės simboliai žemėlapyje:

- ❗ Siūloma
- ⚠ Rezervuota
- ✅ Įvyko

- Žemėlapyje spustelėjus ant ikonėlės bus pateikta informacija kokia pagalba yra reikalinga.
- Jeigu jums tiko veikla - susisiekite su atsakingu asmeniu, kuris nurodytas prie veiklos aprašo, kad sutartumėte detales.
- Sutartą dieną atvykite į saugomą teritoriją. Jeigu pasikeitė planai - nepamirškite informuoti.
- Po savanorystės - nepamirškite pasidalinti įspūdžiais naudodami žymas #SAUgomairTAU #Naturalit #savanorystesaugomosesteritorijose #Natura2000.



Savanorių
3,850
skaičius

Veiklų
198
skaičius

Šiuo metu
pagalbos labiausiai
laukia:

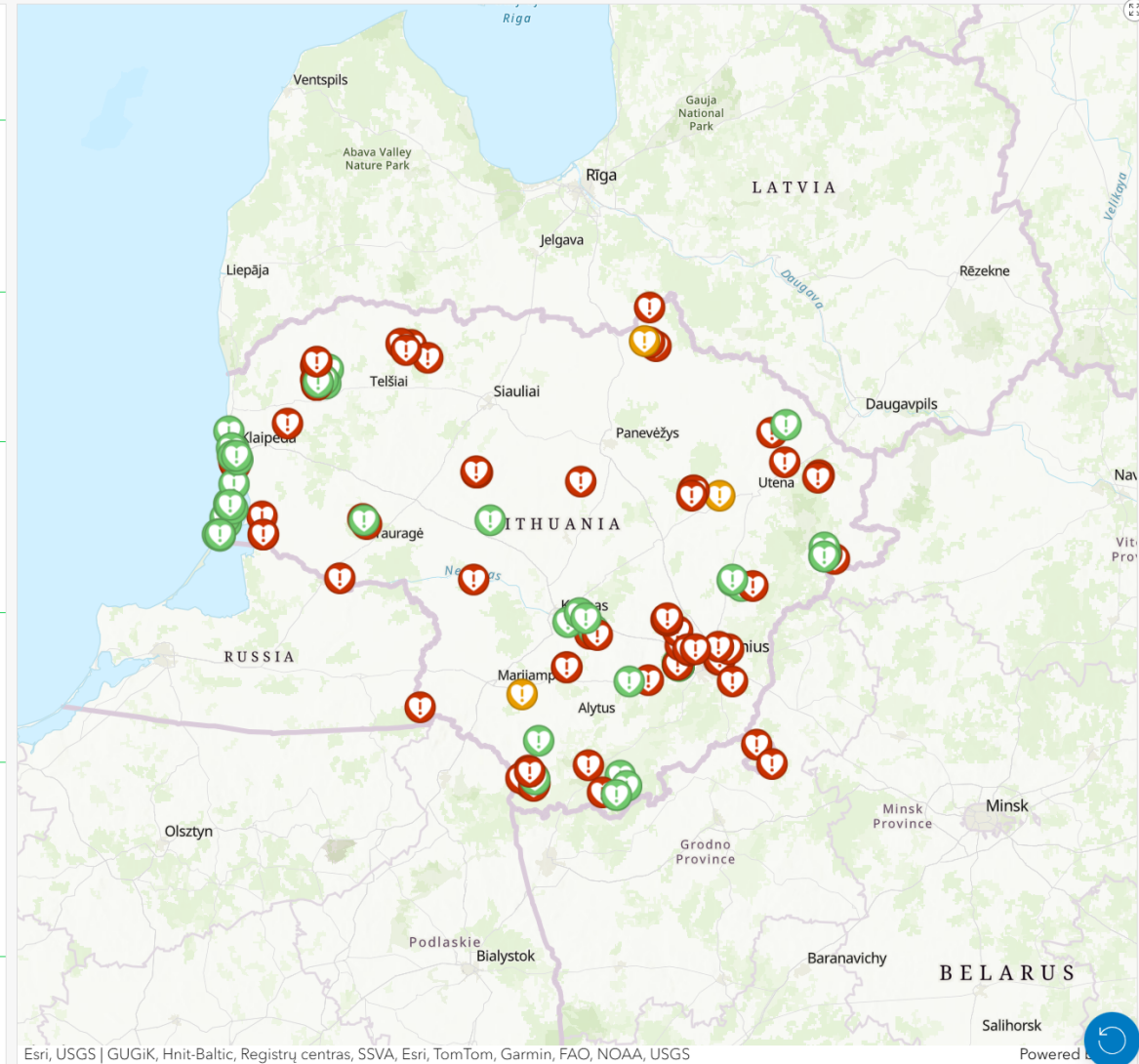
❗ **Pagramančio regioninis parkas
Balandžio - rugsėjo mėnesiais.
laukiame 3 - 10 žmonių.
[Spauskite čia.](#)**

❗ **Žemaitijos nacionalinis parkas
rugpjūčio - gruodžio mėnesiais.
laukiame 5-15 žmonių.
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❗ **Tytuvėnų regioninis parkas
Liepos - rugpjūčio mėnesiais
laukiame 2 - 5 žmonių.
[Spauskite čia.](#)**

❗ **Žemaitijos nacionalinis parkas
Liepos-rugpjūčio mėn. laukiame 5 -
10 žmonių.
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❗ **Purvėnų geomorfologinis draustinis, Ventos
regioninis parkas gegužės-liepos mėn.
laukiame 3-5 žmonių.
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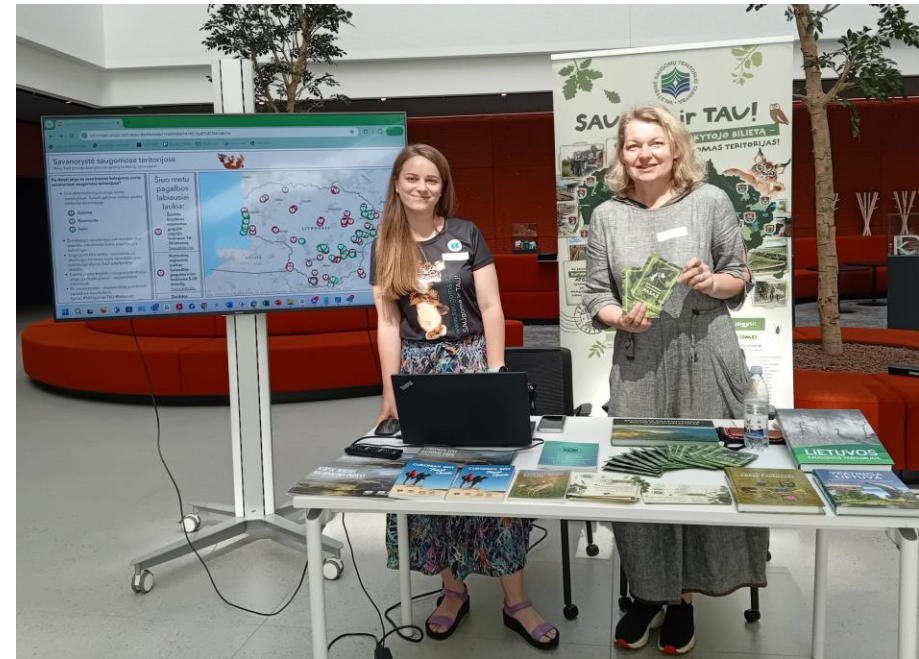
THE DASHBOARD WITH A MAP – MAIN TOOL FOR
COMMUNICATING WITH POTENTIAL VOLUNTEERS

ADDITIONAL PUBLICITY MEASURES

Participated in Danske Bank volunteer fairs,
where volunteering in protected areas
was presented to bank employees.

Press releases, social networks

Volunteering recognized as one of the 5 best
green initiatives at the Presidential Awards
“The Power of Lithuania”



WHEN RESULTS BEAT THE EXPECTATION

In 2024 nearly 30 different organizations participated and volunteered:

- 142 volunteering events in total
- 25 regional and national parks offered volunteers a day worth of experiences
- 3850 volunteers in total
- Estimated that 577 500 € worth of labour was done (estimating that 1 volunteer is able to contribute as much as 150 euros per day)



OPEN HABITAT MANAGEMENT



Open habitat management in Nemunas' river island
Nemunas Loops Regional Park



Open habitat management. Dieveniškės Historical Regional Park

RAISED BOGS, MIRES AND FENS AND THEIR HABITATS



Velniabale telmological reserve before and after.
Removing young trees to allow the hydrological regime to self-regulate.

SOME EXAMPLES - RESTORING OUTDOOR INFRASTRUCTURE



Vilniaus Pilys State Strict Cultural Reserve



Aukštumala telmological reserve.
Repairing wooden trail.

SOME EXAMPLES - RESTORING OUTDOOR INFRASTRUCTURE



Kačėniškė Mound. Sirvėta Regional Park



Gudlaukis oak - Nature Heritage Object

EROSION MANAGEMENT



Erosion precautionary action - repairing wooden barriers on the cliffs.

BOUNDARY MARKING OF STRICT RESERVE



Velniaravis Nature Strict Reserve (Panemuniai Regional Park) boundary marking in progress



REMOVING LITTER



Kaunas' Lagoon
Regional Park



Curonian Spit National Park



Vilniaus Pilys State Strict Cultural Reserve

OTHER EXAMPLES



Removing reeds in Curonian Spit National Park



Precautionary measures to stop the erosion of steep slope.

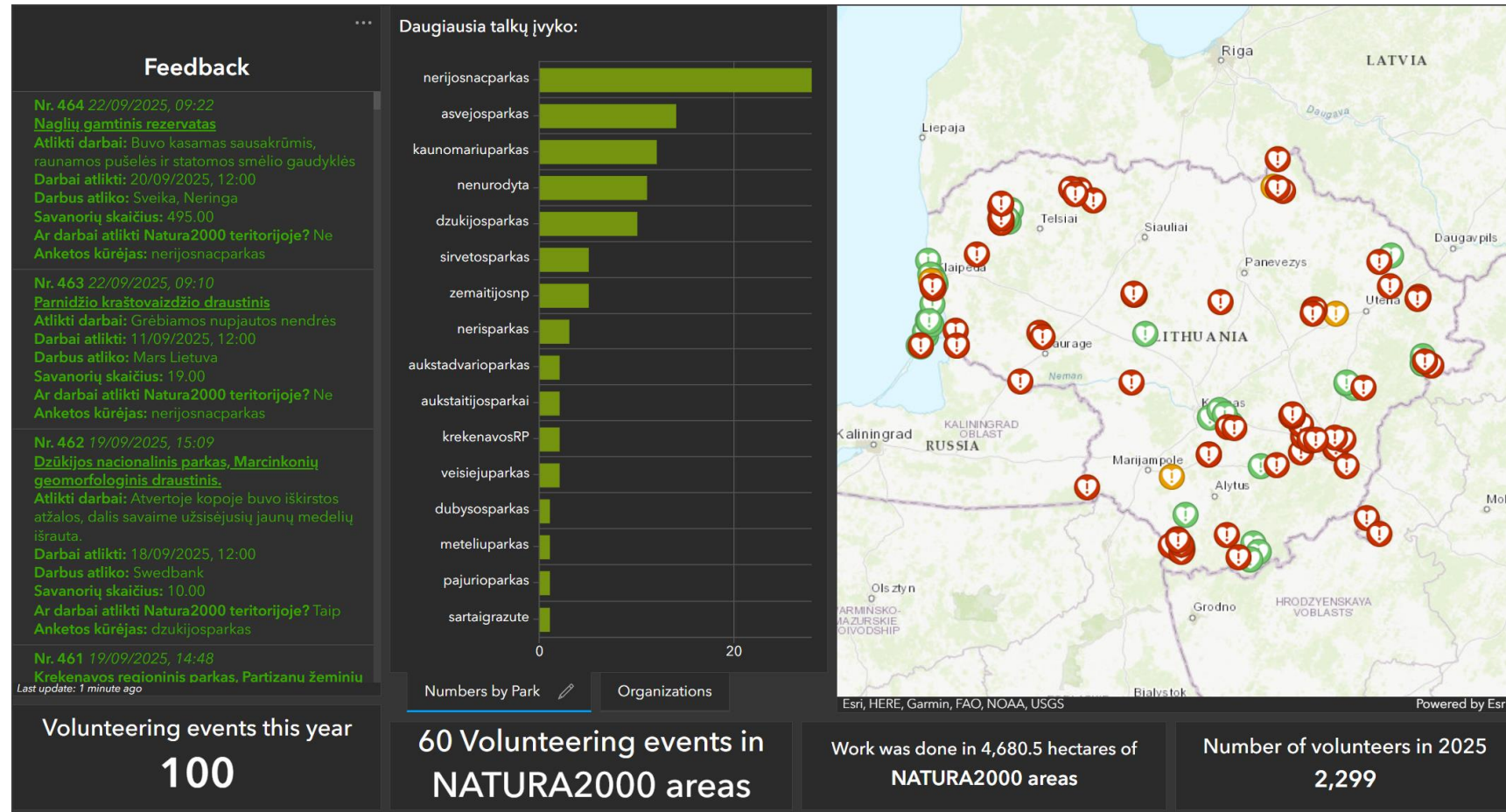
VOLUNTEERS ARE REWARDED

We always offer guided tours in the area after the work is done. Volunteers can choose from:

- visitor centers
- nature trails
- exploring cultural heritage objects
- other (by demand)



FEEDBACK DASHBOARD



LET'S VOLUNTEER IN PROTECTED AREAS

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SAUGOMOSE TERITORIJOSE

