



Northern Environment for Sustainable Tourism



The Potentials of Nature Schools

Workshop in South-East Iceland, October 17. - 21. 2006

Tuesday, October 17th

- 17:15 Departure by charter bus from [Reykjavik Bus Station](#) to [Kirkjubaejarklaustur](#)
Guides: Rannveig Ólafsdóttir & Hrafnhildur Hannesdóttir
- 21:00 Reception and dinner at [Hotel Klaustur](#)
Jóna Sigurbjartsdóttir, Chairperson, Skaftarhreppur Municipality
Valgeir Jens Guðmundsson, Mayor, Skaftarhreppur Municipality

Wednesday, October 18th

- 09:00-10:40 Opening discussions and presentations:
Rannveig Ólafsdóttir, former NEST Project Manager
Lasse Loven, NEST-Finland
Erika Larsson, NEST-Sweden
Gordon Ireland, NEST-Scotland
Thorvardur Arnason, NEST-Iceland
- 10:40-11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00-13:00 Presentations & discussions concerning nature schools:
Hafðís Roysdóttir, Skaftafell National Park
Aðalsteinn Örn Snæþórsson, Jökulsargljúfur National Park
Björn Guðbrandur Jónsson, Grodur fyrir fólk i landnami Ingólfs
Sami Kullberg, Koli National Park
Mary Gibson, Scottish Natural Heritage, & Meryl Carr, Ullapool Tourism and Business Association
- 13:00-14:30 Lunch, check-out from Hotel Klaustur
- 14:30-19:30 Field trips around Kirkjubaejarklaustur, bus trip to Skaftafell:
14:30 *Handicraft Center, Kirkjuhvoll*
15:15 *Kirkjubaejarstofa: Ólafía Jakobsdóttir, Director, Jón Helgason, Chairman, & Kári Kristjánsson, Park Ranger*
16:00 *Drive to Fjadrargljúfur-canyon*
16-18 *Visits to Hunkubakkar, Efri-Vik, and Geirland farms*
Ca. 18 *Drive to Skaftafell, with stop on route at Nupsstadur*
- 19:30 Dinner at [Hotel Skaftafell](#)

Thursday, October 19th

- 08:30-11:30 Introduction to [Skaftafell National Park](#), field trip to foot of glacier.
Ragnar F. Kristjánsson, Park Warden
Hafðis Roysdóttir, Park Ranger
- 11:30-12:30 Lunch, bus trip to glacier lagoon
- 12:30 Trip/Visit to [Jökulsárlon](#) (glacier lagoon)
- 14:30 Trip/Visit to [Thorbergssetur](#) (Thorbergur Thordarson Museum Center)
Thorbjörg Arnorsdóttir, Museum Director
- 16:30 Field trip to Flaaajökull glacier, opening of educational trail.
Sigurlaug Gissurardóttir, Brunnholl
- 19:00 Dinner at [Brunnholl](#) farm, introduction to surrounding area
- 21:30 Arrival at [Hotel Hofn](#)
Hjalti Þór Vignisson, Mayor, Hornafjörður Municipality



Friday, October 20th

- 09:00-10:30 Presentations & discussions concerning nature schools:
Óli Þ. Halldórsson, Husavik Academic Center
Helena Óladóttir, Reykjavik Nature School
Tomas Birkö, Örnsköldsviks municipality
Britt-Marie Lundgren, Friluftsförbundet Lappudden nature centre
- 10:30-10:45 Coffee break
- 10:45-12:00 Discussions in work groups:
A. Nature schools;
B. Sustainable tourism management;
C. Business opportunities in connection with protected areas;
D. Network building.
- 12:00-13:00 Lunch at [Nýheimar](#)
- 13:00-15:00 Discussions in work groups (cont.)
- 15:00-15:15 Coffee break
- 15:15-16:15 Reports from work groups
- 16:15- 17:15 Summary of main conference results, general discussions, concluding remarks
- 17:30 Reception at the [Glacier Exhibition](#), transnational exhibition on glaciation history
- 20:00 Gala dinner and entertainment, Hotel Hofn

Saturday, October 21st

- 10:00-10:30 Check out from Hotel Hofn
- 10:30 Departure from [Hofn](#) to [Reykjavik](#)

