

Mountains as a livelihood: a project within Platåbergens UNESCO Global Geopark, West Sweden

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Platåbergens Geopark in West Sweden was designated as Sweden's first UNESCO Global Geopark in 2022. The geopark covers an area of 3690 km² and spans nine municipalities. Within the geopark, you can find geological phenomena and sites that are unique to this region or found only in a few places in the world. Examples include the peneplain (parental bedrock surface) with its smooth rock outcrops, the table mountains with their unique bedrock layers rising from the flat landscape, and glacial deposits that create a breathtaking landscape. This geology has also created conditions for diverse flora, rich fauna, intriguing cultural and industrial history, and active outdoor activities.

Platåbergens Geopark has initiated a three-year project with EU-funding from Leader Nordvästra Skaraborg and Leader Östra Skaraborg, focusing on collecting stories under the theme "Mountains as a Livelihood." Additionally, the initiative is supported by four savings bank foundations. These stories revolve around how mountains served as a livelihood in the past, delving into our industrial history, and how they can provide a sustainable livelihood today through tourism. The stories are published online on an editorial section of our website and some of them in a printed magazine.

References

<https://www.platabergensgeopark.se/berattelser/>