



FRIENDS OF
VATNAJÖKULL

Nonprofit association supporting
Vatnajökull National Park



The role and aims of Friends of Vatnajökull are to:

- Raise funds in support of research, promotion, and education about Vatnajökull National Park
- Strengthen education and research on Vatnajökull National Park and the immediate vicinity
- Support projects that encourage interaction between Vatnajökull National Park and the larger community
- Exert its influence to promote greater recognition of the importance of Vatnajökull National Park for its local communities and the Icelandic nation
- Contribute to enhanced general understanding of the importance of Vatnajökull National Park and the uniqueness of Vatnajökull as a natural phenomenon

Friends of Vatnajökull wish to give priority to providing grants for projects that promote:

- Enhanced public knowledge of the history and natural environment of Vatnajökull National Park
- Interaction between the various districts that make up the National Park
- Increased education and research on Vatnajökull National Park and the nearby community
- Interplay between outdoor activities, culture, and the Park
- Children and young people's relationship with nature
- Enhanced general understanding of the importance of Vatnajökull National Park and the uniqueness of Vatnajökull as a natural phenomenon
- Shared appreciation of the importance of Vatnajökull National Park for the neighboring communities and Iceland as a whole
- Sustainable tourism



Friends of Vatnajökull subsidised the following projects in 2010:

- 1 Visitor pathways in Vatnajökull National Park
- 2 Map of walking trails in the vicinity of Kirkjubæjarklaustur
- 3 Handbook on interpretation of the environment
- 4 Hvítblinda – photography exhibition in Hornafjörður
- 5 Innland Vatnajökull – photography and video exhibition at Skaftafell
- 6 Sustainable tourism, nature conservation, and natural resource management
- 7 Registration of cultural artefacts in Öræfasveit
- 8 Smart guide to Vatnajökull National Park
- 9 Digital guide to Vatnajökull National Park – listen, look, experience
- 10 The proliferation of shore pine at Staðarfjall in Suðursveit

- 11 Evolution of vegetation and soil at Skaftafell and Öræfi in recent millennia
- 12 Development of winter tourism in Vatnajökull National Park
- 13 Vatnajökull – outdoor photography exhibition at Jökulsárlón
- 14 Glacial retreat – outdoor photography exhibition at Hoffell

Vatnajökull National Park – a guidebook

The first book about the largest National Park in Europe

Friends of Vatnajökull are publishers of the book “Vatnajökull National Park – a guide-book”. It is published in three languages, Icelandic, English and German. The author, Hjörleifur Guttormsson, is the leading expert on the origin of the Park and the region in which it is situated.





Grants from Friends of Vatnajökull 2011

Friends of Vatnajökull call for grant applications beginning on the 8th of August 2011.

The deadline for submittal of applications is the 30th of September 2011.

For further information, see: www.vinirvatnajokuls.is

The Association has provided Vatnajökull National Park with grants for the following projects in 2011:

- 1 Informational and educational signage in Vatnajökull National Park
- 2 Cairns at the Park boundaries, informing visitors of their entry into the Park
- 3 Maps and educational pamphlets about Vatnajökull National Park
- 4 An educational exhibition about Vatnajökull National Park in Skaftárstofa at Kirkjubæjarklaustur

Friends of Vatnajökull: policy and vision for the future

- Friends of Vatnajökull aim to be a large, financially independent organisation that makes important contributions to research and promotional and educational efforts pertaining to Vatnajökull National Park.
- Through joint contributions from Icelandic and non-Icelandic individuals, corporations, associations, and institutions, Friends of Vatnajökull are able to subsidise projects that increase knowledge, generate revenues, and enhance awareness of the uniqueness and importance of Vatnajökull National Park – the largest national park in Europe.

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To join Friends of Vatnajökull and see information on supporters, visit the Friends' website: www.friendsofvatnajokull.is

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Thank you for your support!

FRIENDS of Vatnajökull

The association of supporters of Vatnajökull National Park is a non-governmental organisation.

The principal objective of the FRIENDS is to provide grants for education, promotion, and research on Vatnajökull National Park and its neighboring communities.



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