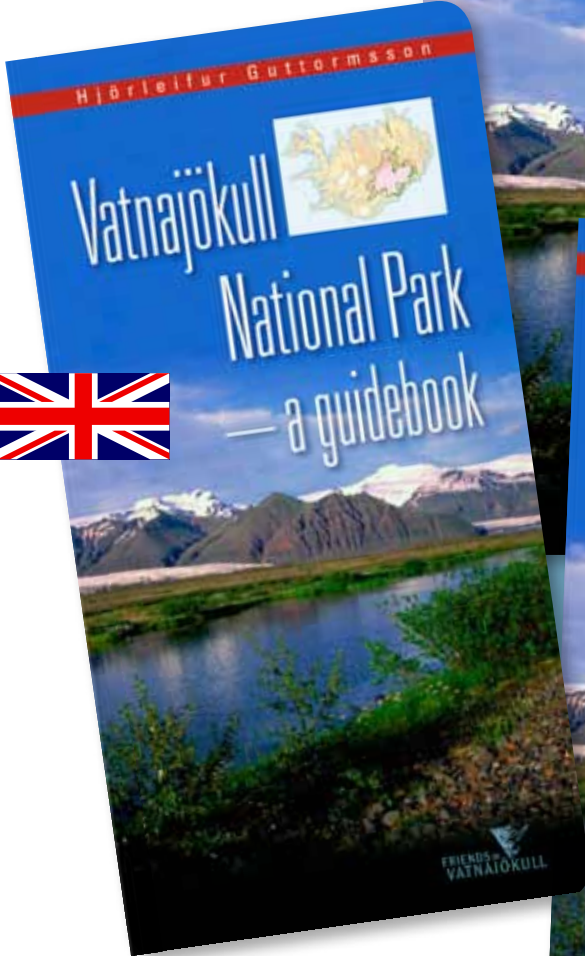




Information booklet about Friends of Vatnajökull, a non-profit association supporting Vatnajökull National Park



FRIENDS OF
VATNAJÖKULL

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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

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: 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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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 Örfæfaveit
- 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 Örfæfi 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

Grants awarded by Friends of Vatnajökull in 2011

Friends of Vatnajökull received more than 70 grant applications in 2011. Grants were awarded to the following projects for a total of 37,436,167 Icelandic kronur

- 1 Better weather in the Kverkfjöll mountains
- 2 Children, parents and nature in Vatnajökull National Park
- 3 Svavar Guðnason, painter: Inspiration from the realm of Vatnajökull and cultural tourism
- 4 Geological history of Skaftafell, and geological interpretation for National Park visitors
- 5 Glacier World: Europe's largest National Park
- 6 Mapping precipitation at Örfæfajökull
- 7 Theatrical work about the Skaftáreldar eruption
- 8 Internet marketing of recreation and services at Vatnajökull for international visitors
- 9 Use of seeds and mulch in reclamation of local flora in Vatnajökull National Park

- 10 Orographic winds at Vatnajökull and changes in warming weather trends
- 11 Nest site distribution of Pink-footed Geese in the Herðubreið Nature Reserve
- 12 Live camera coverage of Breiðamerkurjökull Glacier
- 13 Music video "Innland/Útland-Ísland"
- 14 Nature and cultural artefacts in Vatnajökull National Park: Interplay of Man and Nature during 1000 years
- 15 Research of sea-run trout and other fish in the aquatic ecosystem of Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon
- 16 Location of site names in Jökulsárgljúfur, Vatnajökull National Park
- 17 Around Vatnajökull glacier.
- 18 Processing and presentation of data from environmental impact studies done in and around Vatnajökull National Park by students of FAS (Framhaldsskóli Austur-Skaftafellssýslu)
- 19 Website of the Falcon Centre of Iceland
- 20 Vatnajökull glacier and the 1875 journey of W.L. Watts

Vatnajökull National Park grant applications for a total of 26 million Icelandic Kronur were approved for the following projects for the year 2011

- 1 Interpretive and informative signs in the National Park
- 2 Boundary cairns for the National Park
- 3 Map and information booklet about the National Park
- 4 Informative display in Skaftárstofa Centre in the town of Kirkjubæjarklaustur

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Grants from Friends of Vatnajökull 2012

Friends of Vatnajökull call for grant applications beginning on the 1st of August 2012.

The deadline for submittal of applications is the 30th of September 2012. For further information, see: www.friendsofvatnajokull.is

Friends of Vatnajökull approved 10 million Icelandic Kronur in grants to Vatnajökull National Park for the following projects in 2012:

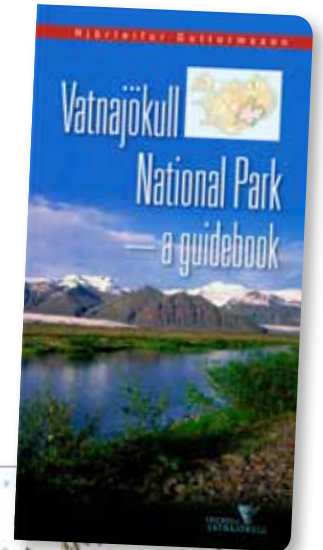
- 1 Informative display in the town of Höfn in Hornafjörður about Vatnajökull National Park
- 2 Renewal of the informative display in Skaftafell

Friends of Vatnajökull will prepare the interpretive project, "The Little Park Ranger" in cooperation with National Park staff, and donate it to the National Park.

Various results from grant projects funded of Friends of Vatnajökull can be viewed by visiting the organization's website www.friendsofvatnajokull.is

Don't waste valuable holiday time!

To get the most out of Vatnajökull National Park, you need first-rate guidance from the person who knows it best. **Vatnajökull National Park – a guidebook** is the only guide to the park that has been published. Handy in format, it contains a large number of maps and photographs and a wealth of information that will help you to use your time in the park to the fullest.



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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.

We thank you for your support!




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