GLOBAL NATUREFRIENDS DAYS

3–26 September 2027













GUIDELINE

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ABOUT

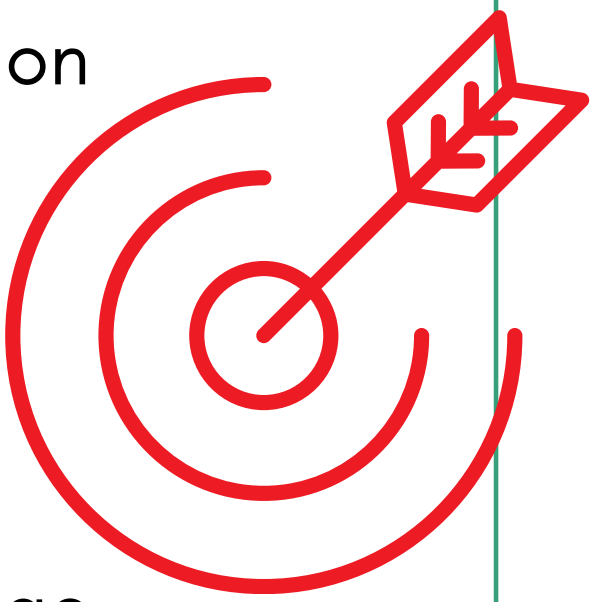
In 1948, the Naturefriends movement developed and implemented the idea of a Naturefriends Day around the foundation date of the movement on 16th of September 1895. A main reason for setting up this day was the fact, that the Naturefriends movement could only survive the era of fascism in many European countries with the help of the member organisations in other countries, such as Naturefriends Switzerland or Naturefriends in the United States.

This tradition of holding a Naturefriends Day has never been lost, and many member organisations celebrate a Naturefriends Day in September. However, the international aspect has increasingly taken a back seat.

The NFI Annual Conference 2018 decided to revive the idea of Global Naturefriends Days focusing on internationality, solidarity, and nature. At the 2021 Annual Conference the delegates decided "Nature and Solidarity" as the overall motto for the activities. This general motto gives the national organisations and local groups the necessary room for implementing their own activities, and at the same time, ensures the communication of the core values of our movement.

GOALS

- Communicating the diversity and the international dimension of the Naturefriends movement.



- Providing best practice and exchange of experiences.

GET INVOLVED !

Join the Global Naturefriends Days!
Organize a Climate Hike!

At the heart of Global Naturefriends Days lies the spirit of togetherness and action. Whether it's a guided walk, a tree-planting event, or an educational talk, every activity counts. **This year again, we invite you to take it one step further and organize a Climate Hike!**

What is a Climate Hike?

A Climate Hike is more than just a walk in nature. Rooted in the long-standing tradition of social hiking, it blends recreation, (self-)education, meaningful conversation, and environmental awareness. These hikes offer a unique opportunity to connect with nature, reflect on the climate crisis, and inspire action together.

Whether it's a leisurely family-friendly walk or a more challenging adventure, your hike can be tailored to your group's needs.

You can hike along a local Natura Trail, through a forest, or near your local Naturefriends House – whatever suits your community!

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Why Organize a Climate Hike?

- **Raise awareness** about climate change and sustainability in a relaxed, inclusive setting.
- **Engage diverse participants:** young people, families with children, single-parent families, people with reduced mobility etc.
- **Promote wellbeing:** both mental and physical, through time spent outdoors.
- **Encourage discussion** on important topics like the influence of climate change on local flora, fauna and landscape, climate friendly behaviour, renewable energies, or local environmental challenges.

You can choose from a variety of themes and methods, we'll provide ideas, but the format is entirely up to you!

Need help getting started?
We've put together tips and tools to help you organize your own Climate Hike.
Download here the guideline and the methods:
nf-int.org/climatehikes
Sharing is caring!
Please pass this information on to anyone who might be interested.



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Be part of a global movement!

The more groups that join, the bigger the impact. Let's set an example together! Set a signal of solidarity by linking your hike to collection of donations for the Naturefriends Climate Fund (climatefund.nf-int.org) to further support climate action.

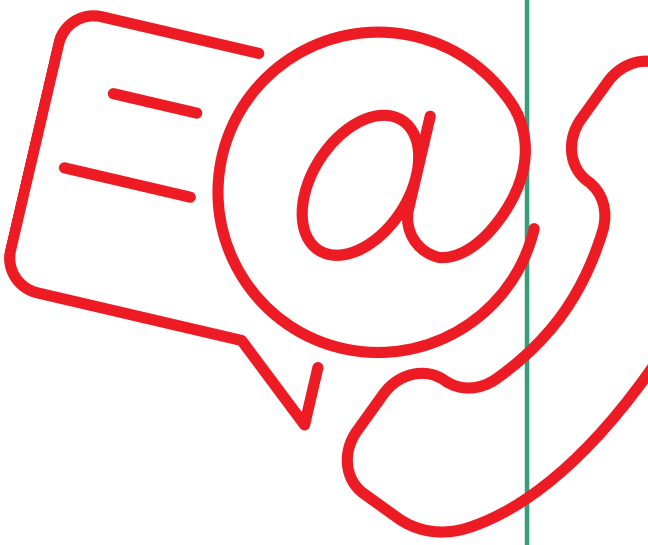
Don't forget to send us your photos and stories; we'll proudly share your activities on our social media channels to inspire others or tag us on Facebook: Naturefriends International and Instagram: naturefriends_international)

Please remember to use the hashtag: #GlobalNaturefriendsDays

Organize a Climate Hike and be part of the change!

CONTACT

If you want to get involved, have questions about the campaign or need more information on Climate Hikes, please contact us. And keep in mind to send a short description and some photos of your action to:



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