

NEW NATIONAL PARKS IN SWITZERLAND



Switzerland has decided to support the establishment of new national parks thus proving that natural beauty of the country is highly valued.

Switzerland is one of the most developed countries in the world. It is not only fast trains, high-quality precise watches and chocolate that makes visitors come to Switzerland every year. **Reliable services would be in fact of no importance without the beautiful alpine countryside** that lures tourists from all over the world every year.

In fact, **one fifth of Swiss land is taken up by national parks**, which is approximately 7,300km². Nowadays there are four national parks of national importance and fifteen are being set up. **Three dossiers for parks of national importance have been waiting for approval** in the Federal Office for the Environment since January 2010 **and the approval has now been granted**.

Two applications for financial support of the establishment of the national park Parc Adula in the cantons Graubünden and Ticino and for a new park of regional importance Urschweiz in canton Uri and Nidwalden have been approved. The park Biosfera Val Müstair in Graubünden has applied for a park label that has been granted too.

The Parc Adula will receive 892,540 Euros in 2010-2011 and it will be located on 1000 square kilometers of Swiss land. The park Urschweiz will be financed with 376,000 Euros. The park Biosfera Val Müstair has obtained the label for ten years. The decision of Swiss authorities again proved that natural beauties are an asset that needs to be protected.

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