About us

In 2001 a UK Committee was formed to work closely with individuals and NGOs in the Balkans Peace Park region. We became a charity in 2004.

Support our work:
Donations (tax deductible to UK taxpayers) can be made at www.justgiving.com/balkanspeacepark or by cheque made out to The Balkans Peace Park Project and sent to: The Hon. Treasurer, Balkans Peace Park Project, The Camp, Gladestry, Kington, HR5 3NY.

Get involved
We are always interested to hear from people who might be able to help on our current projects, please check our website for our latest volunteer requirements.

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Why have a Peace Park in the Balkans?

The spectacular mountains and valleys of northern Albania, Kosovo/a and Montenegro share a landscape of wild beauty, exceptional flora and fauna and traditional lifestyle that is almost unique in Europe, relatively unspoilt by modern development. But it is a landscape under threat: from declining population in the harsh conditions, from illegal logging and other environmental destruction.

The establishment of a Balkans Peace Park would unite the existing communities of the three countries in preserving this national heritage enabling people to continue to live in the valleys, supported by sustainable visitor activities and appropriate modern facilities.

The Park’s Proposed Area...

The approximate 3000sq km of the Balkans Peace Park would include parts of Kelmend, Shala Valley and Valbona regions of Albania, the Prokletije and Komovi area of Montenegro and the Hajla-Rugova-Djeravica region of Kosovo/a.

Why have a Peace Park in the Balkans?

There are over 600 environmentally protected areas in the world which straddle international boundaries; about 25 of these are specifically dedicated as ‘Peace Parks,’ symbols of peace and cooperation between countries where sometimes there has been serious conflict between them.

The work of B3P to date

- We have annually brought increasing numbers of visitors to the region, and also facilitated several significant academic projects in the region.
- We have established regular exchange visits and programmes to and from the region with the Yorkshire Dales National Park (UK).
- From 2003 we have helped many walking, climbing, biking and horse treks though the mountains of the cross-border area, and also helped to open or re-open several road, footpath and hiking trail crossing points between all three countries: Albania/Montenegro, Montenegro/Kosovo/a and Albania/Kosovo/a, some closed for more than 50 years during Albania’s isolation.
- We helped sponsor, fund and organize international conferences (some with UNEP) in Shkodër (Albania), Pristina (Kosovo/a), Podgorica and Plav (Montenegro).
- A major achievement was the signing in 2006 of a Letter of Good Intent to support the Peace Park by mayors or leaders of municipalities in and around the Peace Park area: Peja and Deçan (Kosovo/a), Plav and Rožaje (Montenegro), Shkodër and Bajram Curri (Albania).
- B3P has run Summer Programmes to teach English and Environmental Awareness in Thethi, Albania, since 2008, and since 2012 has run similar programmes in Vermosh and Lëpushë, also.
- In 2010 B3P participated with Environmentally Responsible Action (ERA) group and The Ideas Partnership (TIP) in a summer camp in the Rugova Valley, Kosovo/a, and made plans for future workshops in the Plav area of Montenegro.
- B3P has had a significant input both into negotiations between border police and other interested parties to enable trekkers and others to cross the borders in the mountains, and also into the establishment of the Peaks of the Balkans trail.
- B3P Albania is now well established in Shkodër, started an annual Peace Run in March 2013 with over 200 participants, ran a tree-planting project in Thethi in June 2013 and is an integral part of the Summer Programme organisation.