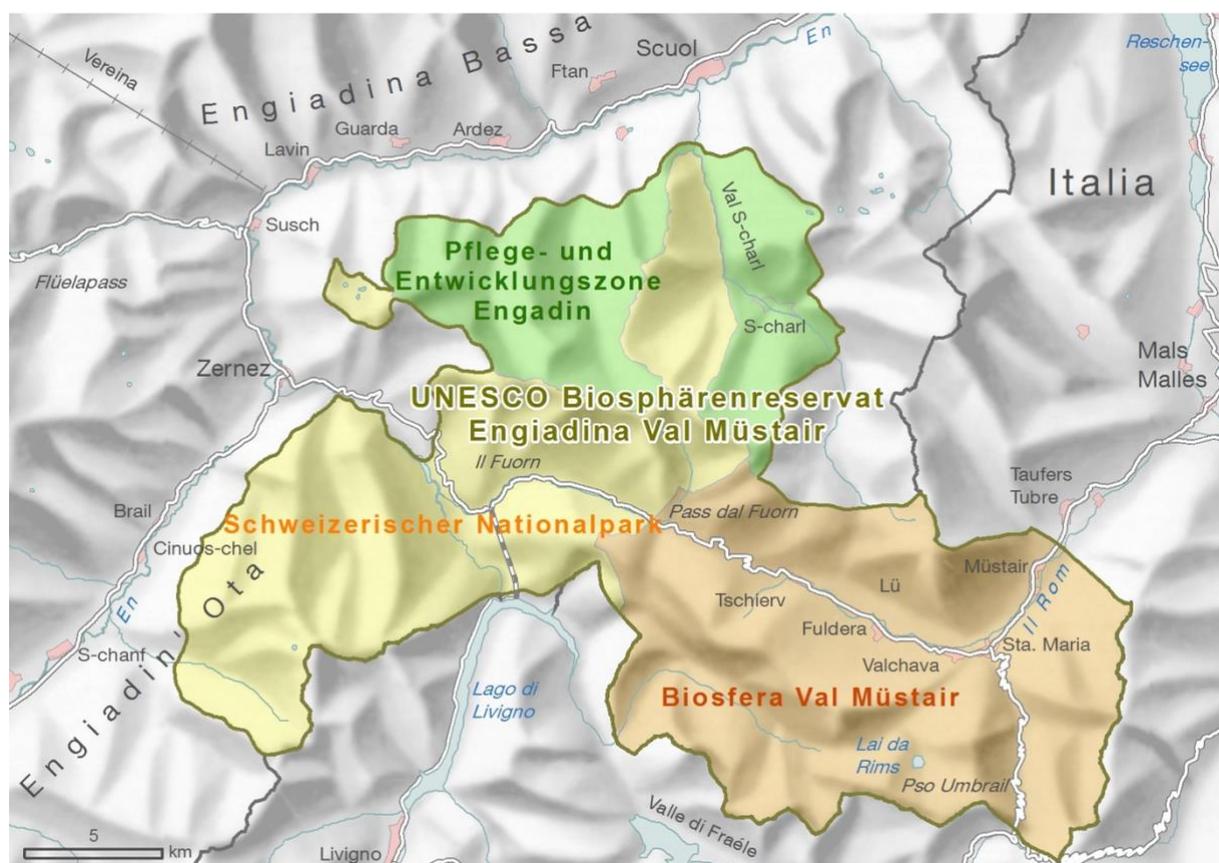


Information sheet for research

in the Swiss National Park (trail requirement),
 in the Biosfera Val Müstair Regional Nature Park and in the conservation and development zone
 of the UNESCO Engiadina Val Müstair Biosphere Reserve.



Map: The research area with the three sub-areas: Swiss National Park (yellow); Biosfera Val Müstair Regional Nature Park (brown); conservation and development zone development zone Engiadina (green) (Source: SNP 2017)

1. Basic rules for research in the Swiss National Park

The Swiss National Park (SNP) has over 100 years of research history and accordingly an impressive data base of, among other things, long-term monitoring. It is therefore also an important task to secure and archive this data in the long term and to make it usable as a basis for future research. A requirement for conducting research in the SNP is a research application approved by the Research Commission (FoK = Forschungskommission des SNP = Research Commission of the SNP) and completed activity form for the current year with details of the planned field work (coordination sheet, periods of stay, equipment/aids) and an online form for entering reports.

- The SNP's rules of **conduct** (park regulations) also apply to researchers. Researchers use the official paths whenever possible.
- For aspects on reporting, publications, data submission and GIS, see Chapter 4.
- The personal researcher pass and the researcher waistcoat are issued by the SNP. They entitle the holder to walk in the area indicated in the researcher's pass off the trails. The researcher's pass, map extract and waistcoat must be worn at all times during the stay at the SNP.
- Accompanying persons may only leave the marked trails if they also have a pass. The presence of an accompanying person must be justified and kept to a minimum. Accompanying persons may not carry out any work alone.
- Researchers are responsible for their own insurance cover.

2. Planning and execution of scientific work in the Swiss National Park

The **research proposal** is decisive for the scientific implementation of the work. This applies in particular to

- Only the techniques and interventions listed in the approved research application or activity form will be used.
- Instructions given to researchers by SNP staff are binding in the area of the Swiss National Park.
- Collecting is permitted exclusively within the framework of the collection concept to be agreed.
- After fieldwork has been completed, all non-permanent equipment must be removed by the researchers.
- Permanent facilities (pegging, etc.) are to be measured in consultation with those responsible at the SNP, Research and Geoinformation Division (forschung@nationalpark.ch).
- The SNP can obtain information on the status and scope of the work at any time.
- Take advantage of opportunities that arise and inform staff present about your work.

A maximum of CHF 750 per year in field expenses can be co-financed for student work in the SNP.

These must be applied for in advance and in the context of the project submission or the indication of the activities per year at the FoK.

Indication of activities in the FoK database

- As soon as your **research application** has been approved by the FoK, you will be notified and asked to enter the planned activities via online form in the FoK database.
- Even if (in the case of multi-year projects) you are not planning any activities in a given year, you must indicate this in the online form.

Please note:

Before your stay at the SNP:

- To ensure coordination, you must register your definitive stay at the SNP in writing at least one week in advance (forschung@nationalpark.ch). Please provide the SNP with a short project presentation for visitor information.

Arrival: Registration at the SNP administration building, Chastè Planta-Wildenberg in Zernez:

- Please announce your arrival in good time (forschung@nationalpark.ch). Before you start your fieldwork within the SNP, please pick up the following material during office hours (8:00-12:00 and 13:00-17:00) at the Chastè Planta-Wildenberg:
- Researcher pass with the area section approved for inspection. The agreed research areas are binding.
- Explorer waistcoat (deposit CHF 20.00)
- If required: key to the Il Fuorn laboratory (deposit CHF 50.00)

Departure: Sign out at the administration building, Chastè Planta-Wildenberg in Zernez:

- After your last stay in the calendar year, please return your research waistcoat, project presentation and, if applicable, the laboratory key to the Chastè Planta-Wildenberg in Zernez (office hours: 08:00-12:00 and 13:00-17:00). If you use the Il Fuorn laboratory: please inform the secretariat (info@nationalpark.ch) immediately of your overnight stays (number of persons and nights). You will then receive an invoice.

Material transports:

- Helicopter transport flights take place if required. If you would like to fly research material to a specific location, please notify the Research and Geoinformation Division (forschung@nationalpark.ch) by the end of April.

3. Research in the conservation and development zone of the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Engiadina Val Müstair and in the Regional Biosfera Val Müstair Nature Park

- In principle, the Research Commission coordinates research within the SNP, but in order to avoid disruptions and for possible support services, it strongly recommends that research activities within the conservation and development zone of the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Engiadina Val Müstair and in the Regional Nature Park Biosfera Val Müstair also be coordinated with the Research Commission. To do so, fill out an **application for** new research project online. After the application has been reviewed, you will be notified and asked to indicate your planned activities via the online form.
- Any permits for the construction of installations for field research as well as for driving permits etc. are issued by the municipalities. For this, please contact the responsible persons of the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Engiadina Val Müstair or the Regional Nature Park Biosfera Val Müstair (see below).

4. Reporting, publications, data delivery, GIS

Autumn call with online report submission form

- In autumn you will receive a call for a brief report from the FoK by mail. You will receive a link to an online form for your project in the FoK database.
Each year a short report on the activities carried out must be submitted for each research project (report for the Research Commission's annual report and the SNP's annual report). In the case of multi-year projects, reporting takes the form of an interim report (in addition: status of work, outlook). The call for this usually takes place in October by e-mail.
- If possible, you can speak about your research work at events and/or write an article about your work for the [Magazin Cratschla](#) (contact persons: Hans Lozza, hans.lozza@nationalpark.ch and the Executive Director of the Research Commission, fok-snp@scnat.ch).
- Upload publications and project reports as well as completed Bachelor's, Master's, PhD theses and term papers as PDFs to the database and send 5 printed copies to the SNP, Research and Monitoring Division.
- For completed bachelor's, master's, doctoral and term papers send. Printed copies to the SNP:

Schweizerischer Nationalpark
Abt. Forschung und Monitoring
Schloss Planta-Wildenberg
CH-7530 Zerne

Delivering the data and metadata

- SNP research is often based on long-term data. Please send all data (digital and analogue) by 31 December of the year in which the project is completed to the person responsible of the Research and Monitoring Division, so that they are also available for future work.
- In the case of external long-term projects, data storage must be discussed with the responsible SNP manager (forschung@nationalpark.ch).
- Exceptions must be discussed with the FoK (fok-snp@scnat.ch).
- The submission format must be agreed with the SNP's Research and Geoinformation Division. Please contact the SNP directly (forschung@nationalpark.ch).
- The project leaders are responsible for ensuring that the data are actually handed over. The rights to the data remain with the originator of the data for 5 years and then pass to the SNP unless otherwise agreed between the originator and the SNP.
- Other digital data of general interest must also be submitted. The submission format must be agreed with the Research and Geoinformation Division of the SNP. These data are protected for 5 years without further agreement.
- Collected material shall be described and the description sent to the National Park (forschung@nationalpark.ch) with a copy to the Executive Director of the Research Commission (fok-snp@scnat.ch). Exact details of the storage location are to be given. In principle, collected material is handed over at the Museum of Nature in Chur. In special cases, other solutions are possible after consultation with the relevant specialist officers of the Research Commission.

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