

PRESS RELEASE: EUROPEAN DAY OF PARKS

1st June 2011

Il-Majjistrat Nature and History Park joined several parks all over Europe to celebrate the European Day of Parks on 24th May with two activities for the public. The initiative was launched by the **EUROPARC** Federation with the aim of raising the profile of Europe's protected areas and generating public support for their aims and work. As 2011 has been declared the European Year of Volunteering by the European Commission the Park invited volunteers to help on site with actual manual work and then enjoy a relaxing guided walk along the cliffs to learn more about the need to manage protected areas and reduce human impact.

The park management would like to thank participants for joining the park staff to carry out work on the afforestation area below Manikata where several indigenous trees and shrubs have been planted in an ongoing project to restore the area after it had been used as a dumping site for decades.

The park welcomes any volunteers willing to help on site and invites interested groups to get in touch if they are interesting in organising some teambuilding through voluntary work outdoors. The park can be reached by email on info@majjistrat.org or 2152 1291.

The next event at the park will be on 21st June and will consist of an evening sunset walk on occasion of the summer solstice. Information can be found on facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=213813901972958>)

