

Eleventh meeting of the Forum Forestier Lémanique

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WELCOMING THE PUBLIC TO THE FOREST

Adding value to the patrimony and managing risks

Thursday, 7 June 2007
Château and forest of Ripaille
Thonon-les-Bains, Haute-Savoie

Objectives This event will allow a comparison between France and Switzerland of how the public is welcomed to the forest, and to understand who are the initiators and persons responsible for this. It will provide an opportunity for exchanges and dialogue between the different actors at the global, regional and local levels.

You may be interested in this event...

because you are

a public or private forest owner, representative of a local or regional authority, member of a village or urban administration, serving a collectivity, researcher, consultant or expert in forestry, active in communication and promoting forestry, working with an environmental protection agency,

or else

because you benefit

from visiting the forest as a citizen, walker, trekker, hunter, mountain biker, cross country skier, teacher, nature protectionist, promoter or provider of leisure activities.

What is the Forum Forestier Lémanique ?

Created in spring 1999, the Forum Forestier Lémanique (FFL) is a meeting point bringing together numerous actors and managers in forestry and natural resources living in the Franco-Swiss arc of Lake Léman. Its mission is to facilitate contacts and to promote exchanges between professionals and experts active at the local, regional and international levels. For this purpose it organises *thematic meeting days* and *field visits* open to all. These events are intended to provide opportunities for getting together and sharing experiences on topics of common interest. .

The topics treated at earlier meetings are listed in the FFL's website <<http://www.unece.org/trade/timber/ffl/>>

Context and questions

Forests
welcoming
the public

The lake Léman region – a densely populated region joining eastern France and western Switzerland, formed by the Department of Haute Savoie and the Cantons of Geneva, Vaud and Valais.

A mainly urban population, expecting to have access to the forest, synonymous with “nature” and open spaces. Each inhabitant of the Lake Léman region lives within 20 minutes of a forest!

A living space with numerous private and public forest domains remarkable from the point of view of their natural and cultural patrimony and providing an important function of welcoming a demanding public, both numerous and varied. Amongst those domains, there is the *Château de Ripaille*, with its forest and arboretum, which is doing us the honour of hosting us on this occasion, the 11th meeting of the FFL (see <http://www.ripaille.fr> and http://www.ville-thonon.fr/ST030601/fiche_defaultstructure/)

A region where the forest owners and managers are concerned about the conservation of the forest patrimony and are faced with the pressure of urbanisation and an increasing demand for the social and ecological services of the forest, while public support for them diminishes.

Themes to be
developed
and
discussed

1) Economic values: How can the owner (public or private) raise the value of his domaine and possibly derive a profit by opening his forest to the public? What tools can reconcile the achievement of social expectations with the suitable management of the forest and an equitable distribution of costs and benefits of management between owners, users and third parties?

2) Risk management and responsibilities: Considering the institutional framework regulating public access to private and public forest domains, how can the security of the public be assured, while guaranteeing the legal protection of the owner? How to reconcile public and recreational uses with property rights? How to resolve conflicts between the different users ? How to prevent vandalism?

3) Minimising negative impacts: How can the conservation of sites be reconciled with public access, taking into account the impacts which result from the various recreation activities on the forest area? What management measures and infrastructure can be put in place to meet the needs of diverse users (mountain biking, horse riding, etc.) and the other multiple functions of the forest?

4) Raising public awareness: How can demonstrations and explanations be provided in the forest aimed at, on the one hand, minimising the public's impact on it and, on the other, encouraging the public to get involved in the conservation of the natural and cultural patrimony of the forest; with what means of communication; and for what investment?

Programme for the 7th of June 2007

Time	Activity
	For participants taking the CGN boat from Nyon, see the CFF train times to Nyon in the annex. Drivers see < http://www.nyon.ch/pratique/transports/parking.htm >.
09h20	For those coming by car - see directions and map in annex Departure by CGN boat from Nyon to Yvoire
09h42	Arrival in Yvoire, transfer to bus (<u>N.B. registration essential!</u>) Yvoire – Thonon – Château de Ripaille en bus
10h00	Welcome to the Château de Ripaille , coffee-croissant
10h20	Opening of the day's events by Jean Combe , President of the FFL
10h30	Theme 1: Raising the economic value of the sustainable management of the forest by welcoming the public* — - in France: Mr. Jean-Marie Barbier , CRPF, Director General of the Federation of Private Forester Owners of France — - in Switzerland: Mr. Philippe Steinmann , Cantonal Inspector of Forests, Domain of Nature and Landscape, Canton of Geneva
11h10	Theme 2: Risk management and civic responsibility of the owner and manager in welcoming the public in the French and Swiss institutional context — in France: Mr. Jacques Liagre , ONF, Chief of the Legal Department and for Equipment — in Switzerland: Mrs. Claire-Lise Suter , Forestry Division, OFEV, Berne
11h50	Theme 3: Minimising impacts, monitoring and managing public access, infrastructural needs for welcoming the public to the forest — Yves Hausser , professor at School of Engineers, Lullier
12h20	End of morning session
12h30	Background information about Ripaille by Mr. Louis Necker , President of the Ripaille Foundation Green spaces of the town, by a representative of the Thonon Townhall Aperitif
13h00	Buffet lunch
14h00	Visit to the forest of Ripaille , explanation of its management and equipment, discussion of the results for the owner and the public, under the guidance of Mr. Willem Pleines , forestry consultant at Ripaille, Mr. Yannick Perrin , ONF Thonon, and other speakers
15h00	Theme 4: Raising public awareness – demonstrations and explanations in the forest – management of a forest open to the public - in Switzerland: Cédric Amacker , SEVE, City of Geneva, former Swiss Romande coordinator of SILVIVA (education in the forest) - in the forest of Ripaille: Mr. Delorme , town of Thonon, and Mr. Yannick Perrin , ONF Thonon
15h30	Plenary session conducted by Mr. Laurent Meyer , journalist Open discussion, formulation of recommendations, summary
16h15	Closure by Mr. Jean Combe , President of the FFL
	For the participants taking the CGN boat, departure by bus for Thonon
16h52	Thonon: departure of the CGN boat for Nyon via Yvoire
18h17	Arrival at landing stage in Nyon

* = provisional titles

Annexes: Practical information and organisation
Registration form (**Deadline: 25 May 2007**)

Practical information and organisation

Date Thursday, 7 June 2007 from 10.00hr to 16.15hr

Location **Château and forest of Ripaille**

Fondation Ripaille

74200 THONON-LES-BAINS

Transport **By car:** N5 from Geneva as far as the entry to Thonon. Avoid crossing the city by taking the lakeside road: Bvd. de la Corniche - Quai de Ripaille – Av. de Ripaille – Parking du Château



Train from Lausanne (IMPORTANT : participants purchase their ticket themselves):

Gare/Arrêt	Date	Heure	Voie	Voyage avec	Remarques
Lausanne	07.06.07	dép. 08:45	7	EN 316	EuroNight LUNA,
Nyon		arr. 09:09	1		
Nyon					15 min., Y
Nyon CGN				Parcours à pied	
Nyon CGN		dép. 09:25			Bateau,
Yvoire		arr. 09:42		BAT 2306	

Train from Geneva (IMPORTANT : participants purchase their ticket themselves):

Gare/Arrêt	Date	Heure	Voie	Voyage avec	Remarques
Genève	07.06.07	dép. 08:56	4	IR 1421	InterRegio
Nyon		arr. 09:09	2		
Nyon					15 min., Y
Nyon CGN				Parcours à pied	
Nyon CGN		dép. 09:25			Bateau,
Yvoire		arr. 09:42		BAT 2306	

From the CGN Parking in Yvoire (at 5 minutes walk from the landing stage) a bus will take participants to the Château de Ripaille (Registration necessary !)

Return: by bus from the Château de Ripaille

Then: by boat from Thonon to Nyon; walk to CFF station Nyon; train (participants purchase their tickets themselves)

Gare/Arrêt	Date	Heure	Voie	Voyage avec	Remarques
Thonon-les-Bains CGN	07.06.07	dép. 16:52			Bateau, (♿)
Yvoire		arr. 17:44		BAT 607	
Yvoire		dép. 17:55			Bateau à vapeur, (♿)
Nyon CGN		arr. 18:17		BAV 103	
Nyon CGN					15 min., Y
Nyon				Parcours à pied	

Registration and participation fee The cost of participation, including the mid-day meal (buffet lunch without drinks), renting the meeting room and transport, amounts to **CHF 50.-** or **30.- EUROS**
This amount will be collected from participants at the beginning of the day (payment in cash)
Reduced cost for students : 30 CHF or 20 Euros.

Lunch The mid-day meal will be taken on site in the form of a buffet
The price of the meal is included in the participation fee
Drinks will be paid for by the participants separately

Registration is indispensable !

Registration Registration using the attached form should be made by **25 May 2007** at the latest.

Attention – the number of places is limited!

Information and registration

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Cancellation N.B. Any cancellations must be announced **not later than mid-day on 4 June**, failing which the cost of registration will have to be charged in full

Registration form for FFL - June 7th 2007

To be returned by 25 May 2007 at latest

by mail, fax or email to

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Please fill in all items

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Firstname

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Institution

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Address

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Email

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Téléphone

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Registration

Participation the whole day at Château and forest of Ripaille YES NO

Participation at buffet lunch at Château de Ripaille YES NO

Transports

Travel by own means to Château de Ripaille YESI NO

Will join bus from Yvoire to Château de Ripaille in the morning
(arriving CGN boat at 09h42) OUI NON

Will join bus from Château de Ripaille to Thonon in the evening
(departure by CGN boat at 16h52) OUI NON

Number of person(s) _____

Total cost of registration(s) (CHF or €) CHF _____ € _____

Comments
(if necessary)

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Date

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Signature

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