

See the Royal Ecopark of Stockholm
- the first national city park in the world
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Most cities in the world have national parks, which are normally situated far away from the bigger cities. In Stockholm, the capital of Sweden, we can now present the first national city park. This park is unique, as it is located inside the city. The area is called the Ecopark or the National City Park. Two more parks like this are suggested in Uppsala and Trollhättan.

The Ecopark has a royal atmosphere and offers a great combination of nature and culture. Inside the park you will find several interesting buildings such as the three palaces Rosendal, Haga and Ulriksdal. The Royal Palace of Stockholm is situated just outside the park.

Moreover, the biological multiplicity of the park is fascinating, as a large number of species, some of them very rare, are found in the area.

The Ecopark is the most frequently visited green area of Stockholm with approximately 15 million visitors a year.

Although the Ecopark is protected by law as a National City Park, it is still threatened by exploitation. Beside this "formal" protection, it is necessary to create a "mental protection", a consciousness of the people. One way of achieving this is, according to me, sightseeing in the area. During a walk or a tour by bus or boat in the park, accompanied by a competent guide, people will hopefully realize how important the preservation of the Ecopark actually is; not only to Stockholm, but to Sweden, and most likely to make an example for Europe and the rest of the world.

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