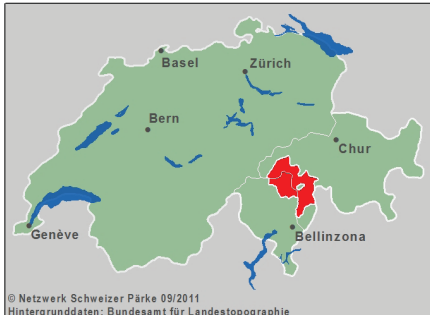


Parc Adula - Project for a National Park

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Candidate: since 2009
 Fläche: 1064 km²
 Population: 14'000
 Municipality: 20
 Cantons: Graubünden/Tessin



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Project for a National Park

The Rheinwaldhorn, also known as the Adula Peak, is the highest mountain in the Adula massif and connects the two cantons Ticino and the Grisons. The heart of the Parc Adula project lies exactly there with breathtaking scenery, imposing glaciers, outstanding natural habitats and without any significant human intervention. The Parc Adula is applying to be recognised as the largest national park in Switzerland with an area of over 1000 km² and a core zone of around 200 km². Together with the populace a Charta is to be defined by 2015 to create a long-term and sustainable symbiosis between man and nature.

The Parc Adula project would like to create a model for future sustainable development in the Alpine regions. It is planned as a vibrant area in which man lives and works together in harmony with the natural surroundings. The project thus pursues the idea of a park, in which human achieve-

ment, principles of conservation and the infrastructure find an ideal extension for a modern society.

In the core zone, the foremost concern is that nature can develop freely and that more research is carried out in this process. As far as possible this zone will remain untouched by man. On the other hand, the surrounding zone invites the cultural landscape to be moulded with humans as an integral part. An area should be established in which man and nature can both develop in harmony. Additional value should be created and human activities should be upgraded.

There are several outstanding natural resources in the Parc Adula region. The Greina plateau, for example, is almost six kilometres long and one kilometre wide and has been preserved for centuries. The plateau appears like a tundra landscape at an altitude of over 2,000 metres. From numerous sources, small mountain streams meander undisturbed, forming pools and small swamps. Other

examples are the Rhine sources and the no-hunting region of Trescolmen. The Parc Adula also has a lot of cultural highlights to offer. It is a multilingual and culturally diverse project, including Romansch-, German- and Italian-speaking and even Walser-German-speaking communities. Each of these language and cultural communities enriches the Parc Adula with their traditions, literature, art and gastronomy.

The Parc Adula team warmly invites everyone to enjoy this unique area today as a little Switzerland in the heart of the Alps, to help to shape it and to participate in dialogue.

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