



GoGEO PARKS.COM

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

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1. What We Do

www.GoGeoparks.com is an online platform to make the concept of geoparks easy-to-get for everyone. It wants to help local small businesses by showcasing them to the world, and to let visitors enjoy their visits with more open eyes.

This e-platform has been designed to be a reliable home to all local people of geoparks in the world by emphasizing on their services, businesses and partners inside the territory of one or more geoparks.

We dream to see all local partners can easily find and update their service on the platform and easily interact with and learn from their colleagues from other geoparks. So, we draw our hands to you to realize this dream.

The door of the home is open for 24 hours, 7 days to all members of the family of geoparks. We are committed to keeping this home clean and easy to access for both guests and hosts. So, please do not be shy and contact us today.

All costs of the website including design, publication, test, and maintenance have already been paid by the founders and the members will be never charged for these costs.

2. Definitions

Please note that these terms do not carry on official or academic meanings but for our communications only.

- 2.1. **Geopark:** According to the UNESCO website, UNESCO Global Geoparks are single, unified geographical areas where sites and landscapes of international geological significance are managed with a holistic concept of protection, education and sustainable development. Their bottom-up approach of combining conservation with sustainable development while involving local communities is becoming increasingly popular. We support this definition and welcome all listed or aspiring geopark regardless of their level or listing.
- 2.2. **Platform:** Website www.gogeoparks.com is an online environment to facilitate the communication among the people involved in geoparks regardless their place, type, or preferences. We call this environment a platform or an e-platform.
- 2.3. **Member:** Any person (individual, incorporative, state, provincial, etc.) who applies to be shown in this platform and is published.
- 2.4. **Membership:** Membership starts when one shares its information.
- 2.5. **Geo-partner:** A geo-partner or partner is any private or non-for-profit identity that is located and registered within territory of a geopark. Partners who are labelled with a geopark will be represented on the platform with a special look.
- 2.6. **Geo-events:** Any event that is related to the concept of geoparks. We encourage everyone to share their ongoing or upcoming events with us.



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- 2.7. **Geo-expert:** A geo-expert or expert is an individual consultant, skilled person, or specialist who dedicated their time and expertise in or with a geopark for a minimum of three years or did a significant action for geoparks. Geologists, conservationists, planners, signage contractors, artists, and educators are some samples. We do not rank the approved experts.
 - 2.8. **Geo-map:** Any kind of visual printed or digital drawing that helps to understand a geopark. We are looking for simple, fun, and cute maps that are scientifically correct to publish.
 - 2.9. **Geo-product:** Geo-Products are any tangible and buyable material or service that are produced in the territory of a geopark and follow and try to promote the values of that geopark. Products may also help visitors to memorize their experience. We persuade all business owners or geopark authorities to share products' specs (images, videos, texts, etc.) with us to be presented to the world.
 - 2.10. **Geo-food:** Geo-food is a gift from the land and sea that represents food culture in a particular region. Geo-food can be any edible geo-product that tries to highlight the cycle of production, consuming, and returning to nature with a creative demonstration of the geological features of the territory. Food can be found in a local restaurant, catering, local bazaar, eating area, café and so on.
 - 2.11. **Sponsor/donor:** Any person who donates funds or facilities to the project. We have no plan to collect donations presently.

3. Membership

- 3.1. Membership means to be visible on this platform to the public without any limitation. Members can be an individual, incorporation, state, or any other forms of identity.
- 3.2. Membership in this platform is voluntary and will be immediately ended by the request of the member. It is open to all geoparks and people who are involved in a geopark no matter in which level of national, regional, international or inter-nations.
- 3.3. Membership is Free of Charge for all approved members including individuals, incorporations, institutes, administrative, etc. The status is subject to change, but members would be informed in advance.
- 3.4. Membership of the accepted experts is and will remain Free forever. They will be listed under the section of the Geo-Experts directory. Expert means any skilled and effective person who gives or has given a professional service to a geopark regardless. Researchers, geoscientists, tradespersons, suppliers, managers, staff, supervisors, policy-writers, etc who dedicated at least three years of their professional life for a geopark, are some examples only. The level or the field of education is not an issue vs. pragmatic experience.



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4. Scope

All local businesses, services, suppliers, experts, located in the territory of a geopark in the world including a UNESCO Global Geopark, a National Geopark, an Inter-Nation Geopark or an Aspiring Geoparks are encouraged to be registered.

5. Benefits of Listing

You will be seen in a single platform that is designed exclusively for the Partners and Experts that are working within the geoparks. We work hard to promote the platform in international events, and professional media.

6. How to Apply

Express your interest by shooting out a short text on the Contact page of the Platform and leave your message OR send us an email to maziar.qa@gmail.com or satokohara0423@gmail.com. We will contact you ASAP for the next step. Please find and read the “How to Apply” file at www.gogeoparks.com/downloads address.

7. What to Submit

Share any pieces of the following information after you are admitted to the platform. Your information is not necessarily a perfect pack, we can help you to improve it. It is the responsibility of the sender to check the ownership, right, courtesy, and credit of materials. We solely publish what you shared with us. Please do not share any info that you don't wish to be visible with others. Never send us any physical material or originals.

- 7.1. **Goparks:** Formal full name, slogan (shown as your title), short description, full description, 3-4 photos, logo, head-quarter's address (and Lat/Lon), phone, email, website, instagram, youtube, facebook, twitter, etc.
- 7.2. **Geo-partners within a geopark:** Name of the business, type of business (i.e. restaurant, tour guide, guesthouse, etc.), type of the ownership (private, incorporation, state, provincial, etc.), short description, full description, 3 to 4 photos, location address (and Lat/Lon), phone, associated geopark, twitter, facebook, website, instagram, youtube, etc.
- 7.3. **Geo-experts with a minimum of 3 years of experience with a geopark:** Name and last name, description, one photo, e-mail, linkedin, phone, associated geopark or geoparks (your thumbnail would be visible on that given geoparks), twitter, facebook, website, instagram, youtube, etc.

8. Privacy Notes

Your privacy matters. www.gogeoparks.com is a registered web domain in Canada and follows the legislation and regulations of this country. We do not share the information of the members by any means unless the owner of the information permits us. We emphasise that we never submit any sensitive or confidential information regardless of its ownership to us. Please let us know immediately if it has happened by chance, if you changed your mind for any reason, if you noticed that later on, or your parties or



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partners asked you. We do not collect and save your IP address records. However, analytical collectors like google may do so, that is not under our control. We have the right to change or remove improper contents from the pages.

9. Founders

The project was founded by Maziar Qasemi from Canada and Satoko Hara from Japan in September 2019 and evolved step by step. Maziar worked for Qeshm Island UNESCO Global Geopark as an associate consultant for Master Planning and Architectural Design services since 2005. Satoko is an internationally experienced professional who has worked in the fields of Tourism and Infrastructure for over 20 years. She worked in many developing countries in Africa, Middle East, and Central Asia.

10. Language

The language of the platform is English.

11. Termination

We strive to keep the platform alive and refreshed forever with the help of our valuable members. Meanwhile, we keep the right to terminate this project for any reason without precaution. So, please keep the original materials with yourself. Members can ask to be removed from the platform anytime for any reason.

12. Updated Terms & Conditions

The most updated version of this document is published over the website and to be sent to the members' email addresses. This document is required to be Read and Agree before a member, a service, or a product is publicized.