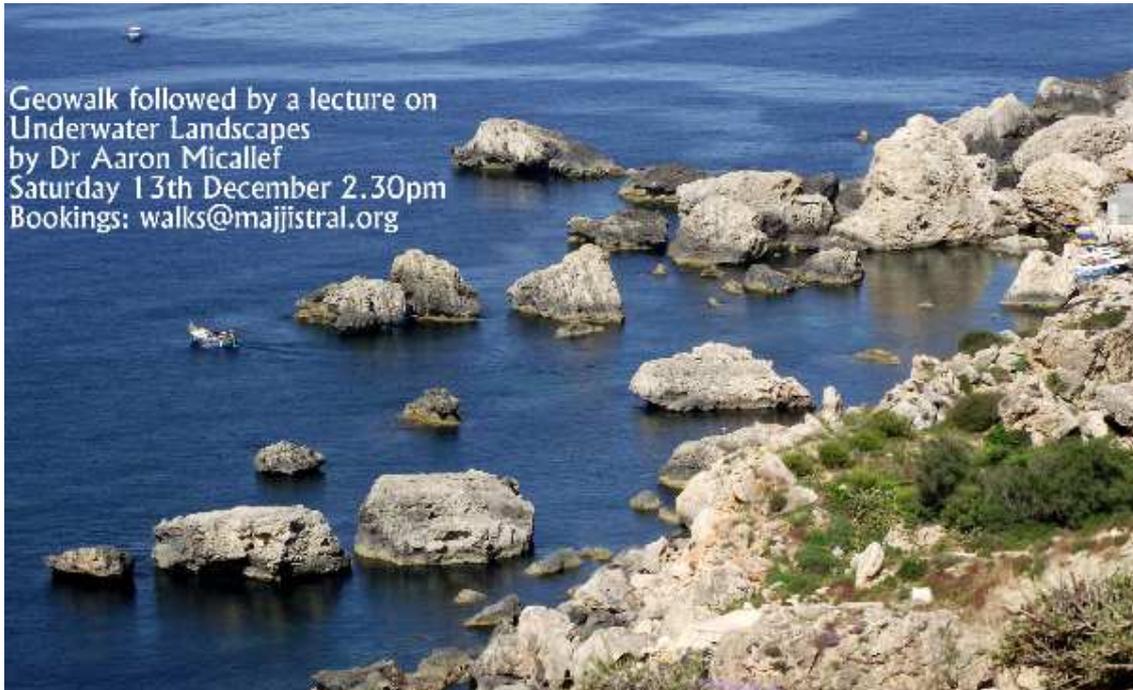


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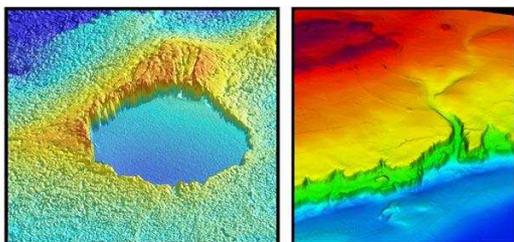
December in the Park

Check our upcoming events and latest news

Finally autumn seems to be setting in and we hope the flowery season will soon take off after the unusually long drought.

In the meantime we hope you are enjoying the Park App on or off the site. For more information you can read [here](#).

The app is available free of charge from Google play and from the App store.



We still have a few places left for this Saturday's geowalk followed by a not-to-be missed lecture by Dr Aaron Micallef, a lecturer in marine geology and Marie Curie fellow at the University of



For the young ones - join us on a photographic treasure hunt in the

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Date: 13th December, 2.30-6pm
[Bookings on walks@majjistral.org](mailto:Bookings%20on%20walks@majjistral.org)
 Fee: Eur 5. Teachers and students join free.

park on 21st December from 10am till 1,30pm. Cameras will be provided for working in teams. Suggested ages: 11-13 and adults are invited to come along. Book on walks@majjistral.org



Trapping sites on public land within the park - The park sent its objection to the authorities about trapping sites that are set in sensitive ecological Natura 2000 areas or trapping sites that have been built on public land that are on unlet Government property. As a result 6 trapping sites had their permits revoked.



Removal of alien plants – During these last weeks the park has continued removing alien species, notably Agave and Castor Oil. Many Castor Oil were removed from nearby the visitor centre.



The park would like to thank The Malta Photographic Society for kindly inviting us to meet with their members to highlight the features of the park. We look forward to possible future collaboration and hope to

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create some joint events for all photography enthusiasts. The lovely book "The Malta Photographic Society 50th Anniversary – Celebrating Photography in Malta" presented to me on the day will be available for viewing at the Visitor Centre library later in December. <http://www.maltaphotographicsociety.org>
Photo thanks to Mark Brincat.



Lateral spreading
and rock moving -

Italian University
scientists have
recently carried out
further
studies about rock
movements
along the coast of
the park.



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A group of researchers from the Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia (INGV Rome) were on a one-week visit to Malta at the beginning of November in order to carry out geophysical measurements in collaboration with the Seismic Monitoring and Research Unit, University of Malta. The visit was carried out in the framework of project SIMIT, within the Italia-Malta 2007-2013 Operational Programme. SIMIT deals with georisks, particularly seismic risk in the Central Mediterranean and incorporates scientific investigation with aspects of building vulnerability and Civil Protection preparedness and response.

The measurements in Il-Majjistral park were carried out using an array of around 12 seismometers, spread out over an area of the park, whose positions were accurately measured using GPS instruments. The seismometers, which took a number of hours to deploy and set up, were left to record natural ambient vibrations for a few hours. The natural and continuous vibrations of the ground surface (induced by natural sources such as waves and wind, as well as anthropic sources) contain much useful information about the shallow structure of the rocks. Detailed analysis of the collected data will be carried out over the coming weeks and the results will be utilised in future evaluations of the behaviour of Maltese rocks during earthquake shaking.

(Image and text thanks to Dr Pauline Galea, SMRU, University of Malta)



Cleanups – Regular clean ups continue, with park staff collecting discarded plastic bottles and aluminium cans and other waste irresponsibly left behind by some people visiting the park.

Volunteering:
If you wish to help the park by volunteering at the Visitor Centre during some weekends please email info@majjistral.org or phone 21521291.

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