



# Hustai National Park



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### Activities to do :

Przewalski horses live in group, there are about 30 harems in the park.

The main activity for ecovolunteers is the tracking of the Takhi in the mountains. You need to find one different harem everyday and follow it to check their position and observe their behaviour. Then the biologists use these data to check the density of the population and follow the move of each harem. It is very important to analyse these information because in parallel, scientists analyse the water resource and they can know if there is enough food and water for all the fauna.

By looking for Takhi in the park, you will see many wild animals, such as red deers, gazelles, eagles, marmots, sousliks...

As an ecovolunteer, you will also have extra activities, such as:

- discover Mongolian traditions by visiting a nomadic family who will explain you how to prepare dairy products ;
- horse riding ;
- visit the capital city Ulan-Bator...



Naraa, the ecovolunteer coordinator and Noemie, a French ecovolunteer



Hustai National Park is located about 100 kilometers west of Ulan Bator. This park reintroduced Przewalski's horses (or Takhi) on June 5th, 1992 with the help of the Dutch Association FPPPH (Foundation for the Preservation and Protection of the Przewalski Horse). 84 horses were reintroduced in the park in 8 years and they are currently more than 300.

All year round, ecovolunteers can come to help the research team. In 2014, the fee was 55€ per day and it is less expensive in winter. You have a very good accommodation and the food is the same as the other tourists. We think it is possible to negotiate the price especially if you are several people.



We spent about three weeks in Hustai National Park. We met Munkhbat who was very interesting by our idea of making a movie about ecovolunteer program. We spent a very good time with all the team.

The staff is very friendly and it is like a big family.

We saw many wild animals as you can see on our movie. The only negative point is the price which is high. It is a big structure with all the facilities: accommodation in yurt, western food, drinkable water, electricity, and all these facilities have a cost in the middle of the steppe. The biggest cost is the petrol because you go by car in the park every day.

We talked about this subject to Munkhbat and advocate to have different prices according to the will of the volunteer: accommodation in a tent, staff food... We hope they will pay attention to this proposition. Don't hesitate to contact them in direct for further information.