

Opening hours:

April – October from 10:00 to 19:00 h November – March from 10:00 to 16:00 h

The prices for ticket categories:

Adults (15 years +): **1.50** €; Children (3 to 14): **0.50** €; Family pass (2 adults, 3 children older than 3): **3.50**€; Students: **0.50** €; 10 people and more: **1.00** €; Children under 3 years: Free entry; People with special needs: Free entry

For more information and to arrange a guided tour please call us at

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The rescue of so called "restaurant bears" in Kosovo



EMA. OSKA AND RON

In 2014 something unexpected happened! Three little cubs were found by police in the western part of Kosovo. They were kept privately in two different families, who bought the cubs from animal traders to keep them as pets! The three cubs named as Ema, Oska and Ron, were rescued immediately by FOUR PAWS after police`s announcement and were treated carefully by the veterinaries at the sanctuary and fed with an appropriate food for their age.



The cubs when they were only two months old and now after a year of living at the sanctuary.

Sixteen brown bears now live at BEAR SANCTUARY Prishtina, all of them rescued from captivity and private ownership. Thankfully they are all now in great health, and for the first time in their lives, are living happily, in an environment appropriate for their species.

For many years fifteen brown bears have had to endure the trauma of being held in small cages as visitors' attractions outside restaurants.

The private keeping of bears has been banned in Kosovo since autumn 2010.

In response to this situation, in 2013 FOUR PAWS offered an alternative by building the BEAR SANCTUARY Prishtina and with the help of the Kosovo Environment Ministry, the police and KFOR, the organisation was able to rescue 13 bears and transfer them to the BEAR SANCTUARY.

The transfer of bears in their new enclosure

The new sectors are constructed and finished in 2014. They include a beautiful area of 45,000 m2 of open space, similar to a bear's natural habitat in the wild.

Every one of the new sectors contains pools for swimming, an area of dense foliage for shade, soft, green spaces and an enrichment program with access to various activities, all aimed at recreating a bear's natural habitat. These elements are encouraging the bears to rediscover their natural instincts.



THE SANCTUARY IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND OFFERS:

For interested groupsunique opportunity to explore animal welfare and environmental topics in a real-life setting accompanied by a guide.



Special environmental educational activities for students and other interested groups of visitors are provided. A beautiful environment surrounded by forests and an open bistro offers for you a relaxing time after you have spent some time visiting the bears, whilst at the entrance you can buy some nice souvenirs that will be a special memory of your visit.

