

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

VISION

At Hostel Bearlog, our employees are committed to environmental protection and work to reduce our impact on the environment. Employees follow laws, regulations and other recommendations regarding environmental issues and sustainability.

Environmental policy includes the areas of energy efficiency, water and wastewater efficiency, nature and natural resource conservation, careful selection of suppliers, waste reduction, reuse or recycling, pollution prevention, control of hazardous substances, conservation of biodiversity and endangered species, and compliance with legislation.

Hostel Bearlog also follows the vision of the Kočevsko destination, which has set itself the goal of becoming an internationally recognizable and attractive tourist destination by 2025 for tourists and visitors who want an active and adventurous holiday in the authenticity of nature. In doing so, it will meet the expectations of demanding, active and ecologically aware tourists, which will contribute to the long-term preservation of natural and cultural heritage and the social and economic well-being of the inhabitants of Kočevje.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Obtaining and maintaining a Travelife certificate for Hotels and Accommodations.
- In 2020, to further encourage employees and guests to use public transport or bicycles, we have prepared free coupons for the use of mountain or city bicycles for all guests who spend a minimum of two nights with us. Interest in the use and the very use of bicycles, especially mountain bikes, therefore increased in 2020.
- In 2018, the hostel received the Cyclist and Hiker Friendly Accommodation label.
- We changed the supplier of cleaners and switched to more ecological ones. At the same time, we also return waste packaging of used cleaners to the supplier.
- We replaced plastic laundry bags with washable cotton bags made from old, worn-out sheets.
- We return most of the food packaging to our suppliers, thus ensuring that the packaging is recycled.
- Employees print documents on both sides, and use any useless single-sided papers for notes.
- We remind and encourage employees, guests and visitors to use energy and water economically with nice warning stickers around the building.
- By informing and guiding our guests, we also take care of the protection and respect of nature and protected animals in the surroundings (acquired sign bear-friendly accommodation).

GOALS FOR 2021:

- Further encourage guests to support us in our efforts to reduce environmental impacts through signage and communication.
- Continue to use biodegradable and environmentally friendly cleaners and optimize the amount of their use.
- In 2021, we will also replace dishwasher tablets with a mixture of baking soda and vinegar.
- Encouraging the use of electronic versions of documents where possible, e.g. satisfaction questionnaires, otherwise double-sided printing of documents.
- When replacing old appliances with new ones, we will consider the energy class.

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