

Riverside discovery path opens in Budapest

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A newly-opened educational path along the Danube bank in Budapest teaches tourists and locals about the history and planned future of the river and its bank, legends related to it and its fauna.

Until October 3, anyone can walk along the Danube River Trail (Duna Tanösvény), which consists of 13 stations between the Petöfi and Margit bridges, and view works of young contemporary visual artists, graphic designers, photographers, street artists and architects telling stories about the river.

Courtesy of the Danube River Trail Association, tourists enjoying the view of the river from a new hangout place which opened along the trail. Smartphone owners will be able to appreciate the installations even more. A special application is available for them which is based on Layar, the world's most popular "augmented reality" browser. After downloading Duna Tanösvény, the device will be able to read the QR codes on the signs at the stations. These visitors will be able to see more detailed information in Hungarian and English and some other surprises. Along the path at the international pier at Belgrád rakpart, a new hangout place called Stég was recently opened. Here, anyone can rest on a large deckchair, play a boardgame or have a picnic on the riverside. There is no charge to enter, just as the whole path is free for everyone. There are plans to hold weekly film screenings and concerts at the venue. The Danube River Trail is a project of Valyo and Artopolis Association, two young groups which love the city and want to improve life in it. Valyo regularly organizes riverside events, while Artopolis is the organizer of PLACCC, an urban art festival launched in 2008. The Facebook page of the Danube River Trail is here. (caboodle.hu)