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NEWSLETTER WINTER 2025

Exceptionally Warm Winter - Early Spring on the Horizon

The winter of 2024/2025 has been exceptionally warm, with a snow cover of approximately 40 cm. The mild weather could indicate an early awakening of bears from hibernation. The earliest recorded bear awakening has been on March 19.



Wolverines - Incredible Sightings and Photography Opportunities

During this winter, wolverines have visited the area regularly, 4-6 times per week. A total of four different individuals have been observed, providing excellent opportunities for wolverine observation and photography.



Wolves - Promising Signs for Spring and Summer

A wolf pack visited the area in February, which is an encouraging sign for the upcoming spring and summer. The situation is being closely monitored with great interest.



Other Wildlife Observations

- Foxes and Arctic hares have been spotted regularly.
- A promising year for owls, as the strong vole population suggests a good breeding season ahead.



Northern Lights - What to Expect?

The northern lights will be particularly visible in 2024, 2025, and 2026 because the Sun is approaching the peak of its solar cycle (solar maximum). Solar cycles last about 11 years, and the current cycle is expected to reach its peak in 2024-2025.

What happens after the peak? Although the peak occurs in 2024-2025, the Sun will remain active at least until 2026 before it starts to calm down again.

If you want to see the northern lights, this is a great time to watch the night sky, especially in autumn and winter when the sky is dark and the weather is clear!

Upcoming Events - 2026

- Wildlife Winter Week 2026
- Wolverine Photography Week 2026
- More information in the next Newsletter!

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