# Recreational functions of forests and meadows

- Hundreds of years ago „the forest” fell under a completely different consideration
- - for most, it was an unknown thus fearsome place full of wolves, ghosts and bad spirits
- - for some it was a source of food
- - and to the villagers it gave fire wood and char coal

# It was only in the 19th century that the city dwellers recognised the forest as a place of recreation

Besides other two important functions: an ecological space + economical importance, this relatively new role that forests play in our lives has become increasingly important:

# In some countries people can practice winter sports in the woods

# Cross country or downhill skiing

# In summer the same tracks can be „beaten” by mountain bike

# Picknicks are still popular

# As well as hiking

# Forest schools offer not only recreation but a site for ecological studies as well

# Near larger cities adventure parks have been created that test one's fitness

As you will see in our footage: in the near-Kaposvár forests SEFAG, a big state owned company of forest managemet implemented a series of places to provide smart recreational environment for us

# Playgrounds

# A canopy walk

# The arboretum

This way, spending some of our leisure time in the forest hopfully we will all understand that these extremely complex ecologycal systems are to be highly cherished and protected for own and for others good

- Thank you for your kind attention