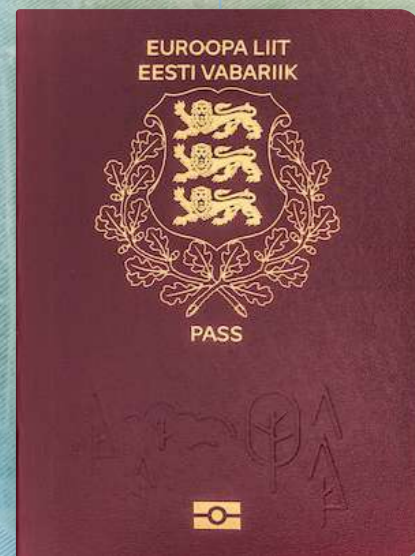




Estonia by Passport

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The Estonian Passport: **A Window for Exploration**

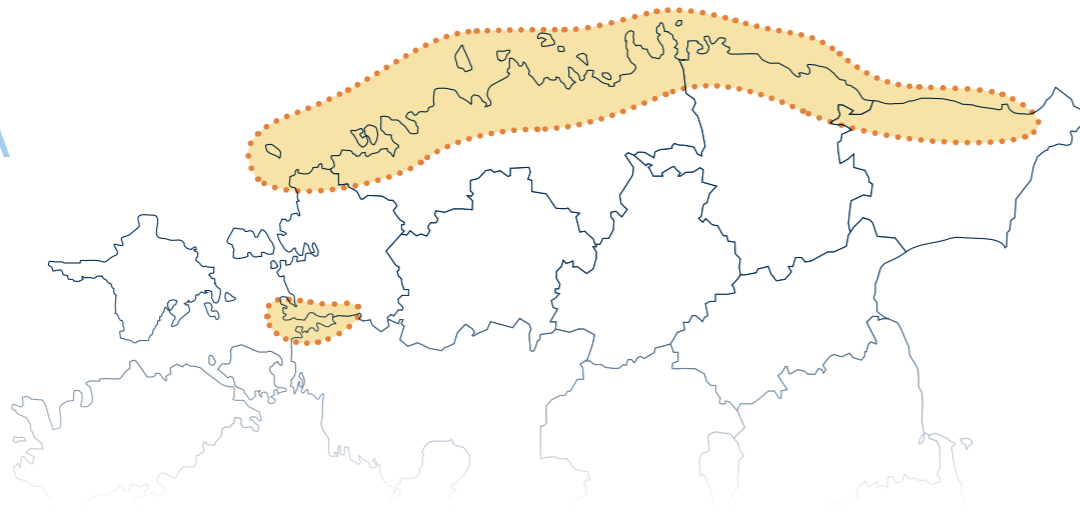
A passport is an official travel document issued by a government which confirms the nationality and identity of the holder. But what if that document also provide a window into the country's identity?

The Estonian government commissioned HID to craft a passport that not only securely verifies its citizens' identities, but also reveals its national character. By embedding images of the country's physical features and wildlife in each page of the passport, we help people discover what makes Estonia unique.

The passport both allows entrance into a country and previews what a tourist is likely to encounter while travelling throughout the land.

Come take a tour of Estonia's wildlife, geographic features and immense natural beauty through the pages of its passport.

ESTONIA



Meet Glacial Boulders and White-Tailed Eagles

GLACIAL BOULDERS

These erratic boulders were formed during the previous ice ages and transported into Estonia by glacial ice. There are 62 known boulders measuring more than 30 meters in circumference, commonly found in the sea around Estonia.

WHITE-TAILED EAGLE

Native to the country, the white-tailed eagle is one of the largest living birds of prey. It feeds along the coastline and usually nests in fully grown coastal forests such as the Matsalu National Park.





WAXING CRESCENT



FIRST QUARTER



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FULL MOON



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Traverse the Woodland Landscape and Gaze at the Moon's Cycle

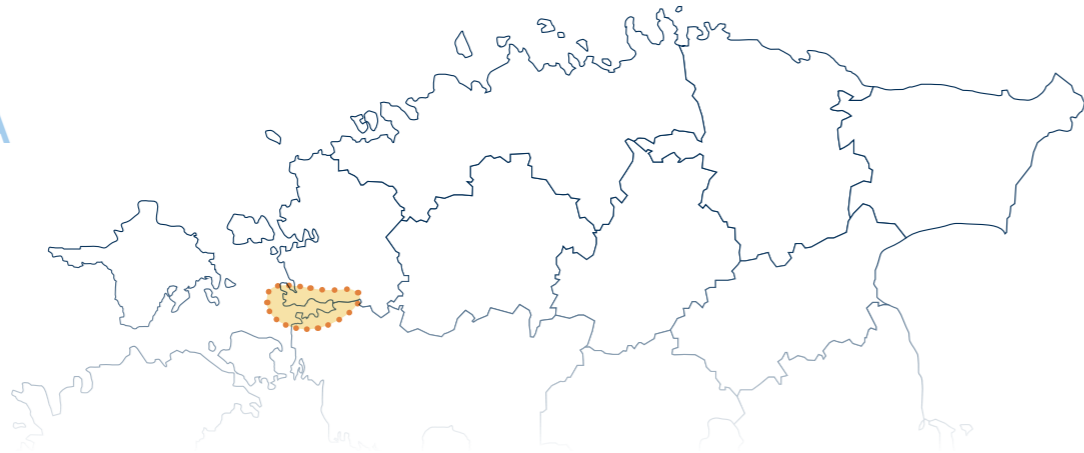
WOODLAND LANDSCAPE

Covering roughly 50% of the country, coniferous and deciduous forests comprise the woodland landscape of Estonia. You can find the most common types of trees including pine, spruce and birch, by visiting Alutaguse National Park.

MOON'S CYCLE

With its location in the Northern Hemisphere, Estonia's view of the moon reveals its sunlit portion moving from right to left during its cycle.

ESTONIA



Admire the Ural Owl and Experience the Northern Lights

URAL OWL

One of the most common owls in Estonia, the Ural owl is characterized by a broad, rounded head with a distinctive, heart-shaped face. Easily detected in early spring while hunting in open grassland at dusk or dawn, the Ural owl lives in mature but not dense, deciduous and mixed forests in Estonia, including the Matsalu National Park.

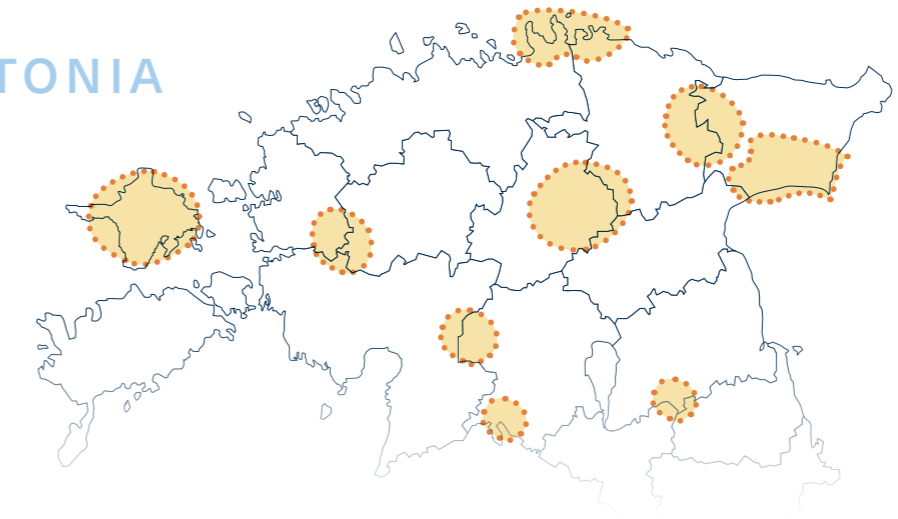
NORTHERN LIGHTS

Lahemaa National Park, located on Estonia's northern coast is considered one of the top places in the world to see the northern lights, also known as the aurora borealis. For centuries, people the world over have traveled to view these captivating, dancing lights.





ESTONIA



Observe the Wild Boar and the Lynx

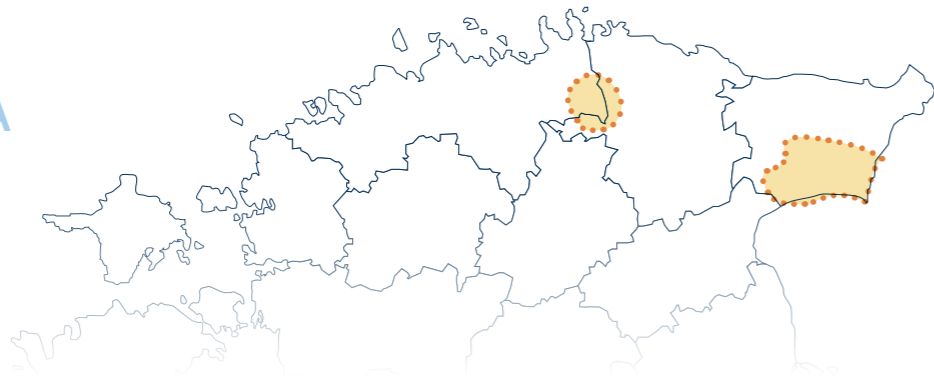
WILD BOAR

Estonia is home to over 20,000 boars. They live in a variety of habitats, from grasslands to marshlands, but are most commonly found in deciduous, broad-leaved forests located in the south. Boars are considered the most widely ranging mammal on earth.

EURASIAN LYNX

The Eurasian lynx is a solitary predator very rarely seen by humans. Roaming the land of Estonia since before the ice age, it is believed that roughly 500 lynxes currently inhabit the country, with sightings found in Alutaguse National Park and Lahemaa National Park. The lynx is characterized by its tufted ears, stubbed tail and large paws, which act as natural snowshoes to help it traverse Estonia's snowy terrain.

ESTONIA



Appreciate the Grey Wolf and Brown Bear

GREY WOLF

The national animal of Estonia, the grey wolf is viewed as a symbol of the country's wild and untouched nature. As of 2021, it is estimated that approximately 200 wolves inhabit the country, divided into 20 to 25 packs, distributed evenly across the land. They live and hunt in bogs and forests, including Kõrvemaa Nature Reserve.

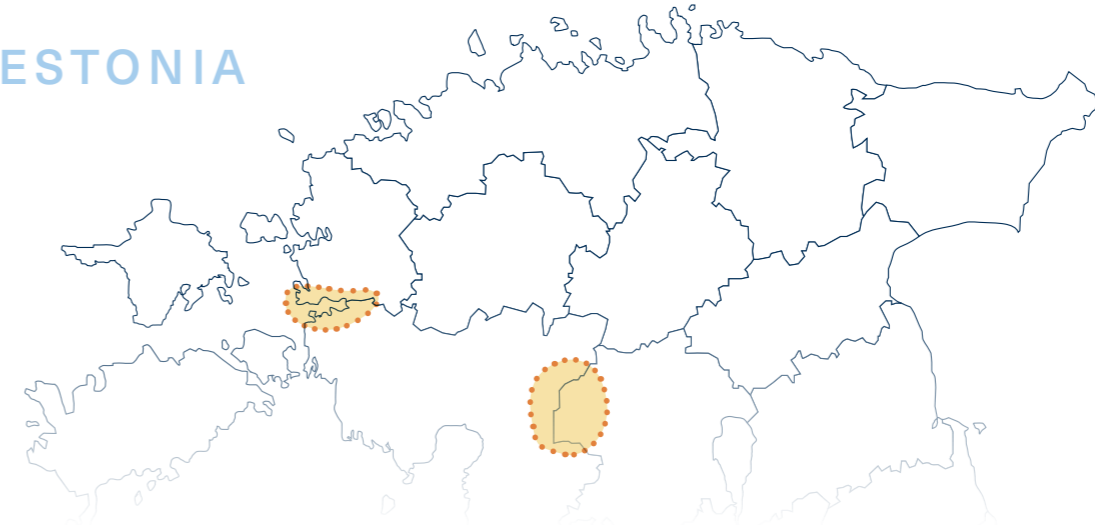
EURASIAN BROWN BEAR

As a predator at the top of the food chain, the Eurasian brown bear is an immense animal that can grow up to eight feet tall and weigh up to 700 pounds. Estonia is home to around 700 of them, making bear watching a popular pastime in the national parks. More than half of these majestic and shy creatures live in snow forests, also known as taigas, in Alutaguse National Park located in the northeastern region of Estonia. The best times of the year to spot brown bears are in spring and summer, after their hibernation period has ended.





ESTONIA



Discover the Elk and Brown Hare

ELK

With an estimated population of 12,000, the elk is an exceptionally common animal in Estonia. They are most active at twilight, grazing along forest edges, and prefer to inhabit vast wilderness areas and meadows, especially those found in Matsalu National Park and Soomaa National Park.

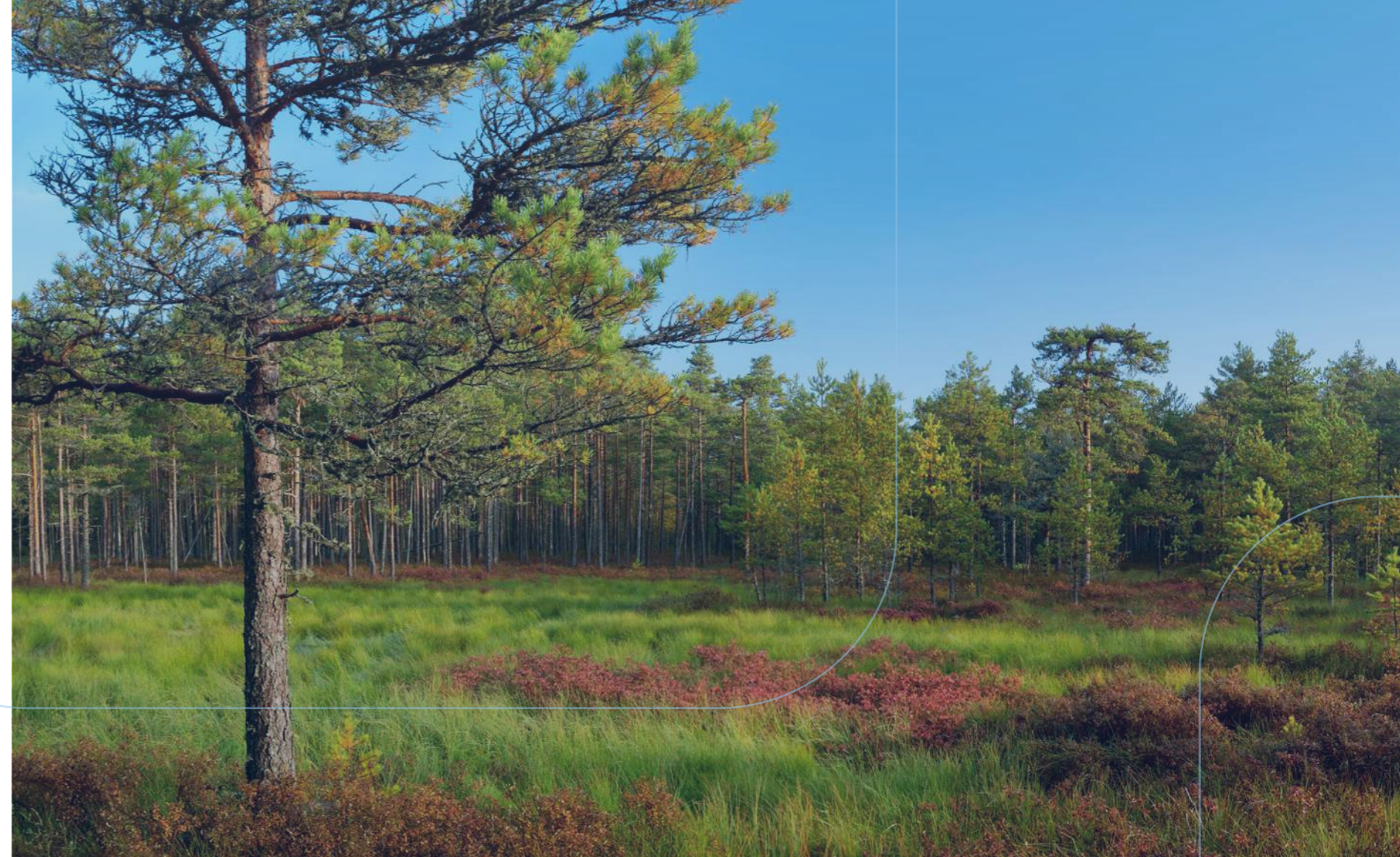
EUROPEAN BROWN HARE

The European brown hare is believed to have migrated to Estonia from further south around 200-300 years ago. It is among the largest hare species, weighing from 8 to 13 pounds. The brown hare finds its home in Matsalu National Park and Soomaa National Park.

Thank you for visiting!

We hope you enjoyed this tour of Estonia's landscape, culture and wildlife by way of its passport. HID was honored to have the opportunity to showcase such a gorgeous country.

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