

Your donation will help save an ancient landscape, created by Saxon settlers in the 12th and 13th centuries in Transylvania, Romania.



The Breite reserve near Sighisoara came under threat in 2002, when the Romanian Government of the time proposed to build a Dracula Theme Park on it. Although this particular danger was averted, the reserve subsequently fell into neglect.

Now The Mihai Eminescu Trust, together with the local authorities, is in charge of managing the reserve for the next five years. With your support, we can hire trained park rangers to prevent illegal fires, ancient trees being cut down, unchecked grazing, waste, off-road motorcycle races and poaching.



A tree trunk burned by man – miraculously still alive.

By adopting an oak, you would help save not only that particular tree, but also the hundreds of different species of plants, birds and animals that live on the Breite plateau.



Ural owl (*Strix uralensis*)



Peacock butterfly (*Inachis io*)



European tree frog (*Hyla arborea*)



Sand lizard (*Lacerta agilis*)



Marsh gentian (*Gentiana pneumonanthe*)



Ragged robin (*Lychnis flos-cuculi*)

Breite is located on a hill plateau overlooking the medieval citadel of Sighisoara, a UNESCO World Heritage site.



ABOUT THE MET

The Mihai Eminescu Trust, British registered charity no. 1107300, has been running charitable projects for more than six years in around fifteen villages and towns in Transylvania and Maramures.

Our achievements in the field of **biodiversity conservation** include:

- establishing two Natural Parks with a combined area of over 300 sq km;
- financing biodiversity research for the creation of a Natura 2000 ecological network site of over 70,000 hectares in the Sighisoara – Tarnava Mare area;
- managing a 100-hectare organic apple orchard which produces the only 100% natural organic apple juice in Romania;
- creating the Bradeni Lake special avifauna protection area, in cooperation with a group of local biodiversity researchers;
- obtaining the approval of the Romanian Academy for the expansion of the Breite reserve to 133 hectares.

In **historic buildings' conservation** we have:

- repaired and restored more than 300 traditional buildings, including churches, manor houses, traditional village houses, barns, facades etc.
- trained more than 50 local craftsmen in traditional construction techniques such as stone and brick masonry, lime-mortar, carpentry etc.

We have also helped local villagers to set up their own income-generating activities and businesses, in ecotourism and guesthouse tourism, conservation building, small-scale agriculture and traditional crafts.

ADOPT AN OAK TREE

There are more than 450 oak trees on the Breite plateau. 163 of them are over half a millennium old, 278 have ages between 100 and 500 years, while 21 are under 100 years old.

You can opt for one of the following three categories of Adoption:

GOLD £250 – adopt an oak tree over 500 years old.

SILVER £100 – adopt an oak tree between 100 and 500 years old.

BRONZE £50 – adopt a young oak tree (under 100 years old) and help it reach a ripe old age.



The most venerable oak tree on the plateau is over 700 years old and bursting with vitality.

In return for your donation, you will receive:

- a certificate of adoption, with a photograph and details of your adopted oak tree.
- regular e-mail updates on the state of your oak tree and progress on the overall management of the reserve.
- the annual newsletter of the MET.
- information and support if you would like to visit Sighisoara and see your oak tree (the MET runs a network of traditional guesthouses in the region).



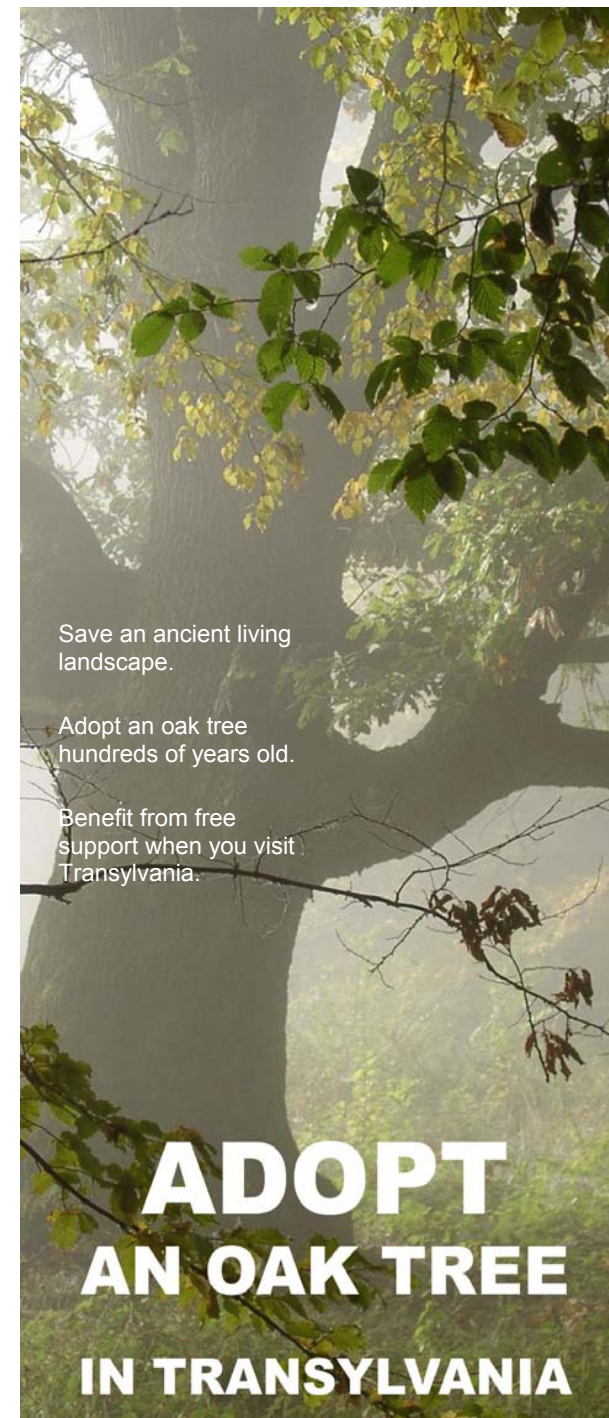
Our biologists, Cosmin Moga and Tibi Hartel, study the teeming wildlife inside the enormous hollow trunk of an old oak tree.

HOW TO ADOPT AN OAK TREE

Please fill in the attached form and send it together with your cheque to:
**The Mihai Eminescu Trust,
63 Hillgate Place, London W8 7SS**

For more information, visit our website www.mihaieminescutrust.org or contact the MET on 020 72297618.

You could also email us on holban@mihaieminescutrust.org



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Adopt an oak tree hundreds of years old.

Benefit from free support when you visit Transylvania.

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