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**Paths of
Culture**



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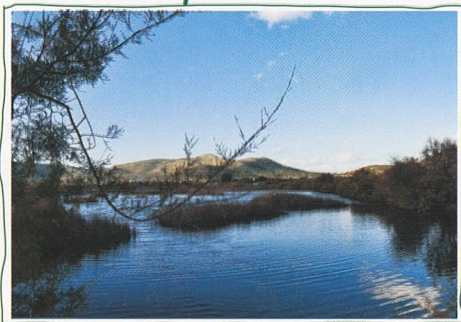


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Paths of Culture in Marathon



Marathon has many areas of natural beauty and of particular archaeological and historical interest. The Paths of Culture connect the history and nature of the region.

ELLINIKI ETAIRIA – Society for the Environment & Cultural Heritage, in cooperation with the Municipality of Marathon, the Management Board of

Schinias - Marathon National Park (MBSMNP) and with the participation of schools in the Municipality of Marathon-Nea Makri, as well as local cultural organizations, is implementing the project “**Paths of Culture**”: the selection and signposting of a series of paths for walkers and cyclists, offering visitors the opportunity to discover the natural beauty and monuments of the area in a healthy and eco - friendly way.

Path 1

Schinias Pine Forest – Watch Tower 2 – Pine Forest

(circular route) 5.7 km



Forest – Watch Tower: 60 mins

Watch Tower – Starting point: 60 mins



Start: 380 metres from the Rowing Centre parking area towards Kynosoura, entrance to the forest through the clearing on the right.

See: the delightful Forest of Schinias with its rare stone pine (*Pinus pinea*), the Aleppo pine (*Pinus halepensis*), as well as its typical shrub, the Schinus (*Pistacia lentiscus*) which has given its name to the region. From the Watch Tower enjoy the birds and surrounding wetlands.

Path 2

Rowing Centre – Wetland – Rowing Centre

(circular route) 11 km



Rowing Centre – Wetland (Observation Post 3): 45 mins

Wetland (Observation Post 3) – Rowing Centre: 30 mins



The hiking trail takes about 3.5 hours



Start: Schinias Rowing Centre parking area

See: the stream leading to the Makaria Pigi (spring), known since ancient times, traces of Early Helladic settlement, flora with 320 species of plants and the rich fauna (more than 230 species of birds) of the wetlands.

During winter, sections of the path may become rough after heavy rain.

Path 3

Rowing Centre – Marathon Tomb (Tymvos) – Rowing Centre

17.5 km, 1 hour 15 mins



Rowing Centre – Tropaion – Tomb/Tymvos: 36 mins

Tomb/Tymvos – Rowing Centre: 39 mins



Start: Schinias Rowing Centre parking area.

See: the archaeological site of the Tropaion of Marathon, the church of the Virgin Mesosporitissa, the Marathon Tomb, rural landscape and organic farms.

Path 4

Oinoi Tower – Marathon Dam – Oinoi Tower

(circular route) 8.2 km, 2 hours 50 mins



Oinoi Tower – Marathon Dam: 95 mins

Marathon Dam – Oinoi Tower: 75 mins



Start: Oinoi Tower

See: The Medieval Tower of Oinoi, Roman Baths, the Temple of Pythian Apollo, the Church of the Holy Apostles, the ancient cobblestone path, the Grotto of Pan, the ancient quarries, as well as the beautiful Gorge of Oinoi with its plane trees, the dam of Lake Marathon and the copy of the treasury at Delphi.

Path 5

Kynosoura – Schinias Pine Forest



(extension of Path 1 towards Kynosoura)

(circular route) 2.1 km, 45 mins



Start: Beginning of Kynosoura beach – Parking Area

See: A virgin area of rare pine forest.

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Paths of Culture

Footpaths were created over the centuries through the hard work and sense of beauty of our ancestors. They connected towns and villages, enabling the movement of goods and culture. Over the years, however, with the rise of new means of transport, some paths were abandoned – they became overgrown with vegetation or, as an easy solution for creating road networks, they were bulldozed and covered with asphalt.

ELLINIKI ETAIRIA – Society for the Environment and Cultural Heritage – which has been campaigning since 1972 for the protection of the environment and our cultural heritage – aims with the project **Paths of Culture** to give new life to several still surviving paths of particular natural beauty and historical importance.

With careful signposting, in cooperation with local authorities and with the support of the local community, we will make them accessible and attractive again. This will promote hiking tourism, on the rise worldwide and contribute to sustainable development by attracting visitors beyond the summer season, thus stimulating local economy.

ELLINIKI ETAIRIA – Society for the Environment and Cultural Heritage - a non-profit NGO - has since 1972 been active in the fight for the preservation of the natural environment and the cultural heritage of our country.

During the last 40 years ELLINIKI ETAIRIA has fought many battles. Among the major ones which met with success we must include the establishment of the **Marine Park of Alonissos**, the **saving of Plaka** (a struggle that continues to this day), of the **Delphi landscape**, the **Southern Saronic Gulf**, **Pylos**, the **Prespa lakes**, part of the area of **Marathon**, the **hellenistic tower of Kea**, and of historic villages such as those of **Hydra** and many **Aegean islands**.

At the same time dozens of monuments have been saved from demolition, decay and abandonment, throughout the country as well as abroad, such as **San Giorgio dei Greci** ("St .George of the Greeks") in **Venice**, and the **Church of St. Panteleimon or Kizil Kilise** (Red Church) in **Cappadocia**.

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