NATIONAL PARK OF TZOUMERKA, ACHELOOS VALLEY, AGRAFA AND METEORA MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

“Reinforcing local participation in environmental awareness and promotional activities. National Park’s experience”

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National Park of Tzoumerka, Peristeri and Arachthos Gorge established in 2009 by Presidential Degree for the: 
• conservation of rare landscapes, habitats and flora/fauna species found in this area, as well as the 
• establishment of measures for ensuring the harmonious coexistence of man and nature.

Recently, this protected area changed by a new law (February 2018) and its current name is National Park of Tzoumerka, Acheloos Valley, Agrafa and Meteora.
The Park’s territory was divided in 4 different zones.
NATIONAL PARK OF TZOUMERKA, ACHEOLOS VALLEY, AGRAFA AND METEORA

Situated in the north-western Greece. With 3,380 km² of geographical area (about 3 times the old Park), this territory is the bigger Protected Area in the country.

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<td>Covering Natura 2000 sites by MA</td>
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**Admin. Board**

**2012-2018**

Π.Δ. 49 (ΦΕΚ 49 Δ'/12-02-2009)

9 members

**2019**

N. 4519/2018 (ΦΕΚ 25Α'/20-02-2018)

7 members

- **Ministry of Environment**
- **Envin NGO**
- **Municipality**
- **Regional Authority**
- **Local Producers**
- **Academia, Scientific Chambers etc.**
This territory, with incredible natural characteristics, certified as a sustainable tourist destination since December 2016. It’s the first Protected Area nationally, that conquers this significant distinction.

“The Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas is a valuable tool for the stimulation and motivation of local communities and visitors to actively participate in the sustainable management of the National Park.”

#SustainableDestinations

National Park of Tzoumerka, Peristeri and Arachthos Gorge, Greece  Photo: Alexandros Moliotis
Management Authority

is responsible for the protection, conservation and management of the National Park

• Was founded in 2009
• Operates under the supervision of the Greek Ministry of Environment and Energy.
• Is a non-profit-making legal entity governed by private law,
• Administrative Board: Is administered by a nine-member Administrative Board (representatives: Greek Ministry, Prefectures, Municipalities, NGO’s)
• 13 employees with fixed-term contracts
• The Authority’s headquarters are in Ioannina, and it has under its supervision six (6) Information Centres.

The main responsibilities of the Management Authority include:

• guarding and patrolling of the area,
• scientific monitoring of flora/fauna species and habitat types,
• informing and raising the awareness of the public,
• provision of advice and cooperation with other competent authorities etc.
Natural Environment – Flora species

National Park of Tzoumerka has extensive areas of native flora and several rare species

- Verbascum nigrum ssp. abietinum
- Geranium subcaulescens
- Himantoglossum caprinum
- Lactuca graeca Boiss.
- Lilium chalcedonicum
- Tσάι (Sideritis athoa)
- Dianthus haematocalyx
- Solenathus albanicus

Geranium subcaulescens
Natural Environment – Fauna species

Bird species

- Friffon vulture (Gyps fulvus)
- Egyptian Vulture (Neophron percnopterus)
- Black Woodpecker (Dryocopus martius)
- Red-backed Shrike (Lanius collurio)

Amphibians

- S. salamanda
- Mesotriton alpestris
- B. variegata
- Rana graeca

Reptiles

- Viper (Vipera ursinii graeca)
- Testudo graeca

Invertebrates

- Limenitis reducta
- Parnassius apollo
- Vanessa cardui
- Vanessa atalanta

Mammals

- S. salamanda
- Mesotriton alpestris
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Cultural heritage

Pramada Cave @ Σ.Γερογιάννης

Galactotrofousa church in Anthousa

Tap made of stone in Pramada

Saint George’s church in Boulgareli © Σ.Κουτσιάφτης

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scientific monitoring of flora/fauna species and habitat types
The main threats recorded in the Protected Area are:

- illegal logging
- uncontrolled collection of aromatic and medicine plants
- Illegal fishing
- Illegal hunting (hunting season: 20/8 – 28/2)
- Fires
- Poisoned baits

Guarding and patrolling of the area
Raising Environmental Awareness

A) VISITORS
- Providing information in Information Centers of Management Authority.
- Organizing guided tours for visitors/groups in the Park.

B) LOCAL COMMUNITY
- Organizing workshops, meetings etc.
- Organizing/co-organizing events/activities in collaboration with local entities etc.

Γ) SCHOOL COMMUNITY
- Visiting school units for informing students about National Park and relevant environmental issues
- Various activities with the participation of students and their teachers.
Management’s Authority
Informing / Awareness / Promotional / Educational activities
with the collaboration of other involved members

NATIONAL PARK’S MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

MUNICIPALITIES, PUBLIC AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES / STRUCTURES

CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS, OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

SCHOOLS, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, NGOs

Workshops, meetings etc.
Contest and photography exhibitions
Participation in fairs with exhibition stand
Promotional events for the cultural heritage

Educational activities
Pedagogical activities
Voluntary actions
Guided tours and hikes
Athletic events and festivals
School visits

All these activities aim to:
• inform and finally protect the natural wealth of the area
• reinforce the contact with country life and connection with nature
• reveal the traditional way of life and recapture the traditional customs in National Park
C) Environmental awareness activities
Environmental awareness activities – European Birds celebration – Collaboration with the Hellenic Ornithological Society
Environmental awareness activities – A celebration for swallows and spring – Collaboration with the Hellenic Ornithological Society

Making swallow nest’s from clay

Informing students at schools
Environmental awareness activities –

Celebrating the World Forestry Day with the participation of students

Planting trees
Environmental awareness activities – Celebrating the World Forestry Day with the participation of students
Δράσεις Περιβαλλοντικής Ευαισθητοποίησης
Αθλητικές (συν)διοργανώσεις
Environmental Awareness Activities
Voluntary cleaning actions in various places in the Park with the participation of cultural association members and residents

“World Environment Day in 2015”

Cleaning nationwide campaign
“Let’s do it Greece 2015”
Environmental Awareness Activities
Voluntary cleaning actions in Arachthos river with the collaboration of Municipality of North Tzoumerka and participation of volunteers and residents

April 2016:
Participate in the cleaning nationwide campaign «Let’s do it Greece 2016», with cleaning rafting event in Arachthos river.
Environmental Awareness Activities
April 2017: cleaning nationwide campaign «Let’s do it Greece 2017», Voluntary cleaning actions in two different places in the same day (Mellisourgoi and Xouliarades village) with the collaboration of Municipality of Central Tzoumerka and participation of cultural association members and residents.
Informing students about nuts and fruits that are grown in the Park.
ΕΘΝΙΚΟ ΠΑΡΚΟ
ΤΖΟΥΜΕΡΚΩΝ ΠΕΡΙΣΤΕΡΙΟΥ
& ΧΑΡΑΔΡΑΣ ΑΡΑΧΘΟΥ

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tων Πάρκων

24 Μαΐου
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Πραιμάντων και Χαλίκιου

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eνεργειακής κατανάλωσης και εξοικονομούμε ενέργεια.

Changing climate, changing Parks

Environmental Awareness Activities
Environmental Awareness Activities during summer period - Collaboration with cultural associations
Environmental Awareness Activities
during summer period -
Collaboration with cultural associations & special structures for the creative occupation of children

Guided tours and hikes
Environmental Awareness Activities - during summer period -
Collaboration with cultural associations & special structures for the creative occupation of children
Environmental Awareness Activities during summer period - Collaboration with cultural associations

Informing activities and environmental workshops for children
Environmental Awareness Activities during summer period - Collaboration with cultural associations

Pedagogical activities

Hiking
Educational activities: 5º Summer School of Tzoumerka & Southeast Pindos 2017 – jointly organized with University of Thessaly & Municipality of North Tzoumerka

“Aromatic plants and herbs in traditional and modern Greek civilization”

27 Αυγούστου – 1 Σεπτεμβρίου 2017
Συρράκο, Δήμου Βορείων Τζουμέρκων
Informing about the National Park and Fulfilling guided tours, at specific sites in the Park

Educational Activities
Collaboration with the Center of Environmental Education of Pramanta
Promotional activities for the cultural heritage – Collaboration with the museum of the Historical and folkloric corporation of Tzoumerka

Tours in the museum and informing about the exhibits
The aim of this event - game was the promotion of cultural heritage using the technology.
Promotional activities – Photography exhibitions

Promote natural wealth and cultural identity of the Park
Attract people to visit the Park
Inform about the traditional and current way of life in the Protected area.
Promotional activities:
Photography exhibitions: “Arachthos – Tzoumerka: Roads of the water and the rock”
14/05/2015 - 20/05/2015, Ζάππειο Μέγαρο
Collaboration with various cultural associations of Parks territory.
Promotional activities:

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14/05/2015 - 20/05/2015, Ζάππειο Μέγαρο
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Promotional activities – Participation at the 4\textsuperscript{th}(2016) & the 5\textsuperscript{th} (2017) general fairs in the city of Arta

Informing visitors about the Park
Attracting people to visit the Park
Distribute informational material
Promotional actions of the National Park

An important action for the promotion and the dissemination of the territory was the formation of a group of distinguished people of arts and humanities, who have origins from the National Park, but they live far away from their hometown. The aims of this group, who they provide their communication services totally free, are:

• To promote the environmental activities of Management Authority in relation to environmental protection and nature’s management,
• To promote the cultural heritage of the Park as a valuable national resources, as certified sustainable destination and as an outstanding territory due to its biological value.
11\textsuperscript{th} Charter Network Meeting

9-11\textsuperscript{th} April 2019

NP Tzoumerka, Agrafa and Meteora

Register Here:
https://www.europarc.org/sustainable-tourism/xi-charter-network-meeting/
A tour in National Park of Tzoumerka, Acheloos Valley, Agrafa and Meteora ...
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Zone III – Bridge of Papastathi
A tour in National Park of Tzoumerka, Acheloos Valley, Agraфа and Meteora ...
A tour in National Park of Tzoumerka, Acheloos Valley, Agraфа and Meteora ...

Katafidi peak on the Mount Tzoumerka
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A tour in National Park of Tzoumerka, Acheloos Valley, Agrafa and Meteora...

Bridge of Plaka
A tour in National Park of Tzoumerka, Acheloos Valley, Agrafa and Meteora ...
A tour in National Park of Tzoumerka, Acheloos Valley, Agraфа and Meteora ...
Η χλωρίδα και πανίδα του Χροφσια-Καλαρρφτικου,
Συρράκο 10 & Κυριακι 11 Αυγοφςτου 2013

A tour in National Park of Tzoumerka, Acheloos Valley, Agrafa and Meteora ...

The small church of Saint Apostles in Galarokampa position in Syrrako village
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Μία περιήγηση στο Εθνικό Πάρκο ...
A tour in National Park of Tzoumerka, Acheloos Valley, Agrafa and Meteora...

Bridge in Chaliki village
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A tour in National Park of Tzoumerka, Acheloos Valley, Agrafa and Meteora ...

The church of holy cross in Doliana village, near Aspropotamos
A tour in National Park of Tzoumerka, Acheloos Valley, Agrafo and Meteora ...

Monastery of Kipina
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A tour in National Park of Tzoumerka, Acheloos Valley, Agraфа and Meteora...

Syrrako village, Settlement of Outstanding Natural Beauty
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The gigantic rocks of Meteora
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