



Environmental education actions during European Geoparks' Week

The Management Body of Chelmos-Vouraikos participated in the European Geoparks' Week organizing several actions and events on environmental education and awareness. These actions were addressed towards students, teachers and other visitors at the protected area.

May 9th -10th

<u>Global Geoparks and Local Development workshop and Vouraikos river gorge crossing :</u> public outreach activities in Chelmos - Vouraikos Global Geopark

Chelmos-Vouraikos Global Geopark, Greece organized on May 9-10 the Greek National Geopark Workshop and a public outreach activity the Panhellenic crossing of the Vouraikos River gorge which attracted more than 2.500 participants!













May 21st

Visit of the 4th grade of the Primary School of Kalavryta.

Presentation and discussions on the threatened animals of the planet with emphasis on the endangered species.

May 22nd, International Day for Biological Diversity

<u>Visit of the fifth and sixth grades og the 4th Primary School of Aigaleo, within the framework of</u> <u>an environmenta education program at the Environmental Education Centre of Kleitoria –</u> <u>Akrata.</u>

Presentation of the actions of the Management body of Chelmos-Vouraikos, and hiking at the geotrail of Valvousi – Kalavryta. In the same day, collaborating teams from the Department of Biology, University of Patras led by Dr. G. Mitsainas conducting sampling of wild mice. The young students were very enthusiastic and observed the capture and handling of the forest mice.













May 24th, European Day of Parks

Visit of the students and parents of the 6th Primary school of Corinth.

After a short presentation at the Information Centre regarding the actions and the Protected Area of Chelmos-Vouraikos, the group hiked along the geotrail of Valvousi –Kalavryta.













June 4th

Visit of the Primary school of Arachovitica, Achaia

Visit at the Information Centre of the Management Body and presentations on the ecosystems, the geology and the rare and endemic species of flora and fauna of the Protected Area.

June 5th

Green Cultural Routes 2015

Participation of the students of Primary schools and Gymnasiums of the area in the event "Routes through geology and the Prehistoric era of the Cave of the Lakes at Katria, Kalavryta", that took place at the Cave of the Lakes, organized by the Ephorate of the Palaeoanthropology – Speleology. The target was to disseminate and explain the geological processes and research activities of the Cave and its cultural impact and importance for the area.













June 9th

Event on the occasion of the World Environment Day, in collaboration with the National Park of Kotychi – Strofilia and the National Park of Messolonghi – Etoliko Lagoon.

On the occasion of the **World Environment Day** the Management Bodies of the three protected areas of Western Greece organized an awareness event, at one of the most central sites in the City of Patras. The personnel distributed information material and informed the public about the actions undertaken regarding the protection and management actions but also towards volunteering projects and environmental education campaigns.

June 12th – 14th

<u>Experiential thematic seminar and workshop at the Environmental Education Centre of</u> <u>Kleitoria – Akrata on 12th-14th of June 2015 titled: *"Chelmos-Vouraikos National Park and* <u>Geopark as a source of inspiration in order to exploit the complex ecosystems in Environmental</u> <u>Education Programs".</u></u>

The Management Body of Chelmos- Vouraikos, contributed to the seminar by both giving a lecture and presenting the complex habitat characteristics and ecosystems' processes within the protected area and also by guiding the group of attendees to a trail at the area of Lake Doxa often used for the environmental education projects.









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