

Deliverable 5.3.1-Enhancement of touristic infrastructures (Recreation area of Kerkini Lake coast)

The purpose of this action is the organization, completion, replacement and maintenance of the recreation area, which exists in "Lofos Pefkon", since it is an important attraction for the residents of the wider area as well as for visitors from remote areas, in the context of the social offer for forest recreation. In general, we can say that it is a project that contributes to the general upgrading of the aesthetic, social, ecological and economic value of the forests and forest lands of the Municipality.

The upgrading and management of the above area will directly contribute to:

- In its most beneficial use, in combination with the protection of the environment, in ways that contribute to its sustainable utilization and the preservation of its ecological and aesthetic value.
- To support traditions, to highlight the cultural heritage and social value of this forest.

The proposals, concerning the Forest Recreation Area under study, are in accordance with the no. 66102/970/23 -2-95 of the Decision of the Ministry of Agriculture and will include:

- a) Fungicidal coatings of existing wooden structures such as the gazebos, bins and the wooden fence in total 747/98 sq.m.
- b) Fencing of wooden stakes (chestnut) and stonework, on the one hand for aesthetic reasons, and on the other for protective 480.00 m
- c) 1.5 m wide paths (routes) within the recreation area, lined with irregular coarse slabs, a total of 200.00 m long
- d) Paved stairs with a total length of 16 m
- e) Visitor gathering area which will include three stone masonry partitions.
- f) Pruning of a pine forest without a ceiling of a total area of 48 sq.
- g) Shredding of pine forest pruning products without understory

The proposed location is accepting visitors throughout the year due to its natural beauty. It has a particularly aesthetic - hygienic - touristic and cultural importance both for the residents of the area and for the residents of the neighboring municipalities and even many excursions from the wider area of the Prefecture of Serres, Thessaloniki, Kilkis, etc.

It should be noted that all the constructions are exposed to all the visitors and the weather factors, so they have suffered some damage.

This results in visitors not taking in all the benefits of the forest (of particular value to the local population), while at the same time there is a risk of fire, both for the forest itself and for the surrounding area.