

Facts about the trail network

- The network is comprised of 580 kilometers of trails covering the northern part of the island. Nearly 90 kilometers of the total length is in the form of narrow trails and over 490 kilometers of length is wider dirt roads.
- The difficulty of the trails range from easy, medium, difficult to very difficult. From novice to expert, there is a perfect trail for every level of expertise.
- Information boards with maps and information about the area are installed at most of the trail heads.



- All trails are marked with white and green signs to help follow the trail.
- All trails are connected to each other, it is possible to bike across the whole north of the island continuously starting from the east or the west end of the network.
- All trails are given a specific number. The trail junctions are fitted with a durable directional pyramid showing the number of the trails in each direction.
- The mild Mediterranean climate offers best outdoor experiences in autumn, winter and spring. Summer evenings and mornings are also cool enough for the outdoors.



North Cyprus



TRAILS
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Mountain Biking in North Cyprus

The trail network in North Cyprus offers a unique opportunity for the biking enthusiasts. It is possible to traverse the whole northern part of the island without going off the trails. This extensive trail network starts in the northwest of the island near Akdeniz village, spans across the Kyrenia Mountain Range and leads into the Karpaz Peninsula reaching the eastern end of the island at Cape Zafer (Cape Kastros). Starting in the west, the trails will take you to many interesting natural and cultural locations such as the ancient orchard of monumental olive trees in the Kalkanlı Valley, and the bird sanctuary of Kalkanlı Reservoir. The trail network is spread across the Akdeniz Protected Area, which is mostly a mosaic of agricultural fields, pine forests, carob and olive orchards. In this area, trails are mostly in the form of flat and smooth dirt roads among the fields, and sandy to rocky trails along the coastline. Although it is a challenging opportunity to traverse the island, it is also possible to do shorter half-day to day-long loop trails. Most trails pass through the rural villages. For example, Koruçam village square is the meeting point of five different loop trails, varying from 10 to 35 kms, with gentle to steep slopes.



Kyrenia Mountains offer also a wide variety of trails at every level of difficulty. Two fairly flat and smooth asphalt roads provide alternatives for the more challenging trails on dirt roads with more ups and downs. The trails are mostly through Mediterranean pine forests along the north and south facing slopes, yielding views of both the Mediterranean Sea to the north and the Mesaoria Plain to the south. It is possible to ride the trails from village to village and also as a loop starting and ending at the same village. The trails pass by the historic castles of St Hilarion, Buffavento and Kantara located on the mountain tops. Of the nearly 100 kms of trails along the mountain ridge, there is only one access point to the seaside. Two trails go directly down to the beaches in the Alagadi Protected Area, famous for its marine turtle nesting sites. The trails also travel through small mountain villages and the protected area visitor centers where you can find facilities and supplies.

The mountain range extends into the Karpaz Peninsula and the trails become less steep. The trails pass through juniper forests, pristine beaches, small villages, agricultural fields and reaches the famous St Andreas Church near the tip of the peninsula.



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