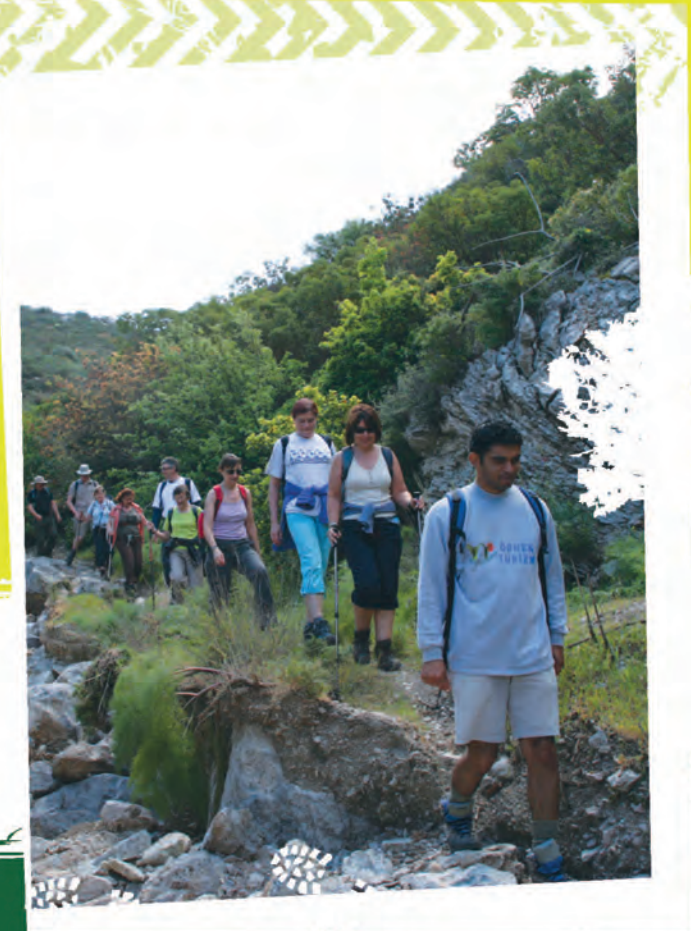


- All trails are given a specific number. The trail junctions are fitted with a durable directional pyramid showing the number of the trails in each direction.

- Wooden structures such as steps, bridges and boardwalks are also integrated into the trails where necessary to ease the rough parts of the trails.

- 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**  
For Hiking



# North Cyprus Trails

Hiking in North Cyprus offers the locals and the visitors many opportunities to experience a unique natural environment. One of the unique features of North Cyprus' habitats is the wild and sharp differences in elevations and habitats in different parts of the island as well as different climate conditions, all of which



supply a diverse habitat for a unique array of fauna and flora. There is a large number of plant species and sub-species in North Cyprus, many of them being endemic. Trails in North Cyprus can take you to coastal sand dunes, shrublands, olive groves, juniper forests, and to pine and cypress forests on the mountains. The North Cyprus Trail Network offers a very wide variety of activities in a colorful spectrum of landscapes. Depending on the will of the visitor, it is possible to do an easy 1-hour seaside sunset walk, a day-hike around a lake with birdwatching, or an adrenaline rush down the mountain slope on a mountain bike.



Certain historic trails provide a glimpse of the cultural heritage of North Cyprus as they traverse past many cultural and archeological sites such as the St Hilarion Castle, Tombs of Akdeniz, Antiphonitis Monastery and rural villages. The trails were established in order to complement the visitor facilities and the management infrastructure of the Special Environmental Protection Areas of North Cyprus.

## Geography

Cyprus is the third largest island in the Mediterranean. It measures 240 kilometers long from end to end and 100 km wide at its widest point, with Turkey 75 km to the north. Other neighbouring countries include Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Egypt, and Greece. The island is dominated by two mountain ranges, the Troodos Mountains in the south and the Kyrenia Range in the north, and the central plain they encompass, the Mesaoria. The narrow Kyrenia Range, extending along the northern coastline, occupies substantial area, reaching a maximum of 1,024 meters.



## 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 footpaths and over 490 kilometers of length is wider dirt tracks.
- 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.
- As the trails are all connected to each other, it is possible to hike across the whole north of the island continuously starting from the east or the west end of the network.



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