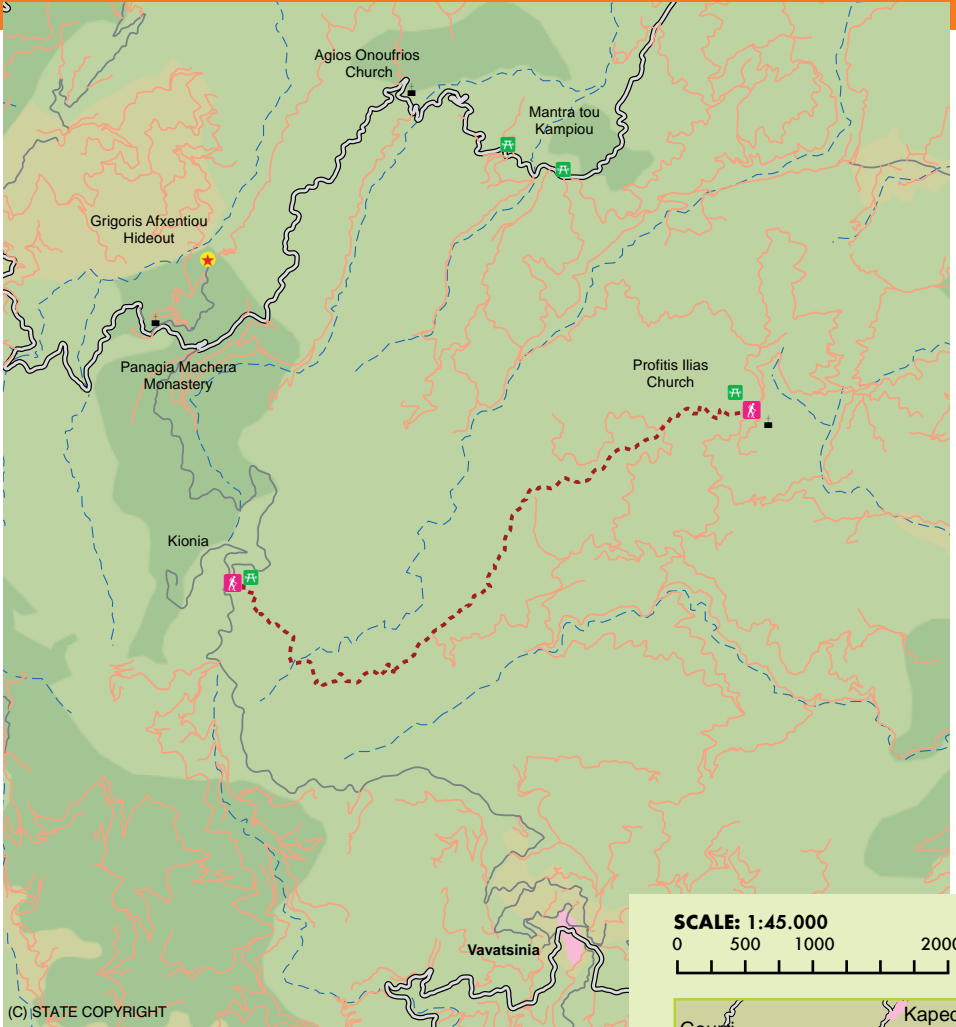


MACHAIRAS FOREST

The Machairas National Forest Park is a Natura 2000 site.



Reference

-  Picnic site
-  Church
-  Point of interest
-  Archeological site
-  Starting point

-  Nature Trail
-  Loose surface road
-  Hard surface road
-  Main road
-  River
-  Built up area
-  Maqui vegetation
-  Forest

SCALE: 1:45.000

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KIONIA - PROFITIS ELIAS

(LINEAR)

COORDINATES OF THE STARTING POINT	518049 / 3864213
COORDINATES OF THE END POINT	522495 / 3865694
ALTITUDE OF THE STARTING POINT	1251m
ALTITUDE OF HIGHEST PEAK	1251m
ALTITUDE OF END PEAK	677m

STARTING POINT: Kionia picnic site. There are two access points to the trail, one from the Machairas monastery road that leads to Kionia, and one from the Vavatsinia to Machairas road. The trail ends at the monastery of Profitis Elias, approximately 8km from Lythrodontas and 6km from Mandra tou Kambiou, via dirt roads.

LENGTH: 7km

ESTIMATED DURATION: 2,5 hours

DIFFICULTY RATE: 3
Steep downhill path especially towards the end.



POINTS OF INTEREST:

The trail starts at the Kionia picnic site, where you can find a fountain with drinking water. The trail runs through a forest section and offers a great view of the Mesaoria plain. It belongs to the Machairas National Forest Park, which is a Natura 2000 site and is part of the E4 European walking route. On the trail there is a perennial strawberry tree, while the picnic site boasts perennial pine and sandarac trees. The trail ends at the Profitis Elias picnic site.



ENDEMIC PLANTS: Shrubby knapweed (*Ptilostemon chamaepeuce* var. *cyprusus*), Golden oak (*Quercus alnifolia*), Tears of the Virgin Mary (*Arabis purpurea*), 'Manouthkia' (*Pterocephalus multiflorus* subsp. *multiflorus*).

FAUNA: **The main species of fauna found in the area are:**

MAMMALS: Fox, hare, hedgehog

BIRDS: Bonelli's eagle, Eurasian jay, Wood pigeon, Partridge, Cyprus warbler (endemic), Cyprus wheatear (endemic)

REPTILES: Cyprus viper, Black whip Snake, Cyprus lizard

