

The circular Nature Trail “Madari” comprises four parts, which were constructed by the Forestry Department in the wider area of Madari, funded by the Cyprus Tourism Organization.

Number (Part)	Name of trail	Length (Km)	Degree of difficulty	Time in hours
1	Doxa Soi O Theos-Madari Fire Look out Station	3,8	3	2,0
2	Madari Fire Look out Station-Selladi tou Karamanli	3,6	3	1,5
3	Selladi tou Karamanli-Moutti tis Choras	3,8	2	1,5
4	Moutti tis Choras-Doxa Soi O Theos	1,8	1	0,5
<b>Total</b>		<b>13,0</b>		<b>5,5</b>

### Starting point

The locality “Doxa Soi O Theos”, 2Km from Kyperounta village and 5 Km from Spilia village, on the road Kyperounta - Spilia - Kannavia, at an altitude of 1335m. The walker has the opportunity to choose among alternative starting points and trail routes.



Part of “Madari” Nature Trail

### Degree of difficulty

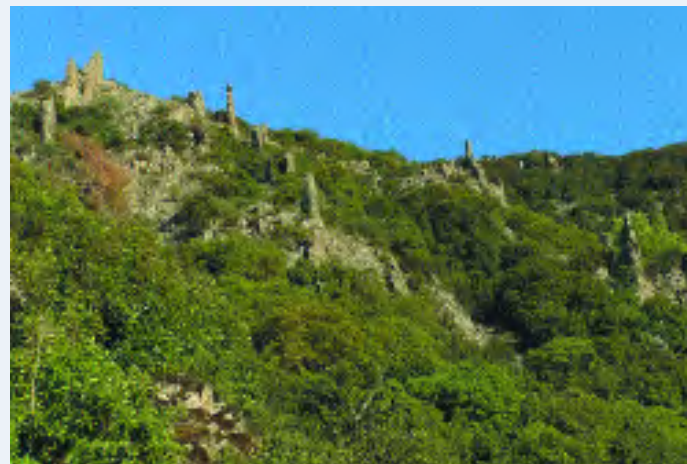
The degree of difficulty of the trail is 3 (in a scale ranging from 1 to 5), because of its length. The most difficult to walk is part 2 (Madari Fire Look out Station - Selladi tou Karamanli).



Madari Fire Look out Station

### Points of interest

- Part 1, provides excellent panoramic views towards the north - west parts of Mesaoria Plain spreading between Troodos, Northern Range and Nicosia at an altitude of 1400m - 1600m, along the Madari ridge. It ends at the Madari Fire Look out station, 1582m above sea level, which is



«Teisia tis Madaris»

still, the only fire look out station all over Cyprus keeping its original structure for more than 70 years. From this point, one may walk along the circular trail «Teisia tis Madaris» (3.5 Km length) with the magnificent landscape and the vertical rocks, resembling walls.

- Part 2, provides a good chance, to enjoy panoramic views to the Troodos Range as well as the Morfou gulf. The trail follows entirely a downhill gradient, through a dense forest dominated by the endemic Golden Oak and the Cyprus Cedar, which has been introduced successfully in the area, 35 years ago.
- Part 3, passes through mixed stands of Golden Oak and Calabrian Pine, named «Mavra Dasi» one of the most undisturbed and natural forests of the island.



«Mavra Dasi»



Rest point



Steps along high gradient



Potable water

- Part 4, provides view to the Morfou gulf and the Solia valley.
- The last two parts of the trail (3 and 4) are part of the European Trail E4.

During your walk you will spot a number of rare and endemic plants species. Some of the endemic species are: The Troodos Rose (*Rosa chionistrae*), the Troodos Cat - mint (*Nepeta troodi*), the Star of Bethlehem (*Ornithogalum chionophilum*), the Plutonian Chamomile (*Anthemis plutonia*), the Pterocephalus (*Pterocephalus multiflorus*), the Golden Oak (*Quercus alnifolia*), the Cyprus Cedar (*Cedrus brevifolia*), the Cyprus Crocus (*Crocus*

*cyprius*) which flowers in January - February and is a strictly protected species and the Thyme (*Thymus integer*). Some other species are: The local Juniper species (*Juniperus excelsa*) which, in Cyprus, is confined to Madari area, the Prickly Juniper (*Juniperus oxycedrus*), the Black pine (*Pinus nigra*), the Calabrian pine (*Pinus brutia*), the Dog rose (*Rosa canina*), the



The Troodos Cat - mint (*Nepeta troodi*)



The Cyprus Crocus (*Crocus cyprius*)

the Eastern Strawberry tree (*Arbutus andrachne*), the Peony (*Peonia mascula*), the Barberry (*Berberis cretica*), the Rock-Rose (*Cistus creticus*), the Three - leaved Sage (*Salvia fruticosa*), the Fern (*Pteridium aquilinum*), the Sumach (*Rhus coriaria*), the White Beam (*Sorbus aria*), the Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*), the Cotoneaster (*Cotoneaster racemiflorus*), the Maple (*Acer obtusifolium*), the Plane Tree (*Platanus orientalis*), the Etruscan Honeysuckle (*Lonicera etrusca*).

If you have an interest in wild life, you may have the chance to observe different small animals like the fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) and the hare (*Lepus europaeus*) and birds like the protected Raven (*Corvus corax*), the Bonelli's Eagle (*Hieraetus fasciatus*) and the Short-toed Treecreeper (*Certhia brachydactyla dorotheae*).



The fox (*Vulpes vulpes*)



The Plutonian Chamomile (*Anthemis plutonia*)

We wish you a pleasant walk and you are kindly requested to keep in mind the following:

- Avoid eating and smoking during your walk
- Do not litter the forest
- Avoid cutting plants or carving the bark of trees
- Respect animal and bird life
- Lighting fires in the forest is strictly prohibited.
- In case of forest fire please call 1407 (24 hours)
- The driving of bicycles and motorbikes it is prohibited along the trails
- The attendance of dogs is not allowed.

For any remarks or comments, please call us at office hours 07.30 - 14.30 at the following phone numbers 22924219, 25552580, or 22805528.

### Nature trail Madari - Doxa Soi o Theos

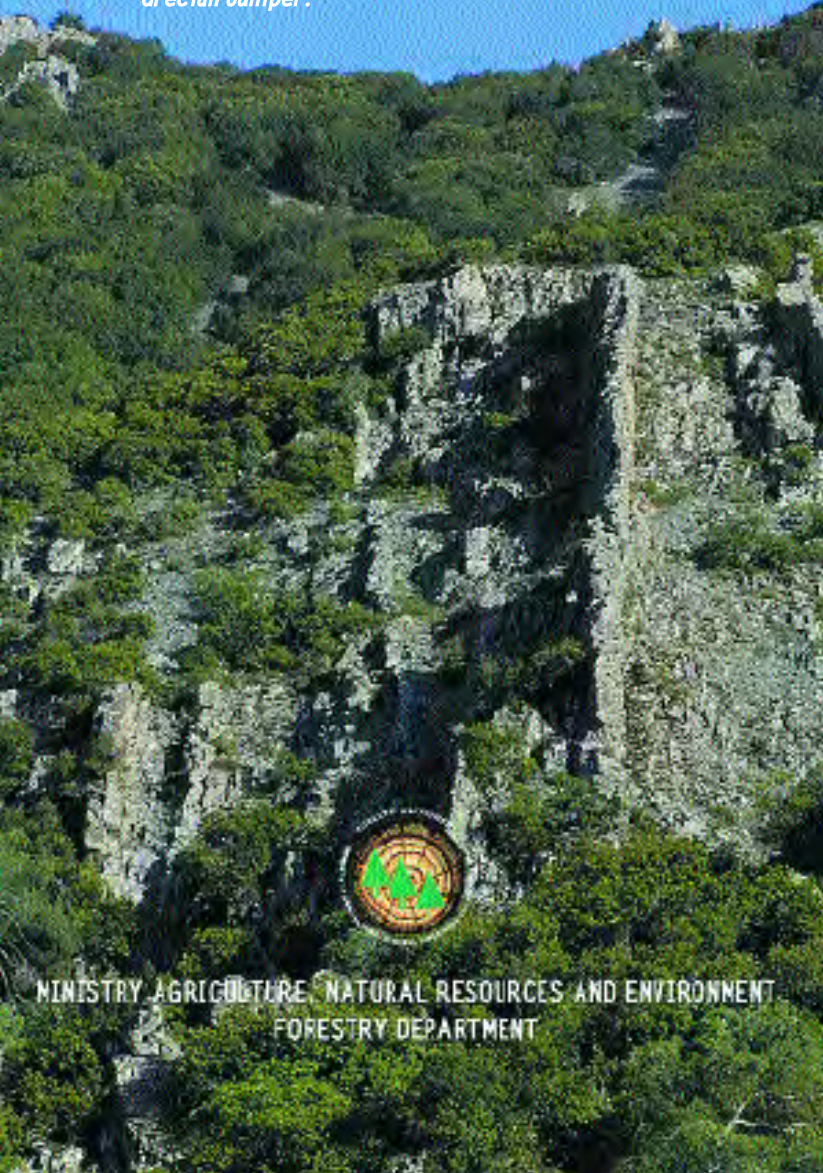


PATHS		LEGEND	
1	Doxa Soi o Theos - Madari Look-out Station 3,8 km	--- Nature Trail	■ Nature Reserve Area
2	Madari Look-out Station - Sefali (see Karanitsa) 3,6 km	- - - European Trail Route (E4)	■ Walk-up area
3	Sefali (see Karanitsa) - Mount in Chorio 3,8 km	--- Path	■ Forest station
4	Mount in Chorio - Doxa Soi o Theos 1,8 km	--- Asphalted road	■ Fire Look-out Station
		--- Loose surface road	■ Picnic site
		▲ 500m Altitude	■ Church
		--- Forest boundary	--- River



*Juniperus excelsa* M. Biem - Grecian Juniper.

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