

The «Chorterí» nature trail passes through natural stands of Calabrian pine (*Pinus brutia*) and the endemic shrub Golden oak (*Quercus alnifolia*), not far from Stavros tis Psokas forest station, in the heart of the Pafos Forest. It is a circular trail 5 km long with an average walking time of about 3 hours. Its starting point - and hence ending point - is on the Kykko - Stavros tis Psokas main road, 1.5 km from Stavros tis Psokas.

At Stavros tis Psokas forest station there is a guest house, a café-restaurant, a picnic area and a campsite. Here, the visitor may also take a close look at the Cyprus mouflon and the red deer that has been brought to the area, in fenced enclosures.

The trail follows an uphill route ascending on the Chorterí peak, 1290m above sea level and walking is rather difficult. Afterwards descends down to the start. At some points of the route there are excellent views to the Stavros Valley and other parts of the Pafos forest. The trail offers also the opportunity to observe, study and photograph the local flora, fauna and geology.



Stavros tis Psokas forest station in the winter

DESCRIPTION OF THE NUMBERED POINTS ALONG THE TRAIL

1. ***Platanus orientalis*, Oriental Plane:** Deciduous tree occurring along streams and water springs (alt. 0 - 1 600 m). In addition to Cyprus it occurs naturally in SE. Europe and W. Asia.
2. ***Rubus sanctus*, Bramble:** Shrub indigenous of the Eastern Mediterranean towards Afghanistan. In Cyprus it usually occurs near moist places (alt. 0 - 1 600 m).
3. ***Myrthus communis*, Myrtle:** Evergreen shrub, indigenous of the Mediterranean, Western and Central Asia. In Cyprus it is mostly found in moist situations (alt. 0 - 500 m).
4. ***Quercus alnifolia*, Golden Oak:** Evergreen shrub or small tree endemic of Cyprus widespread on the Troodos mountain range (alt. 500 - 1 600 m).
5. ***Rhus coriaria*, Sumach:** Deciduous shrub, indigenous of the Mediterranean towards Iran. Common in Cyprus in medium and high altitudes (600 - 1 650 m).
6. **Calabrian pine (*Pinus brutia*) with wood cancer:** This is the main forest tree in the Pafos Forest, growing from sea level up to 1 400 m, on igneous and limestone rocks. It is also the main wood-



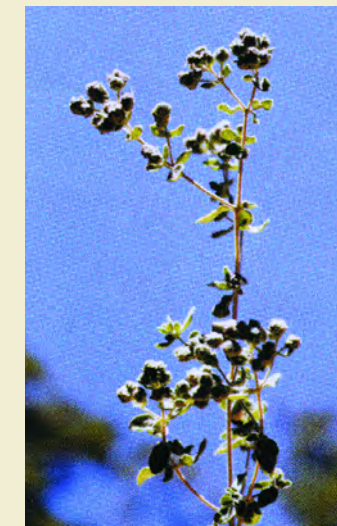
Rhus coriaria, Sumach



Origanum dubium, Origane

producing tree on the island. The cancer on its wood indicates abnormally rapid growth of woody tissues caused by a pathogenic agent. This kind of cancer is rarely fatal to trees.

7. ***Arbutus andrachne*, strawberry tree:** Evergreen shrub, indigenous of the Eastern Mediterranean, quite common in Cyprus (alt. (-100) 600 - 1 400 m).
8. **Golden Oak stand (*Quercus alnifolia*):** Habitat type that is included among the protected habitats of the Natura 2000 European network.
9. **Rest Point.**
10. ***Origanum dubium*, Origane:** Aromatic sub-shrub which occurs naturally only in Cyprus and Southern Turkey. Frequent only in the Pafos Forest (alt. 200 - 1 000 m).
11. ***Acer obtusifolium*, Maple:** Evergreen shrub or small tree, not very common (alt 0 - 1 400 m). It occurs naturally only in Cyprus, Lebanon and Syria.



Origanum dubium, Origane

12. **Calabrian Pine (*Pinus brutia*) stem attacked by a fungus:** The fungus (fruiting body) on the stem indicates that the interior of wood is rotting.
13. ***Lonicera etrusca*, Etruscan Honey-suckle:** Mediterranean, climbing shrub, common in forested areas (alt. 300 - 1 400 m).
14. **Rock with Mosses and Lichens:** Mosses are plants with simple structure and without true roots. Lichens are composite organisms made up by the symbiosis of a fungi and a moss undertaking different functions of the resulting organism.
15. **Diabase Rock:** Plutonic intrusive rock belonging to the Troodos Ophiolite Complex.
16. **View Point:** Panoramic view to the Pafos Forest.
17. **Overmature Calabrian Pine (*Pinus brutia*) stand:** Typical old and large pine trees with flat-topped crown and greyish bark without deep fissures.
18. ***Pistacia terebinthus*, Terebinth:** Mediterranean deciduous shrub or small tree, fairly common in many forest areas (alt. 0 - 1 700 m).
19. **View Point.**
20. **Artificial Regeneration:** View to reforestations carried out by the Forestry Department.
21. ***Cistus creticus*, Rock-rose:** Mediterranean shrub, widespread in Cyprus (alt. 0 - 1 700 m) with high ability to colonize recently burnt areas.
22. **Rest Point.**
23. ***Quercus alnifolia*, Golden Oak:** See point no 4.
24. **Calabrian Pine (*Pinus brutia*):** Tree which has dried out naturally.
25. **View Point:** Panoramic view towards peaks of the Stavros valley.
26. **Fire Look-out Station:** On the peak opposite you can see the fire look-out station of "Zacharou." These stations are strategically located and their main function is to detect and report quickly forest fires.

27. *Asphodelus aestivus*,
Asphodel: Mediterranean perennial herb, particularly common in grazed areas (alt 0 - 1 800 m).



Asphodelus aestivus,
Asphodel

28. *Scutellaria cypria*, Cyprus Scull-cup: Endemic perennial plant, common in altitudes 400 - 1 950 m. It flowers from April to June.



Scutellaria cypria, Cyprus Scull-cup

29. *Teucrium kotchyanum*, Kotchy's Germander: Common perennial plant (alt. 500 - 1 500 m).



Teucrium kotchyanum,
Kotchy's Germander

30. Calabrian Pine tree struck by lightning: The characteristic longitudinal interruption of the bark is the result of a lightning strike.

31. *Helichrysum italicum*, Italian Everlasting: Mediterranean sub-shrub, widespread in the Troodos mountain range (alt. 300 - 1 700 m).

32. View Point: View to the Stavros tis Psokas forest station.

Please keep in mind the following:

- ⇒ Lighting of fire in, or near, the forest is strictly prohibited.

- ⇒ Avoid smoking or eating during your walk.

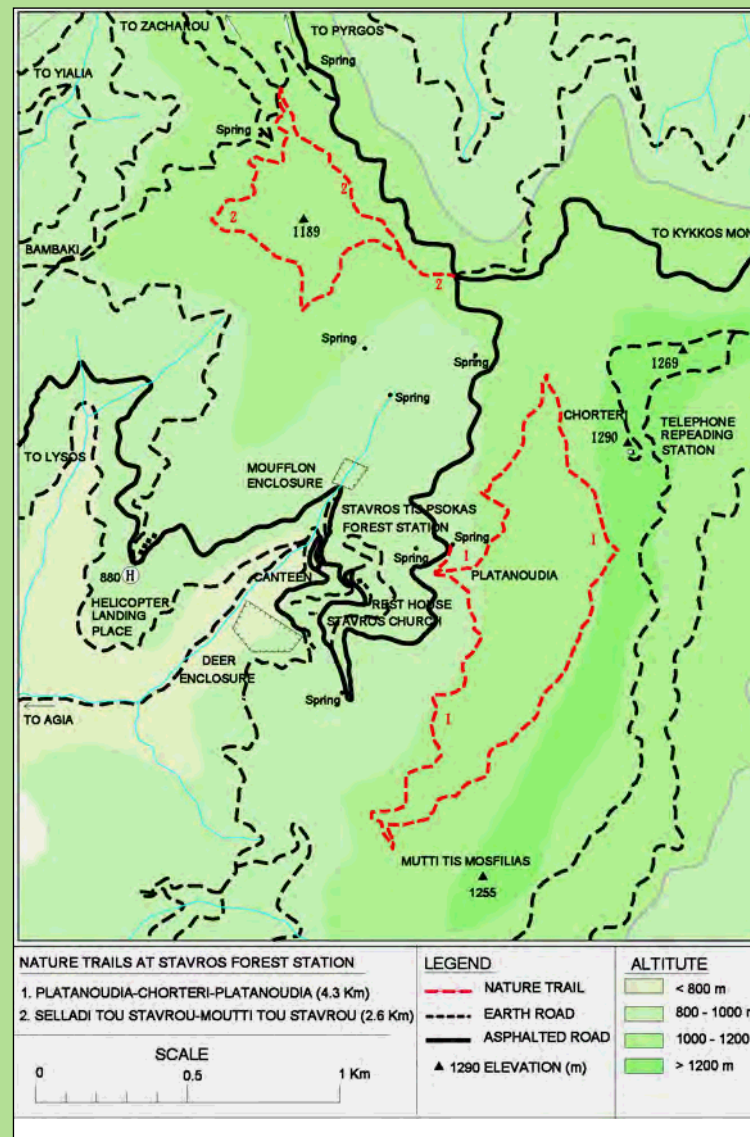
- ⇒ Do not use bicycles or motorbikes on the trail.

- ⇒ Do not cut plants and do not disturb wildlife in any way.

- ⇒ Keep on the trail.

If you have any remarks, suggestions or questions you are welcome to contact the Forest Station at Stavros tis Psokas, tel. 26991858.

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