



The Axios - Loudias - Aliakmonas Estuaries Management Authority has the following basic objectives: to manage the protected area and preserve its flora and fauna, to promote eco-tourism and sustainable development, to inform and raise the awareness of the local community and visitors alike. The Authority is a legal entity of private law acting for the public benefit and is overseen by the Ministry of Productive Reconstruction, Environment and Energy. The Management Authority is based in Halastra, Thessaloniki.



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## The Axios - Loudias - Aliakmonas Delta National Park: a precious place

The Axios - Loudias - Aliakmonas National Park is amongst the most important wetland systems both in Greece and throughout Europe! Beginning just 10 kilometres south-west of the city of Thessaloniki, the park extends as far as Pieria, an area of 38,800 hectares. Within this area are to be found the estuaries of the Gallikos and Loudias rivers, the Kalohori lagoon, the deltas of the Axios and Aliakmonas rivers, the Nea Agathoupoli wetland and the salt marsh of Alyki Kitros.

This protected area is particularly precious as it hosts many plant, animal and bird species, some of which are rare and protected. At the same time, man enjoys its gifts in abundance: oxygen and water, agricultural and farm products, fish and mussels. A further priceless gift is on offer to visitors: tranquillity, getting in touch with nature, the chance to get up close to flamingos, great egrets, the wild horses of the Axios Delta and other marvellous creatures of the area.

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### The wetland in figures:

**295** bird species, that is, 66% of all the species that have been observed to date in Greece, of which **103** are nesting

**350** plant species and sub-species

**34** mammal species

**28** reptile and amphibian species

**25** habitats, two of which are designated as 'priority' habitats at a European level

### Discover nature!

Take a stroll in the riparian forest of the Axios River, go for a picnic or fishing on the estuary of the Gallikos River. Alternatively, visit the observation tower of Nea Agathoupoli to view nature or go for a dip off the beaches of Korinos. Whatever season of the year, there is always a good reason to visit the area.

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