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THE PETRIFIED FOREST

of Fylakto - Lefkimmi - Lagyna





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The natural geological monuments of Evros can be considered **unique worldwide**, due to their rareness, age and size, as the petrified forest ranges across the entire part of the prefecture adjacent to Evros.

However, the forest's most dense, extensive and ancient parts can be found at the Municipality of Soufli, around the settlements of Fylakto, Lagyna and Lefkimmi.

Impressive is the number and variety of perfectly preserved fossils of oak trunks and other broadleaf trees of the subtropical zone, the fern, palm tree and vine twigs, as well as the corals, shells, urchins and shark teeth, of ages **older than 25 million years**, which go back as far as 40 million years.

Some fossils are exhibited at the Ecotouristic Center of Tychoero, next to the lake, as well as at the school yard of the old Elementary School of Fylakto, while on the edge of the village there is an 11-metre long oak trunk that has been signaled, fenced and roofed.



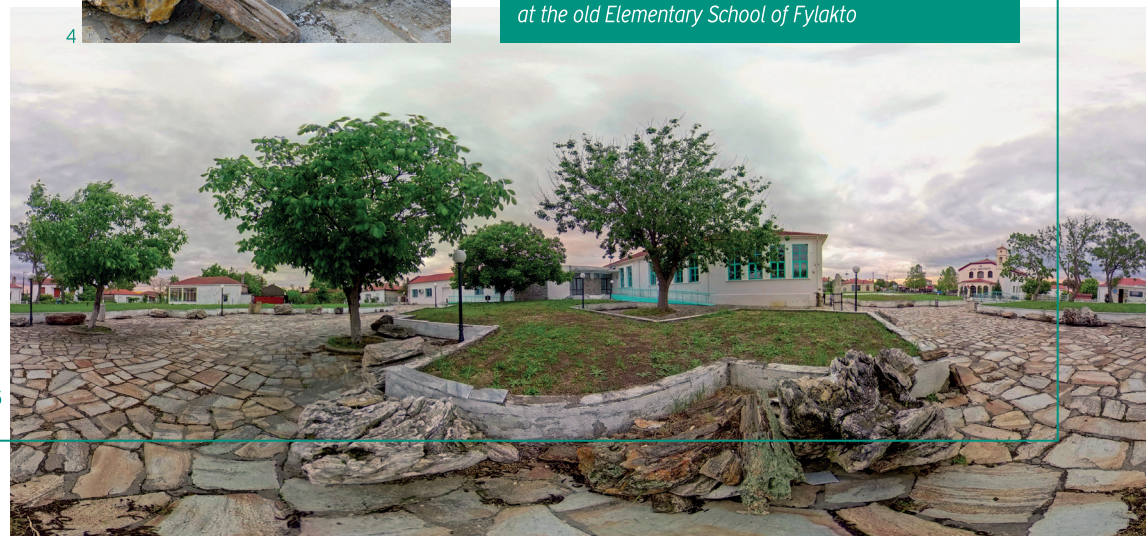
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At the entrance of Lefkimmi, at the **Fossil Information Center**, the visitor can be informed about the petrified forest of Evros, its importance the fossilization procedure and he can also admire unique fossilized exhibits.

1. Petrified trunks in Katrantzides, Dadia,
2. Petrified trunks in Lefkimmi,
3. Fossil Information Centre in Lefkimmi,
4. Petrified trunks,
5. Open-air collection of petrified tree trunks at the old Elementary School of Fylakto



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