

"Akrotiri wetlands - a hidden paradise"

Dear friends,

On Sunday, February 2, 2025, we are waiting for you at the Akrotiri Environmental Education Center to celebrate World Wetlands Day. The event is organized by the Environment and Sustainable Development Education Unit of the Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth and the Akrotiri Environmental Education Centre and is open to everyone of all ages from 10am to 1pm. As part of the event, the following activities will be offered:



Laboratory room – Observation of microorganisms

Observe in stereoscopes live microorganisms growing in the surrounding wetlands. Identify them using identification guides and learn about their vulnerability to water pollution. Zooplankton is the first link in the food chain of larger organisms and their protection is vital to preserve biodiversity.



Exhibit Rooms – Exploration of dioramas with interactive means

Explore the different habitat types found on the Akrotiri Peninsula and learn about the organisms that live in them through a code and puzzle quest game. Using interactive screens, interactive games and electronic applications you will discover the mosaic of habitats of the area and the role they played in declaring the Peninsula a Special Protection Area (Natura 2000 area for birds) and a Special Area of Conservation (Natura 2000 area for non-bird habitats, flora and fauna).



Library Room – Basket weaving art

Learn about the basket weaving plants that grow in the Wetlands of Livadi and the Akrotiri Salt Lake and how the people of Akrotiri learned to use them developing the art of Soft Basket Weaving which has been part of of Cyprus Cultural Heritage since 2017. Weave the "Psathin-traditional rug" and the handmade "Tonos" rope on the loom and discover the various useful objects that were made (talari, tapestries, korokolios, woven chair, broukali, etc.) that are part of the Cypriot tradition throughout the island.





Projection Room: Documentary screening

Watch a special documentary tribute to the Akrotiri peninsula and the art of Soft Basketry. Learn from the people of the village the role played and still plays in their survival by the preservation of Akrotiri Meadow, which offers its goods in abundance to the residents of the community. From the Akrotiri Marsh they obtain the raw material for the manufacture of baskets, while the rich land is used for agricultural and livestock purposes.



Observatory: Observation with telescopes and information on insects

Use telescopes to observe Akrotiri Salt Lake and the species it hosts. Recognize bird feathers in stereoscopes and learn about their features in bird identification guides. Learn about the migratory routes of rare birds and the importance of Akrotiri Wetlands for their survival where they stop to find shelter and food. Observe insects under the microscope, which play a vital role in maintaining the chain of life in wetlands, and learn from expert scientists what you can do to help protect them.



Botanical Garden: Habitat Walk

Wander around our botanical garden to rest and learn about the types of vegetation that characterize the area and how it shapes the rich biodiversity of the peninsula. From basketry plants, brushwood and pine trees to tamarisk trees and aromatic herbs, the variety and diversification of plants will surprise you.



Playground: Pollinator game – resting place

Children and adults can learn by playing an educational game about insects that pollinate plants and their role in biodiversity conservation. They can also play and rest in the specially designed area under your supervision. There are toys and benches in a covered area for eating and resting.



Participation is free for all ages. No registration is required.

We will be glad to have you with us!

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