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Distance of the Apollonia Information Center from the nearest cities:

THESSALONIKI	61 km
LAGKADAS	46 km
SERRES	75 km
KILKIS	80 km
POLYGYROS	39 km
N. MOUDANIA	61 km

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The National Park of lakes Koroneia - Volvi and the Macedonian Tempe was founded in 2002, aiming to protect, preserve and manage its nature and landscape. It constitutes a land of important natural heritage and an invaluable national resource. The Management Authority oversees and supervises the lacustrine, terrestrial and water areas of the wetland system of the lakes Koroneia, Volvi and the Macedonian Tempe, renowned for their unique biological, ecological, aesthetic, scientific, geomorphological and educational value.

The reserve spans an area of 524,000 acres, in the eastern part of the Thessaloniki district, as well as a small part of the north of the Chalkidiki district and the south of the Kilkis district, in the region of Central Macedonia, Greece.

The lakes Koroneia and Volvi –the fifth and second biggest lakes in Greece, respectively– and the Macedonian Tempe comprise the core of the National Park while their watershed marks the limits of the reserve. This watershed is contained within the mountains Chortiatis, Cholomontas and Stratoniko in the south and Vertiskos and Kerdylia in the north.

Since 1975, the lakes Koroneia and Volvi are one of ten Greek wetlands, protected by the Ramsar Convention for the preservation of wetlands of international interest. Three elderly plane trees, centuries old, in Scholari and Apollonia, have been Listed Monuments of Nature in 1975 and 1985 accordingly, and offer their beauty and uniqueness in their rightful place as elements of the natural heritage of Greece.

The Park Management Authority was founded in 2003 and is responsible for the protection and management of the National Park of lakes Koroneia-Volvi and the Macedonian Tempe. It is a legal person of a non-profit nature, governed by private law and supervised by the Greek Ministry of Reconstruction of Production, Environment & Energy.

The National Park includes two Special Areas of Conservation as well as the biggest Special Protection Area of the NATURA 2000 network in Greece:

SAC: Lakes Volvi and Koroneia – general area code GR1220001, 66,590 acres in surface

SAC: Rentina straits (Macedonian Tempe) – general area code GR1220003, 7,179 acres in surface

SPA: Lakes Volvi – Koroneia, Rentina straits and general area – code GR1220009, 399,400 acres in surface

The National Park is divided into three zones (A, B, C), two of which (B, C) are peri-pheral. Zone A includes the lakes Koroneia and Volvi, with their shores, reed beds, canals, marshy and occasionally flooded expanses, the rivers, streams, the lakeside and riverside vegetation as well as the forest and agricultural fields between the two lakes.

Zone A1, the Apollonia forest, is designated as a complete protection area and zone A2, the Macedonian Tempe, is designated as a nature protection area.



Black-veined White butterfly (*Aporia crataegi*)



Grey heron (*Ardea cinerea*)



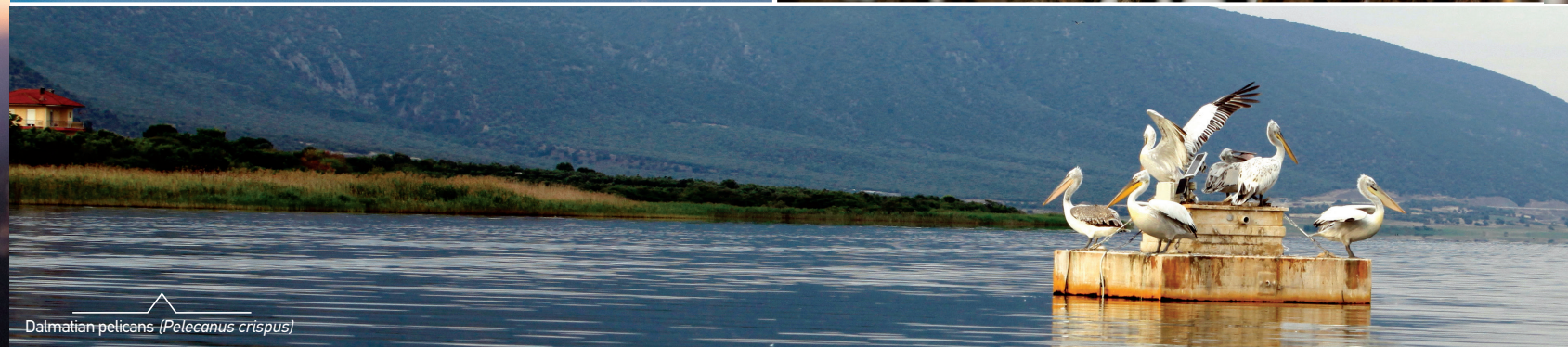
European ground squirrel (*Spermophilus citellus*)



Grey heron (*Ardea cinerea*)



Water buffalos (*Bubalus bubalis*)



Dalmatian pelicans (*Pelecanus crispus*)