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National Park of lakes Koroneia - Volvi & the Macedonian Tempe

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### South of the lakes Koroneia and Volvi

(old Thessaloniki-Kavala National Road)

#### Agios Vasileios tower

The Agios Vasileios tower has been standing 15 meters tall since the 14th century, in the south bank of lake Koroneia, near the old Thessaloniki - Kavala National Road. Once regarded part of a series of fortifications, today it is considered to have aided in supplying the city of Thessaloniki with fishing and agricultural goods from the lakes and surrounding areas. Its interior is not open to the public.

#### **Apollonia**

In the Information Center of Apollonia, run by the Management Authority, you can visit the Environment Interpretation Exhibition and take part in environmental training programs.

#### Apollonia Lakeside Forest - Archeological Site

Nearby, you can take a stroll in one of the last remaining lake-side forests in Greece, visit the Byzantine therapeutic spa baths and the Paul the Apostle's Post - the rock on which, according to tradition, he spread the message of Christianity. Right next to it, marvel at the millennia-old plane tree, declared a Listed Monument of Nature in 1985 and considered an important part of the Greek natural heritage.

#### Richeios river

The path starts opposite the traditional café in Rentina, crosses the old highway underground, continues uphill in the Macedonian Tempe and culminates in a scenic riverside route, keeping to its southern bank.

#### **Rentina Castle**

To control the straits of the Macedonian Tempe in Rentina, where the ancient Byzantine Via Egnatia crossed, a fortified settlement, Rentina Castle, was built in the first Christian years.

The area has been constantly inhabited for millennia, as excavations have brought to light findings from the Neolithic Era, sparring the Archaic, Classical, Hellenistic, Roman and old Christian eras, with the Byzantine era perhaps being the most prominent. It is not officially open to the public.

### Nymfopetres – Nymph Stones

These odd rocks, called "Nymph Stones" by the locals, are actually limestone formations, beautiful leftovers of what was once a geothermal field. Their name echoes charming legends, vivid imagination and traces of folklore.

The most famous story seeking to explain the Stones speaks of a wedding procession: It is said that the bride's mother had forgotten to take the wedding ring and, in her confusion, cursed the procession. As a result, all the participants turned to stone for eternity.







#### North of the Koroneia - Volvi lakes

(Provincial road connecting Lagkadas to Profitis – Mikri Volvi – Rentina)

#### Schola

Scholari houses the first ever listed natural monument in Greece, two impressive elderly plane trees with a circumference of 8.5 and 10.5 meters, standing since Ottoman times. Herons build their nests on their imposing branches. To protect and display them, the area is enclosed.

#### **Connecting Canal**

Contemporary hydraulic works with two-way operation, they connect the two lakes, their streams and currents. Part of the restoration effort for lake Koroneia. An important spot for bird-watching, due to the water's build-up at the dam.



