

Participation Guide for Peloponnesus- “NEDA” Project

General information

The “NEDA” project is taking place in the southern part of the bay and specifically between Giannitsochori of Ilia Prefecture and the estuaries of Neda, of 4 km length, aims at recording data about the nesting sea turtles (*Caretta caretta*) and at guaranteeing their conservation, as well as raising public awareness among the local population and tourists.

The project runs from June 1st through October 10th and is hosted at the Apollo Village camping, which is located on the beach of Giannitsochori. The camp has communal facilities (WC, shower with hot water, kitchen with basic equipment, laundry, wi-fi internet, restaurant, cafeteria, sports facilities). Giannitsochori is located approximately 10 km south of the town of Zaharo and 20 km north of the town of Kyparissia.

In “NEDA” project organized groups of visitors (e.g. scouts) can also actively participate and under specific conditions can help the volunteers of the project. Although these groups take part in certain activities and at certain hours of the day, they become part of the volunteer team. For additional information please contact ARCHELON office.

Necessary equipment

The weather in Kyparissiakos Bay is usually warm from mid-June to late August, with much sunshine. Please note that during the night is colder. In early June and from early September the weather is colder with much possibility of rain.

Before arriving at the project make sure you carry the following:

- camping equipment (tent, mattress, sleeping bag, torch, alarm clock)
- “Decent” clothing for the public awareness project. Note that we live in a camp, so white or light colored clothes become dirty very easily
- Durable and casual clothing for fieldwork (e.g. overalls and sweatshirts, shorts)
- Swimming suit, sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, insect repellent
- Comfortable and cool clothes and shoes (especially in June, July, August)
- Waterproof and warm clothes and shoes, especially in early June and September
- Optionally camera, music, electronic equipment etc.
- AND.. YOUR SMILE!!

A first aid kit is available on site, but you should bring with you any special medication you receive or you might need such as allergy medications.

Contact

At the central office (BE) : groupe@servicevolontaire.org or on the telephone number: 0032 2 888 67 13 or with the Peloponnese Coordinator Panagiota Thibault : thibault@servicevolontaire.org

Directions

From Athens:

1. Go to the KTEL bus station (Kifissos Avenue No. 100). In order to get there from Athens International Airport please get the X93 bus (fare approx. 8.00-10.00€) towards Kifisso (KTEL) bus station. From any other part of Athens go to Omonia Square (red and green metro line-Omonia Station). From there you walk down Agiou Konstantinou Street, which starts from Omonia Square, for 3 blocks, and then you turn left and take Menandrou Street (keep your eyes wide open, because in this specific area you may come up against wallet makers). From Menandrou Street take the bus 051 (ticket price €1.40) towards the Kifissos bus station (KTEL).
2. At the KTEL bus Station, go to the counter of Ilia Prefecture (210 5134111) and
3. Take the KTEL bus to Zaharo (departure time from Athens 16:00 daily, price about 25,80 € one way, journey duration approximately 4 hours).

From Patra

1. Go to the KTEL bus station (Zaimi 2, tel 2610 623886-8) and take the bus to Kalamata (departure times from Patra 8:30 and 16:00 daily, price about 14,20€ one way, journey duration approximately 3 hours).

From Kalamata

1. Go to the KTEL bus station (Artemis street, across the new market, tel.27210 22581) and take the bus to Patra (departure times from Kalamata 8:30 and

16:00 daily, price about 8,70 € one way, journey duration approximately 1.5 hours).

Please confirm departure times and ticket prices as they may change.

During the journey to Zaharo (from Athens), Kalamata (from Patra) and Patra (from Kalamata)

Do not forget to inform the bus driver that you want to get off at the Giannitsochori stop. From KTEL bus stop you will need to contact the person in charge of the camp ((+30) 6951 009785) to take you to the camp of ARCHELON.

YOU MUST HAVE A COPY OF YOUR IDENTITY!

See you there!!