

Wied Ghollieqa

Nature Reserve and Education Centre



Description

Wied Ghollieqa is a good example of a restored habitat. Since 1990, the site managers, Nature Trust (Malta), have strived to convert a number of abandoned fields into typical local habitats. Through management a number of zones were established, including four types of woodland (Cypress, Aleppo Pine, Sandarac Gum Tree, Holm Oak/Aleppo Pine), a riparian habitat that has a temporary watercourse and pond and a maquis area.

Available for use during the visit are leaflets, an interactive presentation of the place itself and an educational pack for teachers reflecting the current biology syllabus with a number of suggested activities and resources.

Highlights

Habitat Restoration and Site Management in action, sample of indigenous trees and shrubs (including the national tree, of which about 250 specimens can be found) and a number of habitats such as a riparian environment, woodland, maquis, etc. Also present are a number of rubble walls.



Nature Trust (Malta) was founded on the 12th December 1962 under the name of the Natural History Society of Malta, which eventually changed its name to the Society for the Study and Conservation of Nature.

On the 8th January 1999, Nature Trust (Malta), as we know it today, was officially launched by the President of the Republic following the merger between SSCN (Society for the Study and Conservation of Nature), Arbor and Verde. In 2001, the Marine Life Care Group also merged with NTM

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Donation

2€ per student
A nature booklet is always included.



Length of Visit

3 hours



Location

*Wied Ghollieqa is the valley situated between the University of Malta and Kappara and flanked by Triq Mikiel Anton Vassalli (Regional Road). The Environment Centre, which has a capacity of **30 students** is located here:*

*Wied Ghollieqa Environment Centre,
Lower Level, Car Park 1,
University of Malta,
Tal-Qroqq, Msida. Malta*

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Relevance to syllabus

Different Forms of Life (fungi, plant and animal kingdoms)
Use of Identification Keys
Conditions Supporting Life (plant adaptations to heat loss and water loss)
Form and Function of various Parts of a Plant (e.g. leaf)
Sexual Reproduction in Flowering Plants
Understanding terms: Ecosystem, Habitat, Community, Population
Soil: Components and Organisms

A visit to the Wied Ghollieqa Nature Reserve can serve as a practical fieldwork session/site visit for the MATSEC examinations.



Accessibility

Unfortunately, since the area is a Nature Reserve, it is not suitable for wheelchair users or for students with walking difficulties. The Environment Centre, however, is accessible to all

During the next year, Nature Trust (Malta) will be celebrating its 50 year anniversary and a number of activities are being planned to mark this special event. Should anyone wish to be part of this team, please contact us on info@naturetrustmalta.org for more information.

NTM Mission Statement: "Committed to the conservation of Maltese nature by promoting environmental awareness, managing areas of natural and scientific interest, and lobbying for effective environmental legislation."