



Guided nature walks at Il-Majjistral Nature and History Park – February to May 2013
Join the park guide for a nature walk in Malta's only natural National Park, located in Mellieħa. The park extends from Golden Bay to Anchor Bay and inland towards Manikata and includes both natural areas and traditional rural landscapes. The coastal area forms part of the Natura 2000 network of European protected sites and it is home to a rich biodiversity. Informal educational talks can also be held on the beach at Golden Bay whilst in summer the park offers guided snorkelling trips. **Suggested age group is Year 3 and upwards.**

During the walk we focus on: awareness of our surroundings and observational skills, green country code, basic map-reading, connecting with nature, environmental issues, biodiversity, geology, organic farming, dry stone walls and the *Girna*, soil conservation and more ... The visits can be tailor-made according to the subject and topics studied in class.

Why visit the park?

- Give your students the opportunity to learn about and experience nature outdoors in fresh air whilst exercising themselves and enjoying wide ranging views, varied landscapes and habitats.
- Encourage learners to embrace topics relevant to **Education for Sustainable Development** as required by the National Curriculum Framework 2011.
- A different activity can be chosen for year 6 students and upwards focusing on **photography** – in this case the walk may be shorter and the visit a bit longer. Cameras are provided by the park for teamwork (max 25 students).

Undecided about the visit? Contact us to visit your school and give an illustrated talk to your students and teachers.

Practicalities - The activity is by booking only and is available between February and May 2013

Activity fee: Eur 2.5. *Each student will be given a booklet on the park.*

Time: 3hrs **Distance:** 5km or less **Maximum suggested:** 30 students

Meeting: The starting point of the guided walk can be varied (Golden Bay/Manikata/Anchor Bay) and the walk shortened or lengthened as wished.

Notes:

Wear good walking shoes due to rugged terrain. Parts of the walk may pass along cliffs. There are no toilet facilities on site and the area is not accessible to wheelchairs. Shade and shelter are not easily found on site – the walk is not held in adverse conditions.

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