



The Nature of Water

İzmir hosts a wide variety of habitats such as forests, wetlands, marine and coastal ecosystems. **Three river basins of Western Anatolia;** Bakırçay, Gediz and Küçük Menderes are located within the borders of İzmir province. In İzmir, forests cover approximately 40 percent of the city and where the forests end, the vegetation turns into scrub.



Nif Mountain

İzmir is home to sensitive and unique natural areas. Located on the periphery of the city center, important natural areas such as the Gediz Delta, Bakırçay and Küçük Menderes deltas, Nif Mountain, Ildır Bay, Çiçek Islands are scattered in almost all districts of İzmir.



Kozak Yaylası

Despite experiencing a Mediterranean climate, İzmir has mountains at an altitude of 2,000 meters. There is a Great Rye Ski Center in Bozdağ, which is a part of Ödemiş. Spil Mountain between Manisa and İzmir is one of the most ideal places for nature sports and trekking. In addition, Kozak Plateau in Bergama; Kemalpaşa, Ödemiş and Bozdağ plateaus also have many suitable areas for trekking.



Akdeniz Foku

İzmir gives life to a rich flora and fauna. The ancestor of the olive, which grows naturally in the Mediterranean maquis, stretches as far as possible in the forests of İzmir. The crested pelican breeding in the Gediz Delta is one of the two pelican species in Turkey. 5 percent of the world's greater flamingo population lives in the wetlands of İzmir. Its shores are home to the Mediterranean monk seal, one of the world's twelve rarest mammals and Europe's rarest living species.



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Share the Miracles of Nature and Wildlife

İzmir is home to unique and sensitive natural areas. **The green corridors starting from the periphery of the city spread deep into the mountains and forests.** Towns and villages, the last refuge of slow life, mountains and valleys where natural life blooms, wetlands, shelter of rare species, attract nature lovers.

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Nature and Agro Tourism

1. Alaçatı Wetland / Çeşme

Çeşme-Alaçatı Wetland; is a lagoon-type estuary of approximately 250 hectares. The area is home to endemic species of plant. Sea cowpea and reedmace, which can be seen almost everywhere in the wetland, provide feeding, shelter and breeding grounds for some bird species. Greater Flamingos are seen throughout the year in the wetland. In addition, birds such as black-winged stilt, zitting cisticola and golden plover are also important species in the area.

2. Birgi / Ödemiş

Birgi is hidden in a green geography on the cool slopes of Bozdağ Mountains is a charming region that should be seen with its stone-walled, Turkish-style tiled, wooden windows rising from the centuries-old oriental plane-tree and sweet chestnut trees. It is a hidden historical and cultural treasure with its history dating back to 2000 BC.

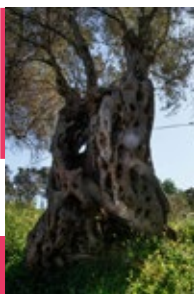
3.Kozak Plateau Yukarıbey Subdistrict / Bergama

Kozak Plateau; located between Bergama - Ayvalık district centers, is an important highland tourism center famous for its pine nuts and weaving. Yukarıbey Sub-District is a point where stone pine trees are dense. Tree species such as oriental plane-tree and Turkey oak are also found in this area. Bird species such as masked shrike, wood pigeon, common chaffinch and blackbird live in it. Among the wild mammals, golden jackal, wild boars, european hare and eurasian badger can be seen.



4. Yamanlardağı Nature Park / Karşıyaka

Located within the Important Natural Area, this nature park was registered as a protected area in 2011. The scrub communities, which cover large areas in the lower regions of the mountain, leave their place to calabrian pine and Austrian pine forests at high altitudes. The cliffs in the area provide an important habitat for wildlife and many bat species.



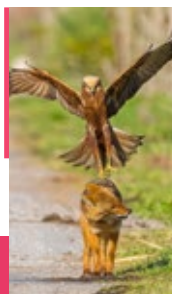
Olive Route Seferihisar

Located in Siğacık, Olive Route is a special walking route. Along the way, centuries-old olive and Cyprus turpentine trees accompany the hikers. There are also tangerine orchards and agricultural fields in the region.



Bozdağ Wildlife Trail / Ödemiş

Located in the Bozdağ Mountains, an important Nature Area, this route is ideal for hiking and camping. Care should be taken when carrying out these activities in the wildlife.



Gediz Delta

Gediz Delta is the best indicator of living in a modern city without leaving nature. Gediz Delta, which is an Key Biodiversity Area and an Important Bird Area, is one of the rare wetlands that offers a habitat for thousands of creatures.

Natural Areas of İzmir

Seferihisar

Teos Turpentine Natural Monument - Nature School

Menderes

Gümüldür Nature Park

Selçuk

Şirince Virgin Mary Nature Park - Küçük Menderes Delta View Point - Zeytinköy - Gebekirse Lake Zeytinköy Çatal Lake - Belevi Marshes

Karaburun

İris Lake - Küçükbahçe Subdistrict - Furma Farm

Menemen

Homa Dalyan - Shore Birds Wetland - Kirdeniz - Üç Tepeler - Küçük Sazlıgöl - Karagöl Nature Park - Dede Menengici Natural Monument

Çiğli

Degage - Körfez View Point - Salt Pans Line - Çamaltı Tuzla Plant - Old Ragıpapaşalı Dalyan - Çiğli Pumping Station

Güzelbahçe

Yelki Mediterranean Forest - Yemişçi Pistachio Pine Natural Monument Yarendere Stone Pine Natural Monument

Urla

Yassıca Island

Torbalı

Efeoğlu Natural Park - Dağtekk

Bağcı

Çakalburnu Lagoon

Karşıyaka

Mavişehir Angalya Cape - Mavişehir Fisherman's Shelter

Tire

Tire Viewing Deck - Kaplan Village

Konak

Meles Delta

Bayındır

Kölemen Damları Observation Terrace - Aslan Kavak - Ovacık Wildlife Development Area - Gağrı Farm

Foça

Blind Gediz - Fadime-Kaplan Zülfikargil Farm

Kemalpaşa

Karabel Picnic Area - Kurudere Canyon - Nazarköy - Kemalpaşa Creek Recreation Area - Ovacık Village Sweet Chestnut Naturel Monument - Yiğitler

Bornova

Çiçekli Nature Park

Aliağa

Güzelhisar Delta - Çaltılıdere Wetland - Yenişakran Bozgöl

Ödemiş

Dereuzunyer - Lubbey Village - Birgi Sasalı - Camyayla Wildlife Trail - Gölçük Lake - Kemerköy - Bozdağ Sweet Chestnut Forest

Dikili

Bakırçay Delta