KYTHNOS HIKING

Action plan for Travelife

New Tasks for 2026 Sustainable Walking Tours

March 2026 — Pre-season

- Introduce new season strategy focusing on sustainability goals relevant to 2026

- Promote our sustainable tours at holiday shows in the spring: Dublin, London, Milan, Berlin, Paris;

- Schedule additional guide training sessions specifically about updated environmental practices and health & safety changes;

- Consider offering tours including one day of path cleaning in exchange for extra free day of walking;

Late March - Early April 2026

- Add educational highlights related to exotic flowers blooming and migrating birds to the tour narrative

- Approach Kythnos schools, particularly the high school, about coming on the end-March nature tour for a day or more;

- Distribute updated water and waste management information materials for guides and guests

- Require guests to use water containers filled at the breakfast bar

April - September 2026

- Liaise with the local municipality about path cleaning with a contractor who provides invoices;

- Talk to South Aegean regional authority about funding programmes for cleaning and signing Kythnos trails;

- Promote with David Koutsogiannopoulos, our nature guide, censuses of species numbers, either plants,

animals, birds or sea creatures;

- Tabulate the census results and compare to previous years and other islands, seek explanatiions for divergences, such as weather;

- Contact the hotels we use about the Travelife sustainability guidance for these operators;

- Contact restaurants and bars about the Travelife sustainability guidance for these operators

- Also talk to taxi and minibus drivers about introduction of cleaner technologies than their current mainly diesel use;

- Schedule additional guide training sessions specifically about updated environmental practices and health & safety changes.

- Implement enhanced trail condition monitoring protocols responding to guest feedback;

- Actively promote responsible guest behaviors strongly focused on waste management and sustainable water use

- Strengthen communication channels for guides to report sustainability issues or safety concerns promptly

Ongoing 2026

- Organise periodic refresher training on sustainability practices, incorporating new guidelines or certifications available for 2026;

- Organise a check on how effective the bin rubbish scheme is on the island and propose improvements.

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