Guide to Using GPX Files for the Trails of Meteora – Pyli Geopark

What is a GPX file?

GPX files are small digital files that contain the paths of our hiking trails.

With them, you can:

- view the trail on a map,
- follow the route using your phone,
- navigate even without an internet connection (offline).

How do I use GPX files?

1. On a smartphone (Android & iOS)

For hiking we recommend some free apps that support GPX:

- OsmAnd – full features, offline maps.
- Organic Maps – simple, lightweight, ad-free.
- GPX Viewer – very easy for beginners.

Steps:

Download and install one of the above apps:

1. Click on the "Download GPX file" button on the trail's page.
2. Open the file with the chosen app (usually you will see the option "Open with…").
3. The route will appear on the map, ready to follow.

Tip: Download the maps offline before starting, as mountain areas may have no signal.

2. On a computer

If you just want to view the route on a computer:

1. Convert the GPX file to KML (for example, using GPS Visualizer).
2. Upload the KML file to Google My Maps.
3. You will then see the route displayed on the map.

Useful Hiking Tips

- Always carry a fully charged phone and, if possible, a power bank.

- Download offline maps in advance for safety.
- Bring water, basic hiking gear, and follow the trail markers on site.
- Remember: GPX is a helpful tool, but always stay aware of your surroundings.