

The nine geo-wonders on Pindos Mountain Range

The rocks of Deskati in the prefecture of Grevena, northwestern Greece, have attracted the interest of geologists worldwide as they tell the geological history of the earth and were the basis for the development of the tectonic plates theory.



Deskati and the greater region of Vounasa are among the nine geo-wonders in the Pindos Mountain Range that were the subject of a scientific conference held in the Prefecture of Grevena aimed at their promotion into tourist destinations.

The rocks of Deskati were created 700 million years ago when the ancient supercontinent Pangaea (meaning "all earth" in Greek) broke up to form the European and African continents. Later they were submerged into the Tethys Ocean that existed between the continents and united the region of today's Britain with China.

After several hundred mil-

lion years the continents of Europe and Africa collided, resulting in the creation of the Alps. Tethys Ocean defined the landscape of the eastern Mediterranean and one of its underwater mountain ranges formed Mt Vourinos in Grevena, the region's second geo-wonder. Rocks that are part of the earth's ancient crust that were brought to the surface as a result of the Europe-Africa collision can be found across the Valia Calda National Forest.

The nine geo-wonders of Pindos include the heavily deformed limestone rocks at Mt Tsourgiakas and their small waterfalls, the gorge of Portit-

sa, the Pierced Rock formed as a result of erosion, Vasilitsa and its multicoloured rocks, the villages of Dotsiko and Mesolouri with their 30-million-years old coral reef and the village of Monachiti with its 50-meter wide vertical rocks.

Meanwhile, the Aliakmon River Gorge is currently being studied by scientists from the United States, the UK, Serbia, Italy and Greece in an intense effort to have its geological data recorded considering that by the end of the next decade it will be flooded as soon as the construction of the Public Power Corporation SA "Ilarion" Dam is completed.



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DODGY TRADER FINED FOR PUTTING LIVES AT RISK

Fair Trading Minister Virginia Judge is urging NSW consumers to be wary of unlicensed trader George Harellis who has been masquerading as an electrician.

Ms Judge said that Mr Harellis had received an \$18,373 fine for unlicensed, defective and potentially life threatening electrical work in Parramatta Local Court last month.

"The court ruling marks the end of a long battle to protect consumers against this dangerous operator," Ms Judge said. "Mr Harellis is a serial offender who continues to put the public at risk by carrying out unlicensed electrical work.

"Mr Harellis has never held a license in NSW and was first investigated by Fair Trading in 2004 which led to a successful prosecution and a \$4000 fine. "Last year Fair Trading received further reports that Mr Harellis was operating illegally and issued a public warning to consumers on its website, including pictures of Mr Harellis and his vehicle.

"This second prosecution should come as a strong warning to any trader who is thinking of breaking the law. If

you don't have a license, Fair Trading will catch you."

Ms Judge urged consumers to contact Fair Trading on 13 32 20 if they have had any recent dealings with Mr Harellis.

"Mr Harellis has already had two strikes, the third time he may face possible Supreme Court action," she said.

"Mr Harellis is not qualified or licensed to be carrying out electrical work and he should not be working on your home under any circumstance."

Ms Judge said electrical work was extremely hazardous and defective work could pose a significant risk to families if things go wrong. "It is imperative that any electrical work on your home is performed by a properly licensed tradesperson," Ms Judge said. "Never make any assumptions when dealing with a tradesperson. Always check their license details before handing over any cash or payments."

"Traders caught operating without a license can incur fines of up to \$22,000 for an individual or up to \$110,000 for a company."



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