

SOCIAL INCLUSION OPPORTUNITIES

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THE BOTANICAL GARDEN IN ALKAZAR PARK

The Municipality of Larissa has organized an area of 0.1 acres within one of the largest parks in the city, Alkazar Park (total area 13 acres), as a botanical garden with 190 endemic and foreign species that can be found within the green areas of Larissa. The aim of the creation of this compact green area was two-fold: firstly, to provide a space where every plant used in the green areas of the city is represented, so everyone has the chance to learn to recognize and care for urban green. Secondly, to connect with the botanical legacy of Hippocrates and the importance of nature and herbs in health and well-being, since the 'father of medicine' lived for many years and died in Larissa.



The garden is organized in seven thematic units: grass, deciduous trees and shrubs, evergreen trees and shrubs, roses, flowers, ground cover plants, aromatic plants & herbs. A short information is provided for every plant, so that the visitors can also make their own route in the garden.



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The botanical garden is used as an educational area and an awareness spot for urban green, public spaces and nature. It's a popular visit for schools, special needs schools, environmental NGOs and refugees hosted in Larissa, and provides the perfect place for environmental education programs as well as promoting the importance of nature and plant life in an urban environment.