

User Manual for Website Visitors (English Version)

Welcome to Our Website!

This website offers an interactive experience for exploring historical battle sites and routes from the early 20th century in Western Macedonia. Follow this guide to navigate effectively.

1. Home Page (Full Overview with Header and Footer)

On the home page, you will find:

- **Website Header:** At the top, from left to right, you will see the logo, the navigation menu for the website's subsections, a search box for the entire site below, and two flags on the right for language selection.
 - **Introductory Banner:** Below this is the introductory banner explaining the website's purpose and role.
 - **Filter Section:** By selecting options here, you can view routes formed by the battle sites available for exploration and further information. Navigate to the Filter Section above the map. Select a historical period (e.g., Macedonian Struggle, Balkan Wars). The map will update to show only sites from the selected period.
 - **Reset Filters:** Deselect all checkboxes in the filter section to show all sites again.
 - **Interactive Map:** This map shows all battle sites. Directly below the banner, the map has 5 options that can be selected individually or combined.
 - **Information Table:** Scrolling down, you will find an advanced filter that allows you to filter the 57 battle sites shown below by the Regional Unit or Historical Period or both. Clicking on any site's box opens a new page with detailed information for that particular site.
 - **Website Footer:** At the bottom, within a dark green box, from left to right, you will find: a) A link to the official website of the Western Macedonia Region and an email link for contacting the website team (the email is hidden for security reasons, but will appear when you click the link). b) A small newsletter signup form to subscribe to the website's newsletter. c) A column with all the legal documents and additional information related to the website. d) Links to download the app from Google Play for Android devices and from the App Store for Apple devices. e) Links to all social media channels of the website.
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2. Battle Sites (Navigation Menu, Submenus for Grebne, Kastoria, Kozani, Florina)

- In each of these options, we discuss the individual Regional Units of Western Macedonia. After an introductory banner showing a landscape from the

specific region, all filtered Battle Sites from all Historical Periods recorded on the website and belonging to that specific Regional Unit will appear.

3. Routes (Navigation Menu, Submenus for Macedonian Struggle, 1st Balkan War, Greco-Italian War, Greco-German War, German Occupation – Holocaust, All Routes)

- In each of these options, we focus on each specific Historical Period recorded on the website.
 - **Map Navigation:** For example, visiting the first route “Macedonian Struggle” will show, after the introductory banner, an interactive map with all the Battle Sites forming the Macedonian Struggle route. These sites are connected, with the two furthest points linking all others. This is the recommended route to visit all the points related to the Macedonian Struggle.
 - **View Points:** Hover over a point symbol on the map to see a short title.
 - Click on a marker to open an information window showing:
 - Battle Title
 - Date
 - Short Description
 - “Read More” Link: Leads to a detailed article.
 - Image: A thumbnail related to the battle.
 - **Grouped Markers:** Zoom in to break up grouped markers into individual points.
 - **Zoom and Move:** Use the mouse or touch gestures to zoom in, zoom out, or move the map.
 - **Distance and Time:** Below the map, the total distance and estimated time to visit all points will be displayed, calculated using a special algorithm that provides the most efficient route.
 - **“Open in Google Maps” Button Group:** After that, a set of buttons is dynamically created, allowing you to transfer the route to Google Maps for easier navigation. Due to Google’s limitation of 10 waypoints per coordinate group, the buttons group the points in sets of 10, starting with the first 10, and continuing similarly. The route has a defined start and end, with corresponding instructions in Google Maps. If you want to create a custom route, the website lets you do that via the last page in the “My Route” menu.
 - **Information Table:** Scrolling down, you will see the Battle Sites for the current thematic route. Clicking on any site box opens a new page with detailed information about that site.
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4. My Route (Navigation Menu)

4 options: Visiting the link hosting the plugin prompts you to select one of four options:

5. Automatically create a route with nearby sites. This option activates through geolocation only if the visitor is within the geographic boundaries of Western Macedonia. It retrieves the visitor's coordinates and finds battle or related sites within a 20 km radius.

6. Choose a starting point for the route.
 7. Manually select a starting point on the map.
 8. Exit the page if you entered by mistake.
- **Legend:** After entering the main plugin environment, a legend explains the symbols found on the map. In addition to the unique starting point symbol, the others are color-coded into 5 categories, each subdivided into two: one with a classic map pin symbol for main battle sites and one with a monument symbol for related sites such as monuments, busts, or landmarks associated with battles of that historical period.
 - **Map Usage:** The selected Google Map design and layout was chosen for clarity and easy readability, due to the large amount of information at each battle site. The points are grouped, and you can zoom in or click to break them up. Each point behaves the same as in Thematic Routes, with an added option: the “Add to MY ROUTE” checkbox with a heart. When clicked, the heart turns red and remains red until clicked again or removed from the list. Once clicked, a route is created from your starting point to the selected site. Closing the popup shows the created route on the map, and the site is added to the "Selected Battle Sites" list with a heart next to it. You can remove it from the list by clicking the heart icon or deselecting it from the list.

A very useful feature is the search box at the top of the map, titled “Search for Battle Sites.” As you type, it suggests battle sites related to your query. When selected, it adds the site directly to the desired visit list and redraws the route. Once all the desired sites are selected, the total distance and estimated time to visit all of them will be available, calculated by the optimal route algorithm. You then have two options for personalization: Export the selected list to a PDF file or open the selected points in Google Maps in sets of 10 to start your journey.
 - The process can be repeated as many times as desired.
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5. Battle Site Page

- **Introduction:** At the top of the page, you will find:
 - Date of the event (battle)
 - Title of the event (battle)
 - A characteristic image from the site
- **Main Content with All Information:** This section provides all the relevant information:
 - Period: The historical period the battle site belongs to.
 - Location: The site where the battle took place.
 - Regional Unit: The geographical region the site belongs to.
 - Map: A map with a pin at the site and an option to open it in Google Maps.
 - Main Photo
 - Short Description of the Battle

- Photo Gallery: A collection of photos related to the site.
 - Detailed Battle Description
 - Indicative Bibliography
 - Related Sites (if any): If there are related monuments, busts, or landmarks, they will be listed here with a description, a photo, and a map showing the related site with a pin, which can be opened in Google Maps for direct navigation.
 - **Conclusion:** At the bottom of the page, you will find two important options:
 - **Comment and Photo Upload:** Visitors can comment and upload photos from their visit (pending admin approval). By clicking the green icon, a comment box opens, and the paperclip icon allows uploading one or more photos with the comment.
 - **Social Media Icons:** These icons are different from those in the footer of the website. They allow easy sharing of the page on social networks for others to see.
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6. Accessibility Icon (Bottom Right)

- Clicking the accessibility icon opens various options for individuals with disabilities. The innovative “Text to Speech” feature lets you select any paragraph on the page, and by clicking the play button that appears above the selected text, you can listen to an audio narration.