

THOURIO

Thourio is a small village of the prefecture of Boeotia in the municipality of Levadia. It is situated in between Chaironea and Levadia and has 259 inhabitants (2001 crecent). Up to 1927 was named Pramaga.

In Keratovouni (=horn mountain) which is one of the two peaks of Mount Thourio, near the village, there are traces of an ancient cobbled street and many fossils ("horns") belonging to the Mesozoic period. They are fossilized shells of horsetails, sea-animals that lived in the upper Cretaceous period of Mesozoic Era and then disappeared.

In mythology, according to Pausanias, Prometheus used the soil of Mountain Thourio to create the first humans. Here, Rhea tricked her husband Kronos (Saturn) by giving him a swaddled stone, instead of the newborn Zeus, to save him from the swallowing fury of his father, while in a path nearby started the tragedy of Oedipus with the murder of La'i'os.

