

MOUNT MAINALO

Mainalo, located in the center of the Peloponnese, is a mountain with a 1980m. Peak that occupies almost the entire northern prefecture of Arcadia.

It is surrounded to the east by the mountains of Oligyrtos, Trachi, Lirkio and Artemision, to the north by Aroania and Erymanthos, to the west by Minthi and Lykaeon and to the south by Taygetos and Parnonas.

From Mainalo arise two tributaries of Alpheus River. One is Lucius, that creates the famous gorge and the other is Elissonas which springs from the central part of the mountain between the villages Pianos and Alonistaina and meets Alpheus near the town of Megalopolis.

The area of Mainalo was alive since Antiquity, the first inhabitants being Arcadians. Apart from the other Olympian gods, Arcadians worshiped the god Pan, whose cult spread to the entire of Greece.

Important ancient cities of the region were Orhomenos, Mantinea, Tegea and the Ypsous (Stemnitsa in our days) while during the Hellenistic period the city of Megalopolis was mainly developed.



