

## WALKS IN THE KOKKARI AREA OF SAMOS

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A guide for walkers in the Kokkari area  
of the eastern Aegean Greek island of Samos

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### INTRODUCTION

A **wildfire** in July 2000, started deliberately, destroyed 20-25% of the island's forests and orchards, ninety houses and many peoples' livelihoods – much of the damage was in the area covered by this book. In the last 20 years, probably 50% of the island has been set alight, and the area is likely to grow as the pressure for land development increases. For walkers, the main problems in the years following wildfires are fallen trees and branches blocking paths. Dead pine trees can take a number of years to collapse, and can be surprisingly difficult to negotiate, particularly when they block a path on a steep slope.