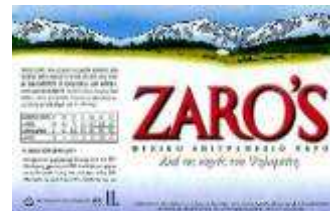
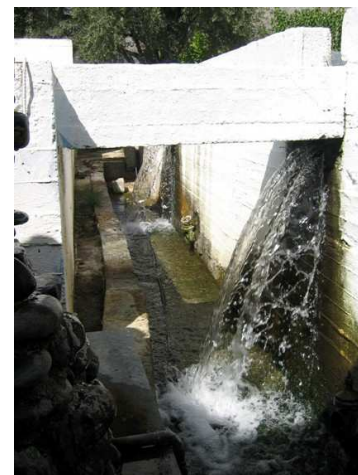


**Informationen zur Umwelt und für Naturreisende auf Kreta:**
Information about the Environment and for travellers in Crete:**Trout breeding at Crete****Zarós:** known for its water wealthiness!

The mountain village *Zarós* [Ζαρός] is located at the southern slope of the *Ida* Mountain above *Messará*-plain. It is to be reached from *Iraklion* [Ηράκλειο] towards south to *Agia Vavara* [Αγία Βαρβάρα]. Here you turn right at the southern village exit towards *Kamáres* [Καμάρες]. You than arrive at the village *Zarós* after around 11 miles. *Zarós* is known for its water wealthiness; here the everywhere on Crete available “ZARÓS” is bottled. The village consists of an "Upper village" (*Anó Zarós* [Ανω Ζαρός]) and a "lower village" (*Kato Zarós* [Κάτω Ζαρός]).The "upper village" is easy to miss (the supposed main road leads to the "lower village"); therefore, attention at the crossroads: to the "upper village" (and further to *Kamáres*) take the right junction, just behind the petrol station). After about 650 yards turn right in a very narrow street (there is a wooden plate on the wall; "Tavern Coffee 'Limni' 3 km"), which you follow for around a half mile (outside of the village) up to the trout breeding with the fish taverns and the watermill. From here it's about 650 yards to the above lying source (the starting point for a hike through the *Rouvas*-Canyon and to the monastery *Ágios Nikólaos*).

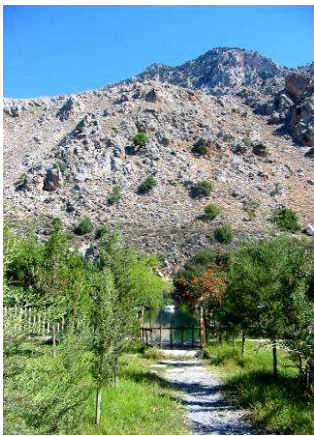
It exists indeed: a trout breeding at Crete. In the 1980s, a local farmer realized his idea with the support of the Greek Government; to establish a trout breeding in *Zarós*. He imported trout eggs from Canada from which over the years was a stately breeding; the breeding station is accessible through a fish Tavern as well as from the street. At first a secret tip just amongst tourists, even the Cretans discovered the distinctive benefits of this fish not indigenous on the island. Today there are several “Fish Taverns” close to the breeding station. Close to the (Idi-) Hotel is a (Museums-) watermill. Both are fed from the source (0.4 miles above). Today the source is an excursion destination often used by the locals for a picnic. The workshop of **ANTÓNIOS STEFANÁKIS**, known as musicals instruments maker, is located within the “upper village“, directly at the main road.



Pictures of the breeding station: breeding basin with source, trout's within pond, gutter of basin.



Pictures are showing (from left to right): the leat of the old watermill, the former living room within the mill and a view of the terrace of the adjacent fish tavern. Our recommendation for the palate: smoked trout on vegetable bed (9 € / 2004).



Pictures are showing (from left to right): the park around the source, the source-lake and a view of the hiking way towards Roúwas-Canyon starting at the source-lake. **Photos:** U. Kluge (2004)

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