

PLATANISKIA TO ALEKTORA (Circular, no bus)

Date: Sunday 19th November 2017

Walk Leader: Mike Hillyar

Grade 3, 9 miles

Meeting Time: 9.15 for 9.30 start

Walk Description

Today's walk is led by Mike Hillyar and we all meet in Alektora and then car share the 3 kilometres to Plataniskia, where there is a car park at the entrance to the village.

We will start here by walking a short distance into the village before turning off down into a shallow valley. From here, we will follow the farm tracks up a steady climb lasting about 30 minutes, where we will be rewarded by some spectacular views over the valleys inland. Continuing across the hill top for a short distance, we have a meandering descent through pine trees and welcome shaded areas. At the bottom of the hill is a small bridge (possibly Venetian?) and a weir. From here we continue through the shady pine trees to the deserted ruined village of Kato Archimandrita, and there we will stop at the church which will provide us with the perfect spot for lunch.

After lunch, we will continue through the gorge for about 1½ miles and then take a slow climb lasting about 40 min out of the valley. Again, it's well worth the climb to be faced with some amazing views down through the gorge as it winds its way off into the distance. The path leads around the hillside and returns us to Alektora after a couple of miles. Unfortunately, there is not much shade once we leave the Gorge but it is still very pleasant and picturesque. The "Cockerel" Cafe where we met should be open for post walk drinks. If not we will head back towards Pissouri and meet at Rantzos

The walk is mostly on good farm tracks, with short distances over rocky ground when walking up the river bed at the bottom of the gorge and it should take about 4 hours.

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Directions to the meeting point:

From Limassol follow the motorway (A6) towards Pafos and take the exit for Pissouri (not Pissouri Bay!). At the end of the slip road, turn left down to the junction. Turn right here (opposite Rantzos) and then right again after about 750 metres, signposted Alektora. From there, follow the signs to the village. Just before you reach Alektora, turn left at a sign for a cafe by an open barn (the sign has a picture of a Cockerel/rooster on it). A bit further on turn left again at the next sign. Park in this area and prepare for car sharing for the short trip to the start point at Plataniskia .

Leaders mobile number for use on walk day only – 99015247

Bookings:

Bookings close at midday of the preceding Wednesday

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