

16. Tsagaradha circular walk



A beautiful forest walk which is very suitable for hot days, starting from Aghia Paraskevi, one of the three centres of Tsagaradha. The walk takes you through a magnificent chestnut forest, with every now and then a peek through the trees towards the sea. You walk along a very good earth road and at the end along cobbled paths (kalderimi). The trees give a lot of shade. Every now and then you pass an orchard. After a little more than an hour you reach the highest point of the walk; from there you walk downhill. The walk is 10 kilometres long and spans a height of almost 400 metres. It took us 2.5 hours.

Start: Drive to the east side of Pilion via Milies or Neochori. This is a beautiful drive with views along the coast and in the shade of overhanging trees. You enter Tsagaradha from the south. At the sign Tsagaradha set your odometer to 0. After 2.7 kilometres there is a spring water drinking fountain on your left. To the right, a road heads down in front of a tourist information board. Take this road and then take the first road to the right. This leads to the parking lot where the walk starts. Behind the parking lot is the square of Aghia Paraskevi, with a plane tree that is hundreds of years old.

Map: Anavasi 6.21 Thessaly, Mt Pilion, 1:25.000.

Map for waypoints and tracks: Anavasi Topomap 3D op CD-Rom, Pilio – Mavrovouni, South Pilio.



Food and drink: There are tavernas in Tsagaradha. There is a spring water drinking fountain in the square in the beginning of the walk.

1. From the parking lot walk back to the road.
2. Turn up to the left.
3. 30 metres further on you turn left onto a kalderimi.
4. 80 metres higher up, where the kalderimi bends to the right, you pass a shop and walk up steps to the road.
5. At the asphalt road turn right. There is a spring water drinking fountain on the other side of the road. You walk past a supermarket.
6. After a bend a concrete road heads up to the left. Take this road. You walk into a forest. Follow the concrete road up. Walk past Hotel 12. After this hotel the concrete road changes into an earth road. Ignore a path to the left and further on an earth road to the right and continue walking up along the earth road.
7. At an earth road up to the right you continue walking straight on round a bend to the left. The earth road descends a little and then immediately heads up again. You pass in succession a sign reading ΑΓΙΟΣ ΑΘΑΝΑΣΙΟΣ, a transmission tower and a small concrete building. The earth road continues ascending.
8. After 30-40 minutes you reach a wooden resting place with benches. There is a sign towards the chapel of ΑΓΙΟΣ ΑΘΑΝΑΣΙΟΣ that lies 150 metres further on. To go there take the left hand path.
9. At ΑΓΙΟΣ ΑΘΑΝΑΣΙΟΣ there are picnic tables and another spring water drinking fountain. This is the highest point of the walk.



Walk back to point 8 and head down to the left. Ignore an earth road up to the right and continue walking down along the earth road. Ignore all side paths. You pass a concrete water tank on your left hand side and later on a second much larger one.

10. Further on a path leads to the chapel of ΠΡΟΦΗΤΗ ΗΛΙΑ. Ignore this path and continue walking down. Further on you pass a few houses.

11. At a house at a bend in a

- concrete road you head down to the left. Further down ignore a path to the left.
12. You reach an asphalt road. Turn right here.
13. 50 metres further on a kalderimi heads down to the left. On a sign is painted ΑΓ. ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗΣ (1914). The kalderimi narrows into an overgrown path and further down once again becomes a beautiful kalderimi.
14. At a junction, head down to the right and at the next junction head down to the right once again.

15. At a wire netting fence with poles painted red and black, and a wooden pole with a sign (to ΑΓ ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗΣ and ΑΓ ΠΑΝΤΕΛΕΗΜΟΝΟΣ) a narrow path heads down to the left. Take this path.
16. You reach a kalderimi, turn right here. A red arrow also points in that direction. Further on ignore a kalderimi heading downwards and follow the red arrow.
17. At an asphalt road cross over to the left and 20 metres further on take a path down to the right. You descend to a river bed, which you cross along a concrete bridge. From there you walk up again. You pass a church. At the asphalt road walk up to the left.
18. At a large building walk in front of the building towards a stone path at the other side. You pass the Lost Unicorn hotel and walk further on to the square with its old plane tree.
19. On the right hand side of the church walk up steps towards the parking lot.



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