

17. Chorto – Metochi – Paou - Chorto



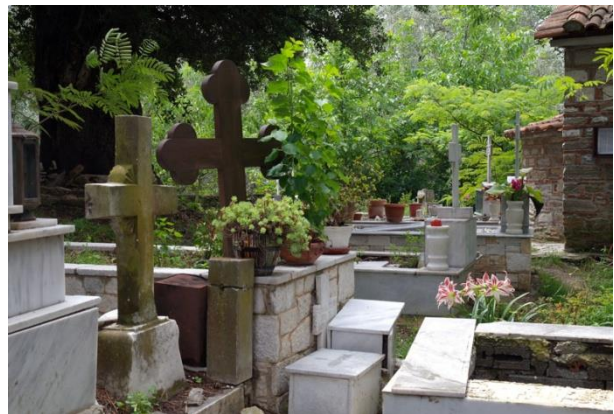
A beautiful and varied walk that for a large part has been marked with the yellow signs of the Friends of the Kalderimi. You walk up from Chorto to Metochi through the varied countryside. From Metochi you continue a little further up to the cobbled path (kalderimi) between Arghalasti and Chorto that was cleared in the winter of 2012 by the Friends of the Kalderimi. The descent begins along this path, after which you branch off towards the former monastery of Paou. You walk back to Chorto along the coast. The paths on this walk are in good condition. The walk is 10.5 kilometres long and it spans a height of 220 metres. It took us 3 hours.

Start: Chorto lies on the road south to Trikeri. Drive into the village and turn right just after the river in the direction of the sea. At the spring water drinking fountain at the quay you can park your car.

Map: Anavasi 4.3 Thessaly, South Pilio, 11:50.000. Map for waypoints and tracks: Anavasi Topomap 3D op CD-Rom, Pilio – Mavrovouni, South Pilio.

Food and drink: In Chorto there is a spring water drinking fountain and there are also tavernas. In Metochi there is a drinking fountain and a taverna, but it is currently not open. There is a drinking fountain at the monastery.

1. The walk starts at the pedestrian bridge over the stream. There is a wooden pole with the yellow walker signs of the Friends of the Kalderimi. Walk to the asphalt road.
2. Cross the road and walk into a road on the left side of the stream.
3. 200 metres further on follow the concrete road up to the right; a yellow sign indicates the direction. You pass a cemetery.
4. At a junction turn left onto the concrete road.
5. At the next junction turn left.
6. At a fork bear up to the right. To your left you can see the sea.
7. At a T-junction turn left. Immediately afterwards ignore a path to the left.

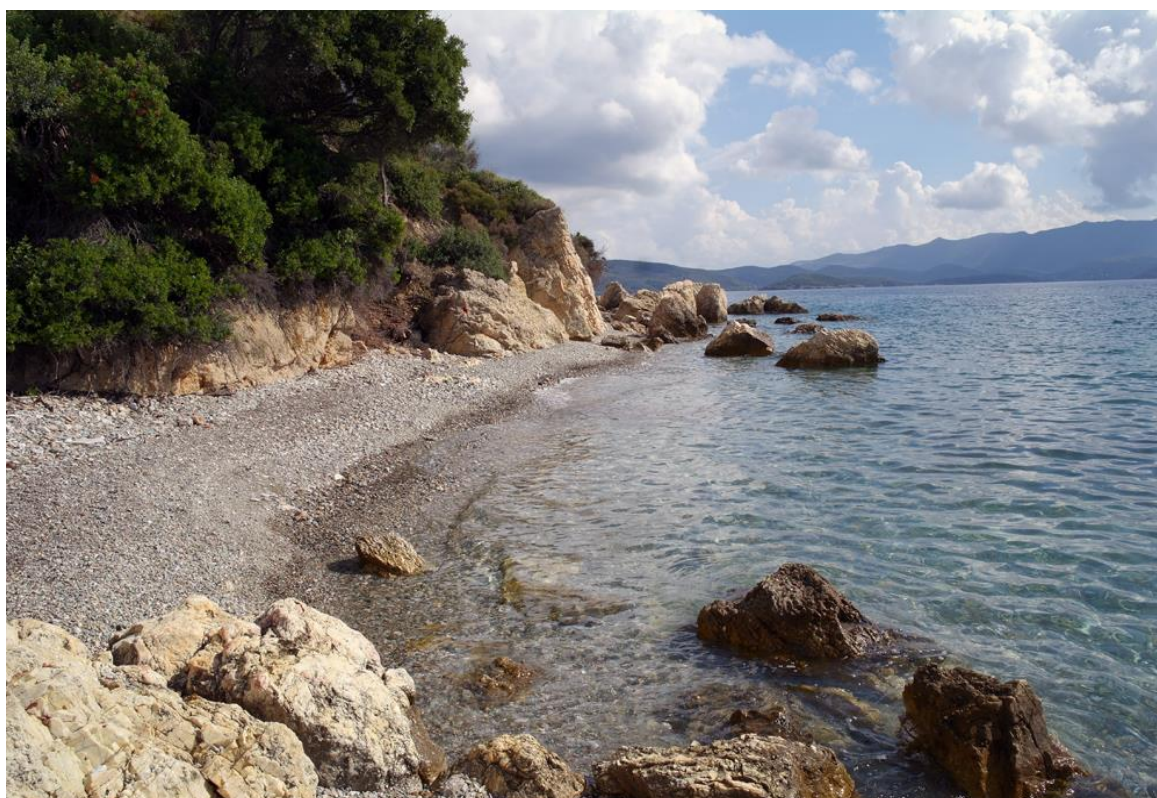


8. Then, at the large bend to the right, follow a path to the left into an olive grove. A yellow sign (METOXI) indicates the beginning of the path. You pass a white shrine. Further on you cross a stream. Follow the path up to the right.
9. At a concrete road go up to the right.
10. A little later at a T-junction turn left. Ignore paths to the left.
11. At a wooden pole with signs you can follow the concrete road up to the asphalt road and the square of Metochi. The walk goes to the left here, onto a concrete road with an irrigation channel alongside. You now walk parallel to the asphalt road through Metochi.
12. You reach the asphalt road at a spring water drinking fountain. Opposite the rusty steamroller at the bend in the road, a narrow path begins to the right. There is a yellow sign on a tree. Take this path. A little further on at an olive grove with young olive trees you continue further up to the right along an unclear path.
13. At the top you see a pole with signs. To the right a path leads to Argalasti. Take the path to the left to Chorto.
14. Cross the asphalt road and continue walking down the beautiful kalderimi.
15. Turn right at the asphalt road and almost immediately left onto the path on the other side.
16. 300 metres further on at a crossing with a path, turn right.
Cross the asphalt road and continue straight ahead down a concrete road that changes into a gravel road. Ignore a gravel road to the right towards a house.
17. Where the gravel road turns to the right continue straight ahead along the edge of an olive grove. At the end of the grove walk down straight ahead.
18. At the bottom take a narrow path to the left into the trees.
19. You reach an earth road. Turn right here. Follow the earth road, passing a large house further on, until you reach a fish pond.
20. Turn left here and follow the path between the cypress trees. Continue straight ahead along the side of Paou monastery and continue round the corner along the monastery wall.



21. About half way along this a path turns left into an olive grove. Take this path and walk down straight ahead. The path meets an earth road; continue downhill straight ahead.
22. 20 metres further on a yellow walker sign (reading Paou) indicates a narrow path to the right. You descend here along the edge of an olive grove. At the bottom of the grove turn right.

23. Further on at the asphalt road turn left.
24. Past a long stone wall turn right into a narrow kalderimi. It descends between houses to the sea.
25. At the beach turn left. Before the end of the beach walk up a concrete road. It turns into an asphalt road that leads up passing a few houses.
26. Turn right onto the first road to the right, a concrete road that heads down.
27. At the end before a big gate with gate posts turn left at a wire netting fence into a narrow path that runs down between the houses. Once below there is a pole with a yellow walker sign indicating Chorto. Walk in this direction towards an earth road.
28. At the beginning of the earth road there is an opening in a fence through which you can walk in the direction of the sea. Continue walking parallel to the sea. At a large pylon the path bends to the left. Walk through another opening in a fence and continue towards the asphalt road.
29. At the asphalt road turn right.
30. Turn right into the first earth road, between olive trees.
31. At the sea, at a bend to the right, turn left onto a narrow path. Follow this path along the coastline and some small beaches.



32. After a little more than 400 metres at steps made of concrete building blocks turn left upwards into an olive grove.
33. 75 metres further up at a large stone on your left hand side with a red dot turn right onto a narrow path. Red dots mark this path. The path meets an earth road – from here continue following the red dots along the coastline. Further on the path changes into a concrete path that runs along houses and tavernas. You reach a concrete road, continue straight ahead.
34. At the bend to the left a narrow path continues down straight ahead; there are red dots here. You once again follow the coast-line passing houses and bars. You reach a concrete road, which you follow up until the asphalt road.
35. Turn right here. You walk into Chorto. At a bend to the left you walk down wide steps to the right. At the sea turn left. Walk back to the beginning of the walk.

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