

11b. Trikeri-Aghia Kiriaki-Trikeri



Trikeri lies in the most south-western part of Pilio and the surrounding area is rugged, open and dry. Because of its isolated location, development has been slower than in the rest of Pilio. The drive to Trikeri along the coast is beautiful. Aghia Kiriaki is a picturesque fishing village reminiscent of those on the islands and it is a bit more touristy than Trikeri. This beautiful walk is a little adventurous due to the absence of clear paths for a large part of it. First it takes you to a cairn on the headland south of Trikeri with a lovely view. From there you descend to Aghia Kiriaki. On this stretch there is no well-defined path but only goat tracks, and you have to walk over rocks and between shrubs. Long trousers are advisable here. This part of the walk is marked with red dots. From Aghia Kiriaki, a wide and comfortable cobbled path (kalderimi) takes you back up to Trikeri. The walk offers some beautiful views. We did the walk in May when there was an abundance of flowers. It is a little more than 6 km long, spans a height of 280 metres and it took us 2 hours.

Start: There are one or two buses daily from Volos to Trikeri and back.

Map: Anavasi 4.3 Thessaly, South Pilio, 1:50.000.

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

Food and drink: There are restaurants in both Trikeri and Aghia Kiriaki.

The walk begins at the car park in Trikeri. When you drive into the village you pass a Revoil petrol station, after which the road bears to the right. Immediately after that, a narrow road turns to the left to the car park.

1. From the entrance of the car park you walk up wide steps. A blue sign indicates KENTPON/Centre. Cross the square. While doing so you pass the church. Walk

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straight forward into a small road that heads downwards. Follow the road until a bend to the right.

2. At this bend a paved road heads down to the left. Take this road. It leads down to the cemetery. An earth path leads around the cemetery and continues in the same direction. It takes you out of the village.
3. The path changes into an earth road. Ignore a road to the right. Further on at the highest point the earth road bears to the right.
4. About 60 metres further on, you turn up to the right between two rows of stones in the direction of a group of pine trees. There is a chapel. Walk around the chapel and on the other side continue walking straight down over rocks. You see a low stone wall beneath you. Follow the red marks there. From there continue walking down, first bearing slightly to the left, later more to the right. There is no path here; now and then there are goat tracks. Follow the red marks. You walk roughly in the direction of the headland over stones and rocks, finding your way between plants and shrubs.
5. At two red arrows on a rock the arrow pointing left indicates the route to a lovely viewpoint at a cairn (6). The arrow pointing right indicates the continuation of the walk.



6. From the cairn you walk back to the arrows. There you turn left into a narrow path.
7. About 30 metres further on, you turn to the left into a narrow path with parallel paths. It looks a little like a river bed. On the next stretch various goat tracks run down. Walk roughly in the direction of the village down by the sea, and further down more specifically towards the farthest left side of this village. Stay on the left side of the gully. At the end you have to cross a section with large rocks. Here you walk in the direction of a few antennae.



8. You reach a slightly more distinct path just below a small shrine. From here the path runs down to the village of Aghia Kiriaki. Walk down between the houses towards the quay and turn right. Continue walking parallel to the sea to the other side of the village.

9. Almost at the end, at a crossing, you see a car park at your left. Straight forward the road heads up. You turn right. Follow the road first to the right and then to the left. You walk up between the houses.

10. At the highest point, turn left and continue further up. The path takes you out of the village and changes into a very well kept kalderimi that zigzags up in the direction of Trikeri. Further up it crosses an asphalt road.

11. In Trikeri the kalderimi opens out on a concrete path. Keep going straight ahead.

12. At a fork keep to the left. The stone path ends at the square where the walk begins.



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