

15. Neochori circular walk



A very easy walk that is especially nice because of the beautiful views and varied vegetation. You walk along earth roads around the top of a 700 metre hill and the views are in the direction of both the Pagasitic Gulf and (sometimes at the same time) towards the Aegean Sea and the Sporades Islands. The vegetation consists of a large variety of trees, shrubs, herbaceous plants and ferns. Choose a bright day to make this walk, when the views show to full advantage. There is little shade and when we were there, it was very windy. The length of the walk is 7.5 kilometres and it spans a height of 200 metres. It took us less than 2 hours. Start: From Volos you take the main road through Afetes to Neochori. Continue through the village and just before passing the sign indicating that you are leaving Neochori, turn right onto an asphalt road. At the corner a sign with ΔΥΜΟΤΙΚΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ indicates the direction. Then take the first road to the right opposite an area where flat stones are stored. You pass a school. Ignore a road to the right. Past a sharp bend to the right you take the first earth road to the left. At the corner there is a dilapidated house. The walk starts here.

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 no tavernas and there is no water along the route. When you drive through the village you will see a sign reading 'πλατεία' that will lead you to a lovely square with tavernas and a beautiful view.



1. Walk up the earth road and follow it for more than a kilometre. Ignore a path to the right.
2. At a junction in the road you take the first road to the right. There are signs reading ΑΠΑΓΟΡΕΥΕΤΑΙ ΤΟ ΚΥΝΗΓΙ. You gradually walk further up.
3. At a T-junction turn left. Further on you ignore a path to the right.
4. At a T-junction turn upwards to the right. Here once again is a sign reading ΑΠΑΓΟΡΕΥΕΤΑΙ ΤΟ ΚΥΝΗΓΙ.
5. When you reach a crossing at the top turn right. (The path to the left leads in the direction of a stony top of 690 metres. With some clambering you can find your way up.) The route now gradually starts descending.
6. At a fork in front of a transmission tower you bear down to the left. You pass a second transmission tower. Further down you reach the T-junction at point 3. Turn down to the left. At the junction in the road (at point 2) turn left. Walk further down to the beginning of the walk.



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***Enjoyed your walk? Any comments? Let us know!
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