

## 18. Milina-Kidhonies-Pighes-Milina



*A beautiful and easy walk south of Milina with lovely views in a northerly direction over the Pagasitic Gulf. First you walk up along earth roads between olive groves. You continue on a narrow path between the settlements of Kidhonies and Pighes, with an extra loop that takes you to a hilltop with fantastic views all around. Finally you walk down along earth roads back to Milina. We made the walk in September but the abundance of dried flowers along the route suggests that it must be beautiful here in spring and summer. You pass a small chapel.*

*The walk is 8,5 kilometres long and spans a height of 325 metres. It took us a little more than 3 hours. Start: to reach Milina you take the road from Volos through Argalasti and southwards along the coast. 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 and bars in Milina. In Kidhonies there is a spring water drinking fountain but in September there was hardly any water coming out.*

1. The walk begins in Milina at the quay next to the church, where the road to Lafkos (ΛΑΥΚΟΣ) begins. Take this road.
2. After 650 metres bear right into an earth road. At the beginning the earth road is very wide, with two olive trees in the middle. You cross a bridge. Further up you pass a small football pitch, continue walking up between the olive groves. Some parts of the earth road have been covered with concrete. Ignore an earth road to the left.
3. At an earth road up to the left with an olive tree in the middle you turn left. (First you can walk 100 metres straight ahead to a chapel. The key hangs in the top right hand corner of the door).

4. Through the small hamlet Kidhonia you reach a T junction at a concrete water pond. Turn left here. The road winds further up. Ignore side paths into the olive groves. As you climb higher, there are more shrubs and trees growing between the olive trees.



5. After a kilometre the shrubs and trees prevail and there are fewer olive trees. Here you take a path that turns up to the right. To the left of the bend is an olive tree with a faded red dot.

6. After 45 metres, before the path ends in an olive grove, you turn left into a narrow path. At the beginning is a stone with a red dot. A little further on you walk beside a stone wall. The path runs in a wide curve along the slope around the valley on your left hand side. The path is partly deepened and partly shaded.



7. At a crossroads a yellow walker sign indicates that Hondri Ammos is straight ahead. The path to the left leads in the direction of Pighes. You turn right here, up the hill.

8. You reach the top of the hill, from where you have a lovely view. To continue the walk descend along a path with a lot of loose stones to the left.

9. At a certain point the path becomes less steep and has less stones on it. From where you are you can see it levels out completely further down on the right and has no more stones on it at all. At this point a narrow path starts to the left, indicated by red marks. Take this path. It brings you back to number 7, where you now turn right, in the direction of Pighes.

10. The path ends in an olive grove. If you continue ahead and slightly to the left, you will find a deepened path after about 25 metres that continues to descend. Further on a stone wall once again runs along the path. You reach

an earth road. Turn left here and walk down the earth road. You pass a small chapel.

11. After 100 metres continue walking down the earth road where it bends sharply to the left.  
12. You reach an asphalt road. Turn left. At the next asphalt road turn left again and walk back to the beginning of the walk at the church.

With thanks to the Friends of the Kalderimi.

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