

7. Afissos – Afetes – Afissos



A nice and varied walk from the coastal village Afissos to Afetes and back. A large part of the route up to Afetes runs through a large gully following a river bed where it's always shady and cool. Lovely plane trees grow here and when we made the walk in May there were a lot of birds singing. Crossing a wooden bridge that was made in the winter of 2012-2013 you reach the end of the gully and a stone path that leads you into Afetes. The way back is easier along stone paths (kalderimi), earth roads and an asphalt road. This part provides pleasant views over the Pagasitic Gulf.

The walk is almost entirely marked with red dots. Because a part of the walk follows a river bed it is recommended to wear sturdy shoes. Long trousers give protection against mosquitoes when you stand still in the gully. The walk is 5.5 kilometres long and spans a height of 230 metres. It took us little more than one and a half hours.

Start: Afissos is on the west coast of Pilio and can be reached by bus from Volos.

Map: Anavasi 4.3 South Pilio, 1:50.000.

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

Food and drink: At the start of the walk in Afissos there are tavernas and a spring water drinking fountain. In Afetes there are tavernas and a small supermarket on the square.

1. The walk starts at the square of Afissos. Walk along the quay to the south, keeping the sea on your right hand side.
2. After about 500 metres, before a large beach and just behind restaurant Marabou, you turn left into a concrete road. You walk out of the village passing holiday apartments and houses.
3. Where the road makes a sharp turn to the right, two paths run straight ahead. Take the left path. On your right hand side there is a sign on a tree indicating Afetes. This

section of the route runs partly along and partly next to a river bed. As you walk further the slopes which are covered by olive trees become steeper.

4. After about 400 metres a yellow sign reading NIAOU (Afetes) guides you to the left, between two plane trees. As you come higher in the gully you will have to scramble over boulders. Sometimes red dots indicate the easiest route. At the end of the gully is a wooden bridge that leads to a kalderimi into the village of Afetes.
5. The kalderimi ends at a concrete road. Turn left here. Further on you cross a stream bed.
6. The concrete road continues to the right but to your left an earth road heads upwards. Take this road. However, if you want to have a drink on the square you cross the small stone bridge. From here a kalderimi leads up to a large parking area. Keep to the right on the parking area and you will reach the church and
7. the square of Afetes. Walk back to nr. 6 and up the earth road. It passes a house. Further on ignore a wide path down to the left, and later on ignore a wide path to the right that leads to the cemetery.
8. You reach an asphalt road. Follow it down to the left.
9. At two red arrows and a red dot there is a small short cut along a path that leads to the road further down. If the path is too overgrown, follow the road.
10. After a large pylon and just before hotel Karavia a path leads to the right. Follow this path down in the direction of Afissos.



11. At the asphalt road turn right.
12. After 100 metres turn left onto a concrete road that leads you further down. At a house this road becomes a stone road. At the end turn down to the right and 10 metres further turn left. Follow the road as it leads down towards the square.

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