

9. Aghios Ioannis – Mouresi – Damouchari – Aghios Ioannis



A walk that is easy to find and that, for a large part, follows old cobbled paths (kalderimi) through lush vegetation and olive groves. It is steeper than the walks on the western side of Pilion.

Damouchari is a small picturesque village with a natural harbour. The first part of the walk, to Mouresi, follows kalderimi and narrow paths. The part to Damouchari follows kalderimi and earth roads. From Damouchari, you walk along the beach of Papa Nero. Because the narrow paths are rather steep, they can be slippery when they are wet.

Start: Aghios Ioannis lies on the east coast of Pilion. By car from Afissos it is 50 kilometres, which took us (driving leisurely) an hour and a half. The drive, especially the route over Milies, is beautiful, passing shady forests with beautiful big old trees and with wonderful views over the coast-line. Just after you've passed the sign indicating you've reached Mouresi, take the first road to your right. At the fork bear right, at the T-junction further down turn left. At camping Papa Nero keep to the left. The walk is 7.5 kilometres long and spans a height of 375 metres. It took us 2.5 hours.

Map: Anavasi 6.21 Thessaly, Mt Pilion, 1:25.000.

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

Food and drink: In Aghios Ioannis there are many tavernas. In Mouresi there is a taverna on the central square and a spring water drinking fountain. In Damouchari there are also tavernas.

The walk begins at the car park at the southern end of Aghios Ioannis, by the beach, where there is also an information office.

1. Cross the white metal bridge and follow the walkway between the camping site and the beach.

2. Past the camping site turn right. Pass the entrance of the camping site and walk up to the left onto the asphalt road.
3. 90 metres further up, a path ascends to the right with a walker sign (yellow sign with black walker). Take this path to cut off a part of the road.
4. Once at the road again, turn right and follow the road up.
5. After a few bends in the road, a path begins on your right with a wooden fence alongside. On the fence there is a sign marked MOYΠEΣI (Mouresi). Walk up here.
6. Cross the asphalt road and continue following the path up. You have already climbed 100 metres!
7. At the road turn left.
8. After 200 metres, at a right-hand bend, turn left upwards onto a kalderimi.
9. Once at the road again follow it to the right and, before the bend, turn left onto a kalderimi. Further up another kalderimi joins yours from the left. Follow the kalderimi up the hill.
10. At the road turn right, cross the road and immediately take the path that goes up to the left. Opposite the drive of a house you reach the road. Turn right here.



11. At the next left-hand bend, in front of a concrete wall with a red arrow, a path goes to the right. Take this path.
12. You reach a concrete road. The middle section is made of cobbles. Follow this road up and ignore a similar road to the left (to the school).
13. At the next right-hand bend you take a kalderimi going up.
14. You reach an asphalt road. You can turn right here to the church and Mouresi square to have a drink. The walk continues to the left. The asphalt road meets another road.
15. Turn left here. You pass a church with a spring water drinking fountain and a cemetery.
16. At the next left-hand bend, a path heads down to the right. There is a yellow walker sign. Take this path. Near a few houses the path changes into concrete. At a fork, bear to the right and descend along a kalderimi. The kalderimi ends at the drive of a house and a concrete road. Turn left here and walk down to the road. At the road turn right.
17. Past a few houses a concrete road with a cobbled middle section heads down to the left. Take this road and continue descending. At the bottom, cross a road and follow the stone path further down. You see a yellow walker sign and a sign indicating Damouchari. The path changes into concrete. Turn left at a fork.
18. 20 metres after a left-hand bend, at a yellow walker sign, a narrow path goes to the right. Take this path. The path changes into a beautiful, shaded kalderimi that ends at an earth road.
19. Turn right here and follow the earth road till you reach a yellow walker sign, past a right-hand bend. This sign marks the beginning of a narrow path down. Take this path. At an earth road turn right.
20. A little further down, a path branches off to the right. There is a yellow walker sign. The path becomes a stony path and ends at a road.
21. Past a right-hand bend, a kalderimi heads to the right. Descend further along this kalderimi.
22. At a concrete road with a cobbled strip in the middle you turn to the right and continue walking down.

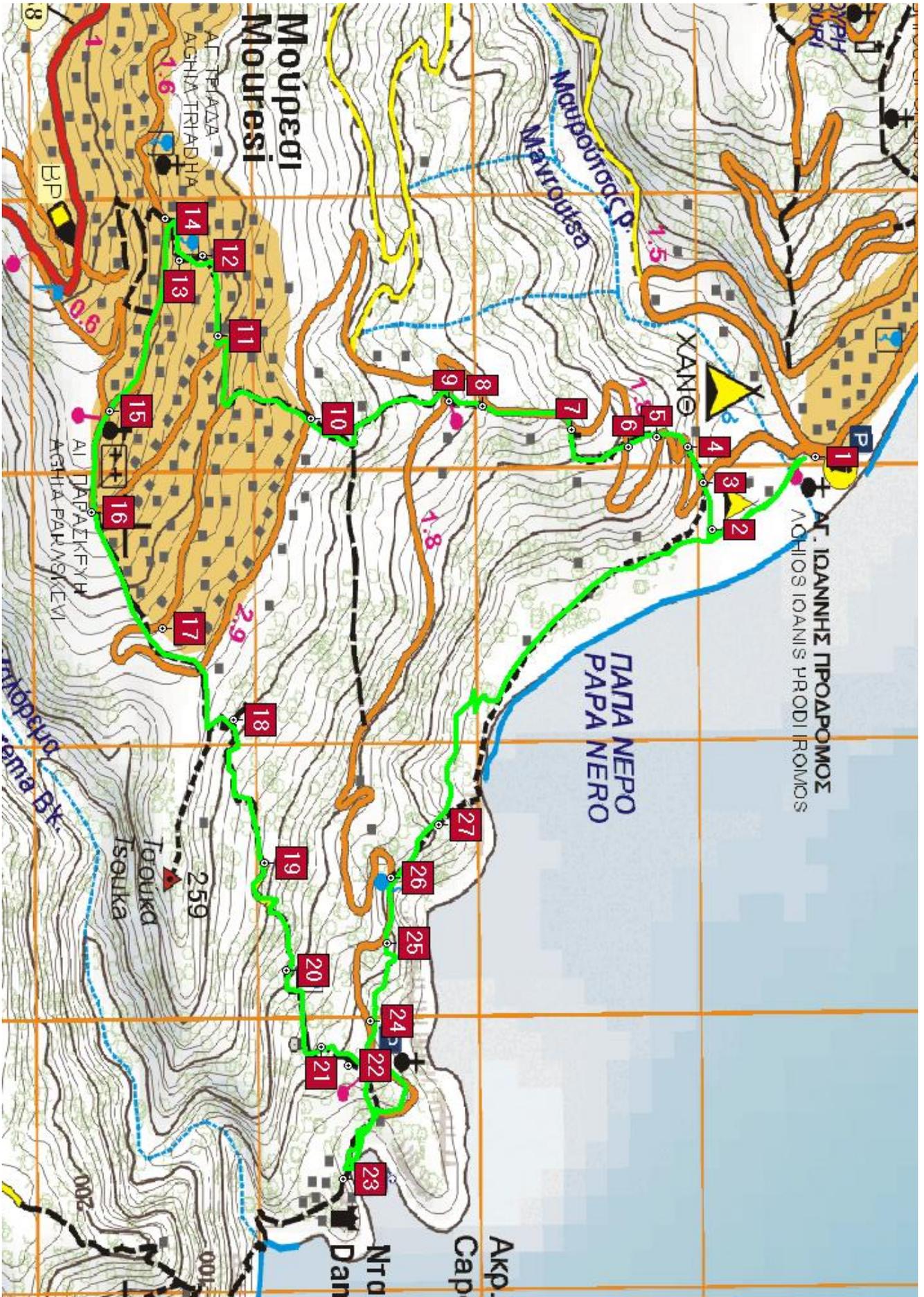
23. Where the surface of this road changes into paving stones, you can turn right towards the beach of Damouchari. The walk continues to the left. You walk past shops and tavernas. When you pass the natural harbour with fishing boats, the path changes into a concrete road. You reach a car park with an olive tree in the middle, from where you continue on an asphalt road.



24. 70 metres past the car park, there is a drive on your right hand side and a narrow path on the left of the fence. With this narrow path you cut off a part of the asphalt road. Ignore side paths to the right. If this path turns out to be too overgrown you can also follow the asphalt road.
25. Back on the asphalt road turn right.
26. Where the road broadens out at a drinking fountain, a road branches off down to the right. Take this road.
27. At a bend to the left with a sign indicating Hostel Katerina a concrete path heads down to the right. Take this path.
28. After 70 metres a narrow path heads to the left. Descend along this path and follow it to the large beach of Papa Nero. From there you walk back to Aghios Ioannis along the beach.



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