

ZAKYNTHOS WALKS

(for use in conjunction with photocopied map of north end of island)

("Road" = tarmac road; "Track" = unsurfaced vehicle track; "Footpath" = unsuitable for vehicles)

Short walk from Storeali (45 mins)

1. Turn right out of Storeali up the track.
2. Shortly after turning on left (0.8km), take turning on right (further (0.1km).
3. Continue on track which turns into a very rough track (0.2km) before becoming a road at top of hill. Turn right at cross-roads (0.7km).
4. Follow road down to Storeali (1.0km)

Longer walk from Storeali (90 mins)

1. Turn left out of Storeali up road.
2. At ruined windmill (0.7km) turn right onto road.
3. Turn left up obvious well used track (0.7km). (If you reach the main Elies-Askos road you have gone 0.2km too far but you can take the opportunity to visit the Olive Press to buy olive oil or in season to see it being pressed 0.4km up the main road to the left at junction with Elies-Korithi road).
4. Follow track uphill until you reach a T junction with well used track crossing hill approximately horizontally (0.8km, good views of Kefalonia). Turn left along this track.
5. Continue along track until you reach a cross-roads at a green gate (1.4km). Turn right along road leaving green gate to your left.
6. After 0.1km turn left along track.
7. Follow track downhill until you reach Storeali (1.5km).

Longer walk variation

1. As above but at T junction in 4 above turn right. Turn right onto downhill track (1km). (If you reach the main Volimes- Elies road you have gone 0.1km too far. You may see a fire engine stationed at the fire observation post nearby).
2. Cross main Volimes-Elies road (0.3km) and continue on downhill track until you join a more used track (further 0.7km). Turn right through farmyard.
3. Continue to main Volimes- Elies road (0.1km). Turn right up main road.
4. Within sight of Elies Park (probably not worth a visit), turn left down track (0.4km).
5. Follow track down until it meets single carriageway road (0.6km) just before junction of that road with the main Elies- Askos road. Turn right along single carriageway road.
6. At ruined windmill (0.8km), turn left. Follow road back down to Storeali (0.7km).

Monastery walk (45 mins each way)

1. Park at Volimes (by bins near the 's' of Volimes on the map is suitable). Follow road towards Anafonitra. Turn right at track that forks off main road (0.1km).
2. Follow track taking right fork (0.3km) until you reach T junction with another track (further 1km). Turn right.
3. The track will take you all the way to the monastery (ruined, good place to view sunset, 2.5km). However, there is a footpath about 1.6km from T junction (difficult to find, much eroded by rain) that leads vertically down from the track to the monastery providing a short cut. It is possible for a (rugged) vehicle to drive to the monastery. Less rugged cars can go part of the way to meet returning walkers.
4. Return the same way.

Sunset view strolls

Easier places to view the sunset either:

1. Take the main road from Volimes towards Anafonitra. Park at Aghios Georgios Monastery (2km, still occupied, worth a visit), walk past monastery towards the west until good view of sunset (0.1km); or
2. Turn right off Volimes-Anafonitra road just before Aghios Georgios signposted Navagio or Shipwreck (may still be closed following landslide). You can park above Shipwreck Bay. Move a bit to the right to find private viewing spot.