

## Local walks in and around Kalathos

We always wear trainers and take a bottle of water, it's 30C at 7am out there now!

1) Track up to the old olive grove behind V.Irene

There is a track just before you reach the villa (pic below) – this takes you up the hillside.



The track is very uneven and rocky in places, please take great care, particularly on the way down.



The views (pic below) are breath-taking. This is a short walk 20 mins there and back.



2) Walk from the Italian bridge to the monastery (around half hour each way)

Take a left when you reach the main road. Look out for a pottery place called Savvas Ceramics on the left (1st pic with the flags below, it's not far, around 2-3 mins), indicate left once you see the pottery place and take the left into a sandy looking road with olive trees either side. This is the road through an olive grove which takes you to the Italian bridge.



Italian bridge, built in WW2.





Park up just after the bridge and take the easy on the foot looking path to the left that eventually goes uphill (stunning views of mountains, pine forest, surrounding countryside. You will eventually come across a fork (around 20-25 mins). To get to the monastery, follow the left fork which has a brown sign.



The right fork is another walk which we haven't tried yet. Below is one of the views.



### 3) The walk to another olive grove from Kalathos village (25 mins each way)

No pics here on this one but it's an easy find. If coming from V.Irene, when you reach the turning taking you towards the main road, turn right and take the road leading you to Kalathos village. Park up before the church (there is a small bay area) and take the path into the village. You will see another path on the right leading uphill. Take this path, passing a row of villas on the right and head up towards the olive grove. When you reach a fork, take the path on the right (to avoid the beehives) and head uphill. You will see some dry-stone walling and very old olive trees at the top. There is spot to sit and take in the views.

### 4) The walk up Feraklos castle (Haraki) (20-25 mins to the top up rocky steps)

Turn left when you reach the main road, drive straight on until you reach the roundabout at Haraki, turn right at the roundabout into Haraki. The road bends round to the left, go straight, when you reach the junction past the car park, turn left and go straight for around 30-40 seconds until you see a turning on the right by the holiday apartments, take this turning going uphill towards Feraklos castle. There are places to park just before the castle. There is a path up, no safety rails, we wear trainers and sometimes need to use hands to steady us on the tricky bits. The views are wonderful.

### 5) The walk to Cleoboulos tomb from Lindos mains square

Starting from the Main Square in Lindos walk uphill slightly and take the first turning on your right, the road that leads to the main beach. A little after the road takes a sharp turn to the right you'll see a sign on your left marked 'Ancient Monument', head down this track until you come to a more modern monument (of Yannis Zigdis).

What was a path now becomes very stoney and uneven, follow this route until you reach the disused windmill, looking out for the little stacks of stones that mark the easiest way. The path from here up to the tomb is very uneven so again look out for the stacks of stones to guide you on the way up.

As a rough guide, two hours allows plenty of time to get there and back, including stops to take pictures and admire the views. As much of the route is uneven and rough underfoot, we would wear trainers and of course there's no shops out there so you'll need to take a bottle of water.

6) There are walks further afield in the villages of Asklipio and Lahania, we like to do the Lahania walk (Lahania is around a 30 minute drive from Irene) up to the little church of the Prophet Ilias. There is a path on the left from Platanos restaurant (Platanos is well signposted once you reach Lahania), this takes you past the village. Cross the main road and there are signs to the little Prophet Ilias church on the hill. This walk is around 25 minutes each way.