Waveney Ramblers Paphos 1 Airport Paphos E4

OS Map: Track: **GPX for SatNav** 6.7 Miles Updated: 2023

2023 Revision: Don't attempt this walk in wet or stormy weather or after heavy rain.

At the start and by the airport, this is a quiet and delightful walk in unspoiled terrain. There are few flights in winter so little disturbance. On the map, the bus route is shown in green. The walk back is shown in blue. From the Harbour Bus Station in Kato Paphos, catch the 09:20 (for example) bus (route 612) to the Airport. The fare was EUR 1.50. The 12 mile (20 km) bus route meanders through villages.

Get off the bus at the airport terminus or one or two stops earlier to walk through Timi forest - recommended!

The 6.7 mile (10.8 km) walk back is along the coast. From the airport bus stop, head south to the beach. Follow the perimeter road west. Shortly before some security gates, veer left onto a 4x4 track to the beach. There is an E4 long distance path waymark. Follow the beach and airport perimeter fence for 2.5 km. The 4x4 track ends. The terrain is uneven and rocky in places. Sometimes it's best to walk right beside the airport perimeter fence. Once I was checked out by airport security but there was no problem once it was established I was an English rambler following the E4. On balance it's good that security is that tight.

After the airport, there are two hazards:

West of the airport perimeter, 500 metres of the beach path has washed away. You can get through on a mixture of small and larger round stones. There is also a potentially muddy field perimeter route. The map shows a third safer alternative, heading a short way inland (one field width) and follows roads and tracks.

Before the river crossings, the E4 path heads northwest towards Acheleia and Episkopi.

Next there are one or two small rivers to wade, 150 metres apart. Mostly these are dry but after prolonged wet weather it might require a bare foot paddle. After heavy rains, flash flood conditions can occur (For example Jan 2019). Then this route can't be walked. You'd be washed out to sea. If you need to abort the walk, there are escape routes northwest back to the main road. This greatly lengthens the walk but at the main road there are buses at 80 minute intervals.

After the rivers, follow a mixture of hotels, bars and building sites all the way back to the harbour and bus station.

For refreshments, there are several tavernas on the route and near the harbour. A large archeological site is located here. EUR 4.50 or 2.25 for pensioners. At another free-entry site, it is said that Saint Paul was tied to the pillar (still there today) and given forty lashes minus one. This is signposted.

The E4 European long distance path has its westernmost point in Portugal. It continues through Spain, France, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Greece to end in Cyprus. It also visits the Greek island of Crete. Its length is more than 10,000 km, but the route through Romania and part of Bulgaria is not yet completely defined. An alternative route through Serbia, instead of Romania has been defined.

