

Rural Rambles Round Paphos

2023 Version

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Selected Bus Routes

OS Map: Track: [GPX for SatNav](#) Various Miles Updated: 2023

2023 Revision:

The Karavella station is being rebuilt. Double check the website for route changes. Until completion, most buses start and end at the Paphos market area. The harbour bus station is also temporary but so close to the original that there are no worries.

The walks that use buses generally head out using an infrequent service. The walk then heads back to Paphos or to a bus route where the service is every 10 to 15 minutes. This minimises the time spent waiting for buses, perhaps cold and wet if you are unlucky with the weather.

The 611 and 615 services along the coastal resorts are the most frequent with 10 or 15 minute intervals for most of the day.

The useful 616, Coral Bay to Agios Georgios via Peyia square, runs hourly with a lunch break around 13:00.

The other services are less frequent.

In 2019 and 2023 there was a flat fare of EUR 1.50 per ride. An unlimited day pass cost EUR 5.00. Week and month passes were available if you intended to make heavy use of the bus network. The week pass cost EUR 20.00 and was cost effective if you used two buses per day or more. The four week pass was EUR 40 - excellent value for longer visits or even a two week stay!

Buy trip and day tickets on the buses and week and month passes from the bus station office at the harbour or Karavella.

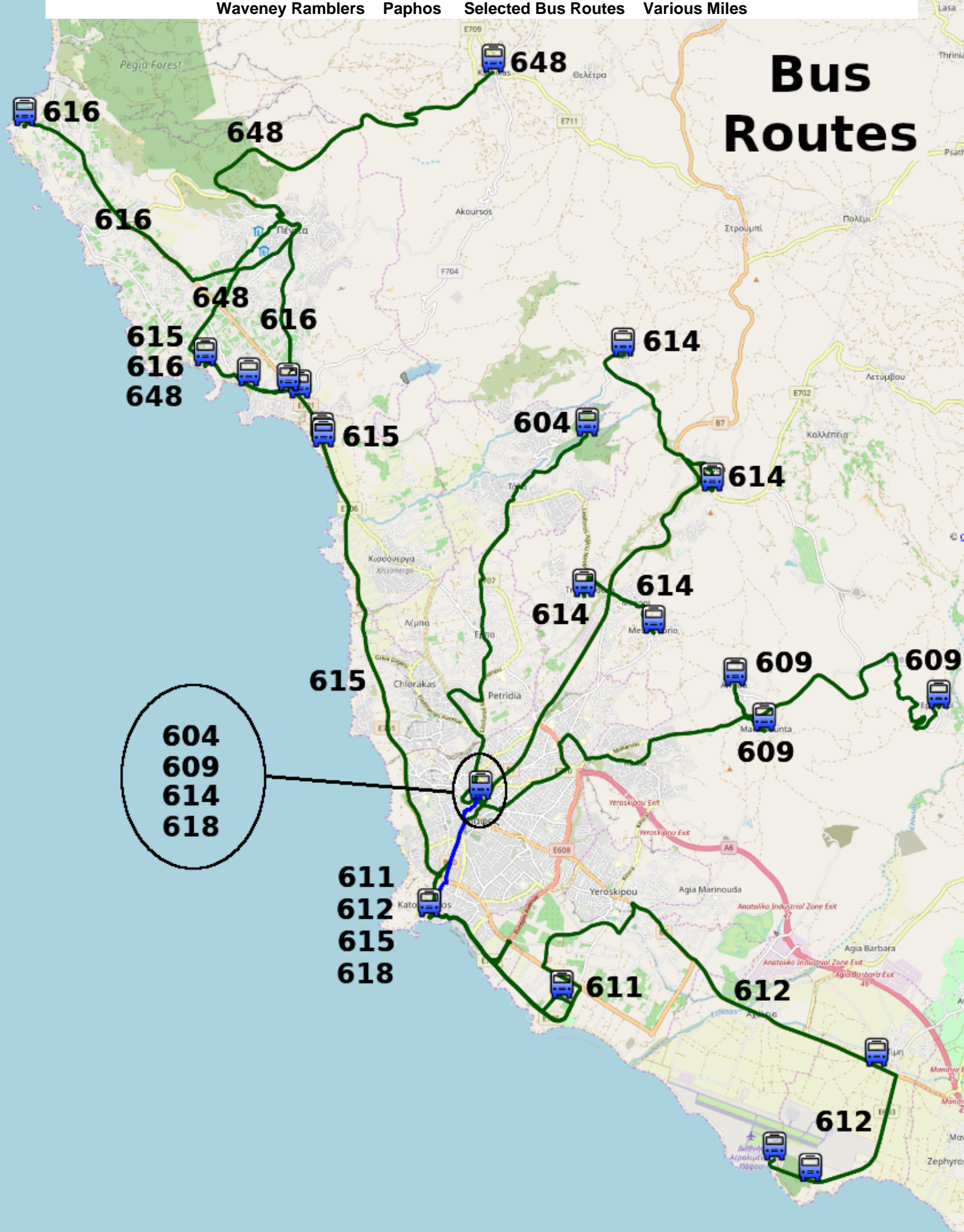
Get up-to-date details here: <https://www.pafosbuses.com/>

In January 2019 there was a ten day bus strike caused by a disagreement between the local government and the bus company OSYPA. The drivers were not paid for December so unsurprisingly they stopped driving. If you were on a 14 day break, this would really spoil your visit. Car hire is not too expensive as a backup plan but the linear walks are no longer possible.

In several weeks, excluding the strike days, I only had one late bus and no cancellations. This is excellent efficiency. There were some quirks like a new driver who didn't know the route. Passengers gave him directions. Another time we had to switch to a different bus. It was never clear why and we were not delayed at all.

In 2023, the service remained excellent!

Bus Routes



Waveney Ramblers Paphos 0 Rural Rambles - Paphos, Cyprus

OS Map: Track: [GPX for SatNav](#) Various Miles Updated: 2023

2023 Revision: This is a guide for ramblers covering the Paphos, Episkopi, Coral Bay and Agios Georgios areas. Buses are used to get into the hills and there are walks down to the sea. Several routes include sections of the E4 Trans-Europe path. The original guide was written in 2019 and now revised in 2023 with an excellent new route added.

DISCLAIMER:

When writing this guide, I tried to avoid private land and unsafe areas. There is no guarantee that these walks are safe or legal. Please use your own judgement and use this guide as a starting point to design your own routes. Several of the walks involved stream bed crossings. In good weather these are likely to be completely dry. In flash flood conditions, the water could be over two metres deep and flowing fast, as happened in January 2019.

GOALS:

- 1) Use only public transport: <https://www.pafosbuses.com/>
- 2) Use footpaths. These are rare in this area.
- 3) Use unsurfaced tracks. These are much more common.
- 4) Use minor roads with very light traffic.
- 5) Keep to the more rural areas as far as possible.
- 6) Avoid main roads whenever possible.

WEATHER:

In high summer it will be too hot for most walkers. The best months are from November to May. There is good climate data at the bottom of this web page:

<https://www.cyprus-weather.org/paphos-weather-forecast/>

It's rare for a whole day to be wet. In three weeks in January 2019, one of the wettest months, I only lost one day to wet weather although there were showers and thunderstorms quite often. The forecasts on the website above were useful for dodging the worst of the weather. The more mountainous areas are best avoided in wet conditions. Hail and very cold strong winds are possible during thunderstorms which can blow up in under 30 minutes. Go properly equipped!

SATNAV:

I'd highly recommend the hand-held Garmin eTrex 20 series. In some areas there are many small tracks and getting on the wrong one could lead to a strenuous dead end up a mountainous valley. Each walk comes with a download suitable for this device. If you deviate from the correct route, it shows on the screen within 20 metres or so. The walk routes can be shown on top of the Cyprus map. It's possible to make zero-cost Garmin compatible maps for anywhere in the world. There is a bit of a learning curve using this device. If you are happy with smartphones, you'll get the hang of this device easily enough. The device has paid for itself many times over through not needing local maps which are frequently useless for walkers.

Smartphone navigation is likely to fail in the hills when network connectivity is poor. The Garmin device is better in this respect and its batteries last two or three days (25 hours). These walks have been uploaded to Wikiloc and their app for iPhone and Android works well.

The eTrex comes in "10", "20" and "30" series. The "10" lacks the feature to add your own maps. I selected the "20". The "30" model adds a barometric altimeter and you can view altitude profiles and get your maximum altitude. This is useful until you want to know your altitude on a commercial flight. It'll give the cabin pressure altitude - not so useful. I have avoided touch-screen models. I doubt their ability to work well with rain on the screen. The battery life of the eTrex 20 is so much better too.

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Rural Rambles Round Paphos



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.

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Airport Paphos E4
6.7 Miles - Paphos - 1
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Waveney Ramblers Paphos 2 Paphos

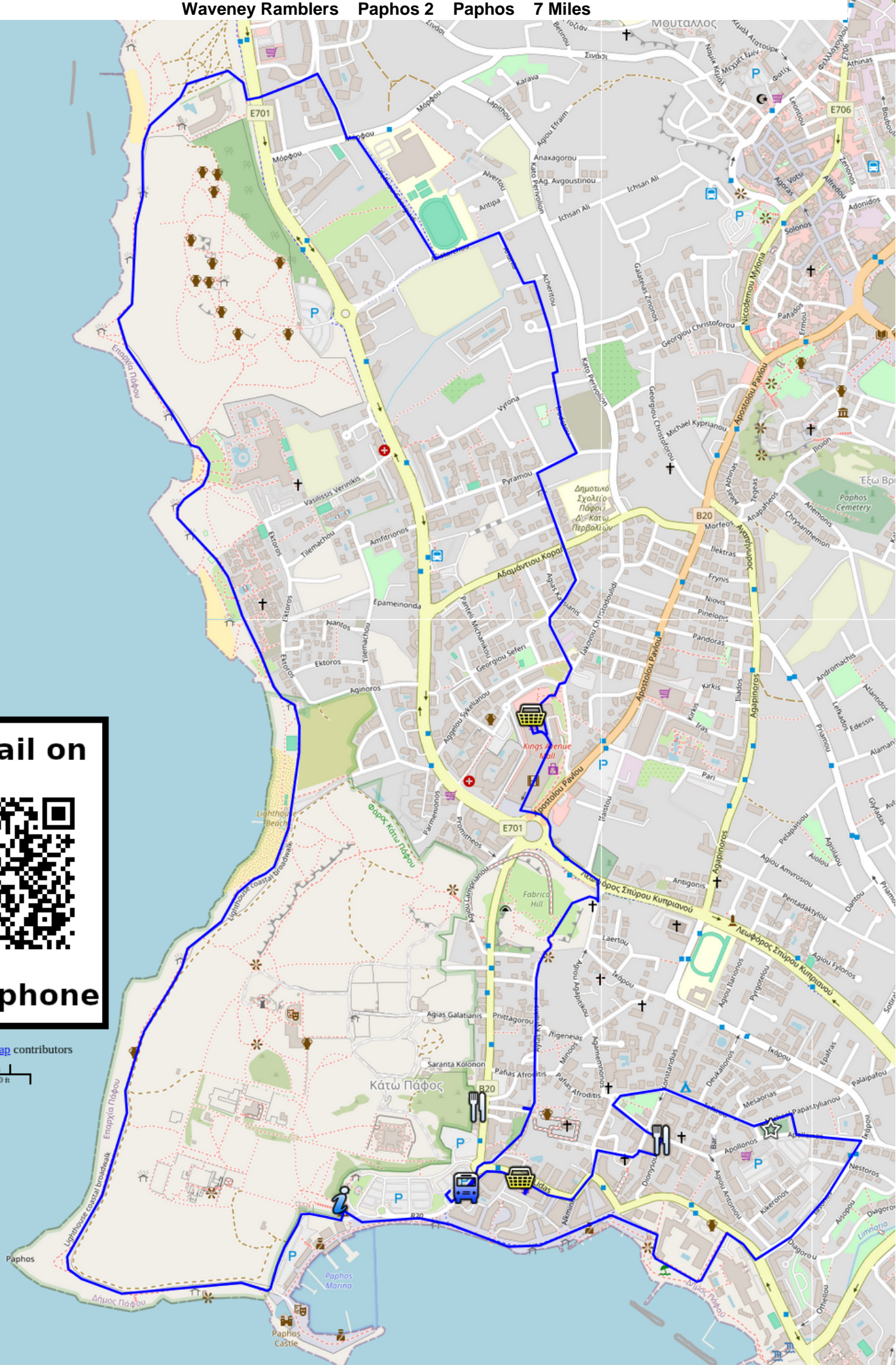
OS Map: Track: [GPX for SatNav](#) 7 Miles Updated: 2023

If you had to lead a single walk round Paphos taking in most of the attractions, this would be a good candidate. There is the bus station, two supermarkets, three good places to eat, Paphos Archaeological Park, the harbour, the coast, a well cared for cemetery and Saint Solomons Catacombs on the hill top. Of course there is a lot more to see and there are many more tavernas, shops and attractions.

The route heads through the middle of the King's Avenue Carbuncle, sorry, Mall. No visit to Paphos would be complete without enduring this at least once. There is a good supermarket (Sklavenitis) on the lower level at the north end.

There is a derelict zone near the centre of the old town. This was derelict in 2019 before Covid. Sadly other tavernas have not survived but there are still good choices with a bit of hunting.

In 2023, the coast path north of the harbour was closed for maintenance and some construction work. One hopes this closure will be short because this is the nicest part of this walk.

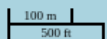


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Waveney Ramblers Paphos 3 Mavrokolympos Dam

OS Map: Track: [GPX for SatNav](#) 7.5 Miles Updated: 2023

2023 Revision: The Mavrokolympos Dam walk is on the 615 bus route. There are bus stops, north and south, close to the junction with the road up to the dam. The dam is well signposted.

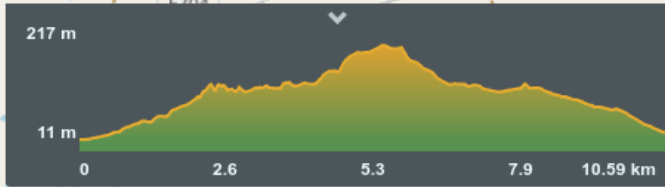
Head NW up the road towards the dam. The road follows the valley all the way. There are good views of the spillway on the opposite side of the valley. You'll pass banana plantations. After the dam, the tarmac and concrete ends and the track becomes stony or muddy.

At the top of the reservoir, cross the Mavrokolympos stream. In 2019, there was a very muddy patch, deep enough to over-top boots. Sandals are better because they wash off so easily in the stream above the mud. In 2023, it was fairly dry and a small heath fire enabled bypassing the muddy area.

Climb the hill south of the stream. Head back towards the sea passing orchards and fields. Soon the road heads roughly south.

Just before a field of solar panels, you could make a 100 metre diversion, left, to see a Dragon Fruit orchard. This was quite a surprise. Cacti had been trained like vines or hops to climb a framework of wires. The fruits form on the ends of the cactus branches.

Now head back down to the sea. As this is one of the shorter walks, you could delay your descent and head through Kissonerga. This is an attractive village and the route down afterwards is good.



Mavrokolympos Dam Junction

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**Mavrokolympos Dam
7.5 Miles - Paphos - 3
Cyprus, Kato Paphos
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**615
BUS**

2 km
1 mi

Waveney Ramblers Paphos 4 East of Paphos

OS Map: Track: [GPX for SatNav](#) 8.4 Miles Updated: 2023

2023 Revision: The walk starts from Kato Paphos Harbour Bus Station.

Following the track clockwise, you'll pass the archaeology at Saint Paul's Pillar (check out the Hondros Tavern). The route follows residential streets with fairly light traffic. Cross the main coast road and continue roughly east past a couple of shops and a nice taverna. There's a shortcut through woodland, passing children's play equipment.

Cross the main road north either at the traffic lights or it might be safer a bit further north along the road where the traffic is only coming from one direction. Here you can divert through pleasant wooded parkland to the right of the road. Look out for some sculptures and perhaps photograph the cupid for your next Valentine's card. Also look for the *Maclura pomifera*, Osage orange trees with strange monkey brain fruits. Cross the footbridge when you find one in good repair and head up the slope. At the top, head right, south.

Kink right and left to pass the Seven Saint Georges taverna on your left. Follow the road, south. This soon becomes a footpath half way down the cliff side. There are caves kitted out with icons and religious paraphernalia. There are unusual formations in the rocks. An archaeologist might know what they were. On the cliff top is a huge, slightly masculine, statue of Aphrodite. There are fine views towards the sea and airport.

The path drops down to a road. Head northeast uphill again to the Aphrodite Gardens. This would be a good place for a break if you time it right. Optionally divert north of the parkland, to see a fine Byzantine church, a museum, toilets, a pleasant square and NW along the main road a loukoumi (Cyprus Delight) factory and shop. There is a lovely atmospheric cafe called Rebetis (ῥιῖβῑτῑ , ῥῑῖ) , where we got Cyprus coffee for one euro. The owner speaks English and has an English wife. Recommended!

Back at the parkland, head down hill passing a school. Then follow the fenced off irrigation canal. The route can be shortened here by turning back on earlier side roads.

Head back towards Paphos. The route on the map carries the least traffic and is mostly agricultural. Eventually you have to suffer 200 metres of the main coast road. The track then zig zags back to the harbour.

If you stay in a place long enough, you get to know all the crooks and nannies. The SatNav track takes advantage of narrow alleyways and patches of wooded parkland. Without the SatNav, just head west and roughly downhill to get back home.



East of Paphos
8.4 Miles - Paphos - 4
Cyprus, Kato Paphos
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200 m
1000 ft

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Waveney Ramblers Paphos 5 Koili Coral Bay

OS Map: Track: [GPX for SatNav](#) 8.4 Miles Updated: 2019-02-12

Not Updated: CAUTION: Two streams need to be forded. For most of the year these are likely to be dry or a simple jump across. This year, after exceptional January rains, there was more water and it required ankle deep wading. During the actual storms, the route might have been impassable. Some rivers were over two metres deep with fast flowing white water.

This walk uses buses 614, 615 and 618. Get up-to-date times from <http://www.pafosbuses.com/>

Catch for example the 07:40 bus 614 from Karavella Bus Station all the way to Koili (pronounced Kili).

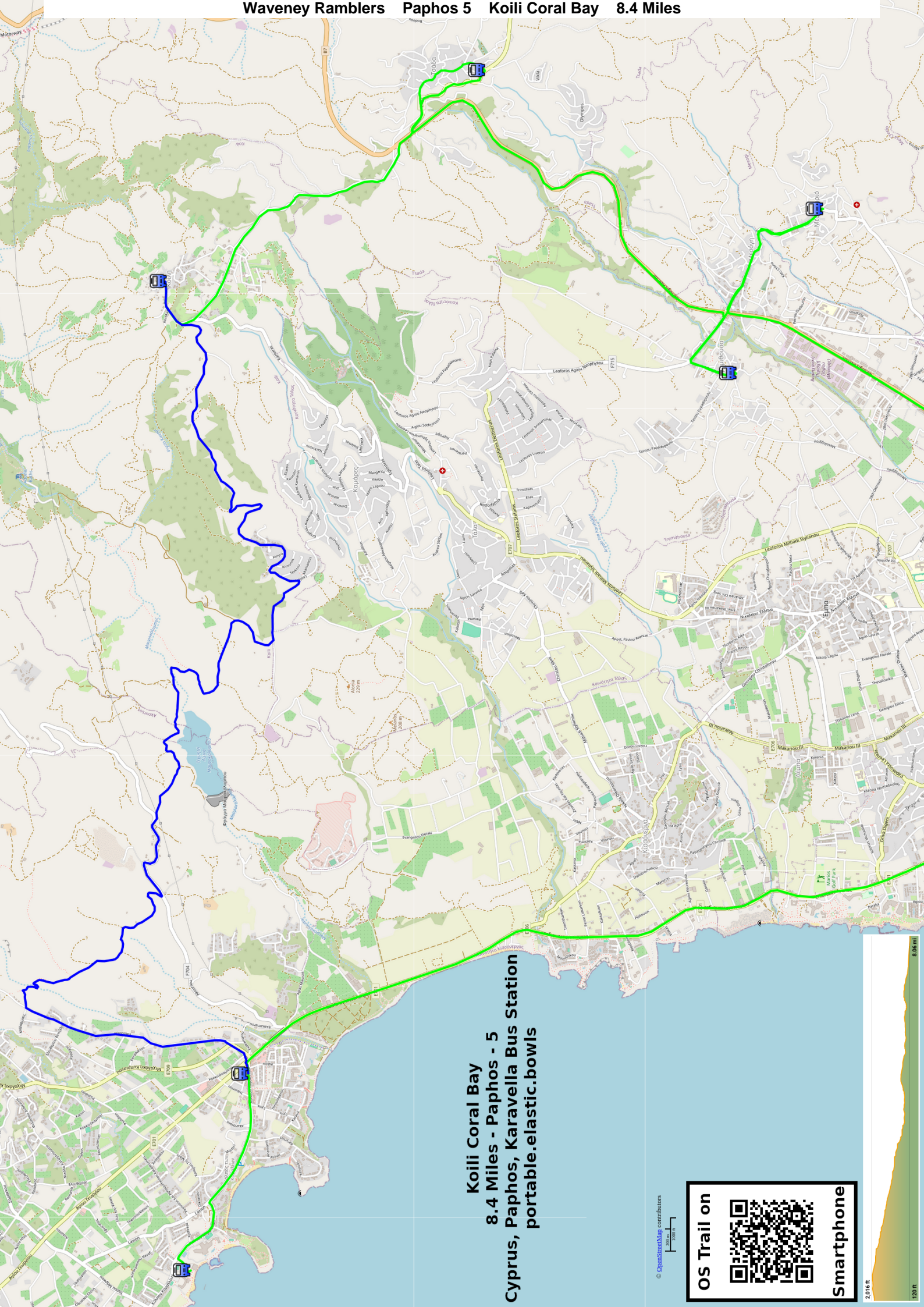
The walk heads west for a long way on a little tarmac lane carrying minimal traffic. There are excellent views of the coast. There are some hair pin bends but no exceptional gradients on this leg. After a small settlement, the tarmac ends and a mud and stone track leads down into the Mavrokolymops valley. At the bottom, the first stream has to be forded. There was smooth concrete with shallow water flowing over it. The pipe under the ford must have been blocked with mud. Just after this comes the muddy section. Today it could be passed without difficulty. In the past there has been ankle deep unavoidable clay slip!

Follow the north side of the reservoir with good views of the dam. About half way to the dam, the trail heads west, uphill, towards a wide but quiet road. Follow this for 800 metres.

Turn right, down quite a steep path, roughly north or NW. This path crosses fields of limestone, olives, carobs and hundreds of asphodels (in flower in February). It was the first warm day and the bees were active until a rain shower sent them home. After a fairly level leg, the trail drops down to another stream. This one was less easy to cross. The storms had cut a deep channel, hard to climb into and back out again. A few metres downstream, there was an easier place to cross the water. This involved scrambling off-path through the prickly vegetation. Anyone of average agility would have no problem.

On the far bank, head uphill, NW and later west. Several small paths look likely but head uphill to the larger path before turning west. This leads up to another quiet road. This is the final leg. Head roughly south between the houses. There is a place where you can short-cut, up a bank, through a small olive grove to join a larger road. This saves a few hundred metres. Cross the main coast road to enter Coral Bay village. The bus stop is a short way, west, down this road.

The frequent 615 bus takes you back to Kato Paphos Harbour. From there get the frequent 618 bus back to Karavella Bus Station or walk the 3 km route instead.



Koili Coral Bay
8.4 Miles - Paphos - 5
Cyprus, Paphos, Karavella Bus Station
portable.elastic.bowls

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Waveney Ramblers Paphos 6 Kathikas and Akoursos

OS Map: Track: [GPX for SatNav](#) 9 Miles Updated: 2023

Updated 2023: This walk uses the 648 bus from Coral Bay Bus Station to Kathikas and Polis. This bus leaves at 10 am. The times can be checked here ...

<http://www.pafosbuses.com/>

Get out at Kathikas centre. This is the highest point on the bus route so there are fine views, its cooler and it can be windy. There is a lovely shop, cafe and church.

The walk descends nearly 700 metres with only 82 metres of climbing.

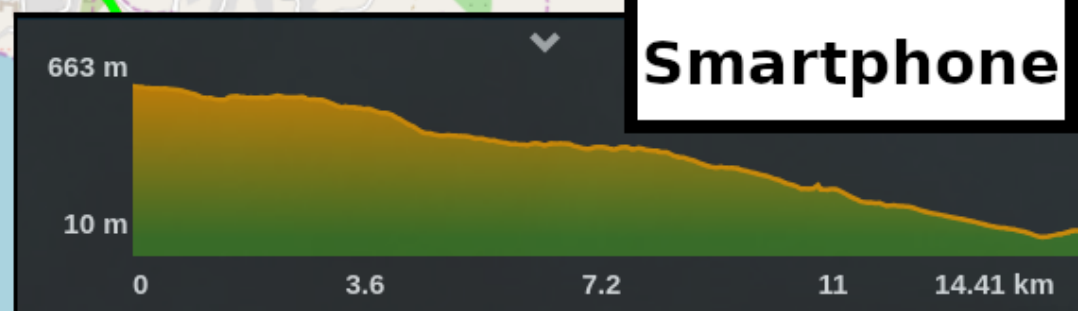
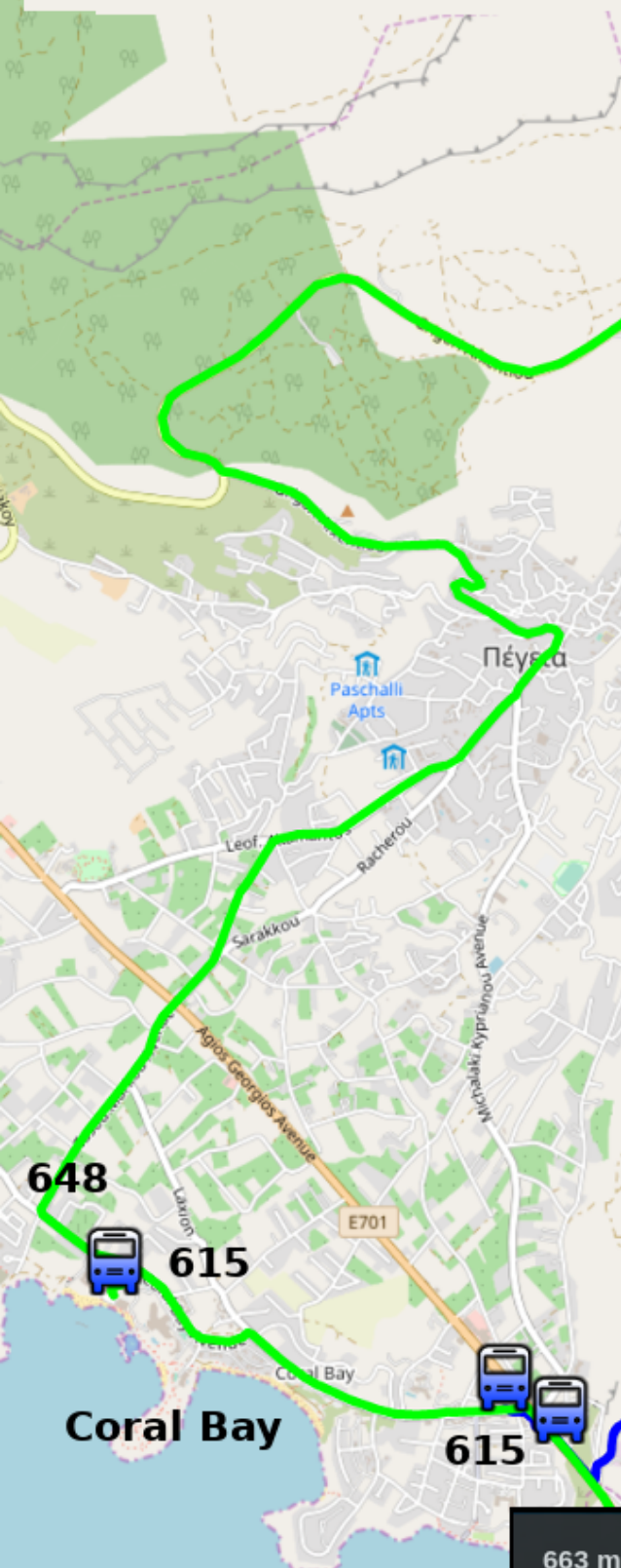
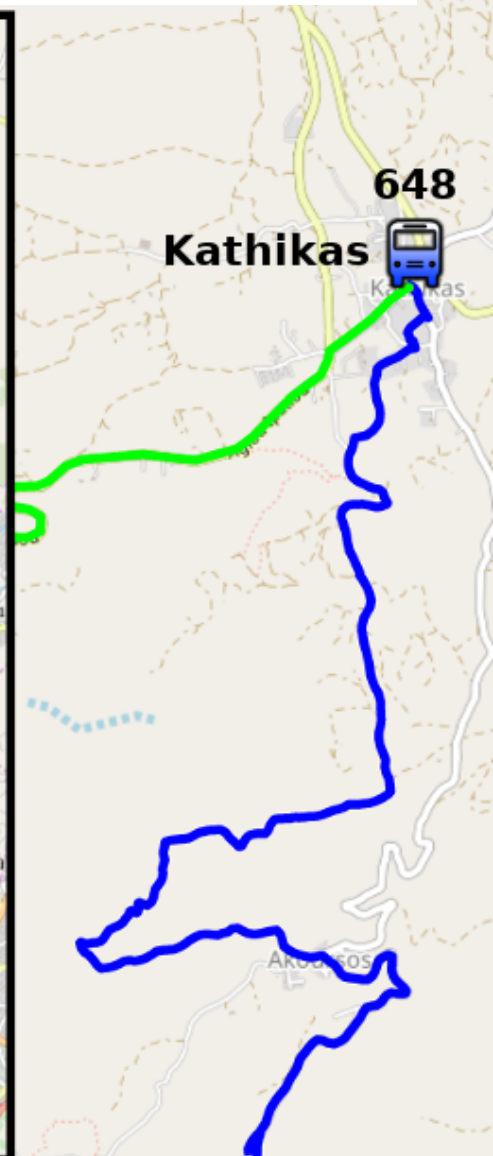
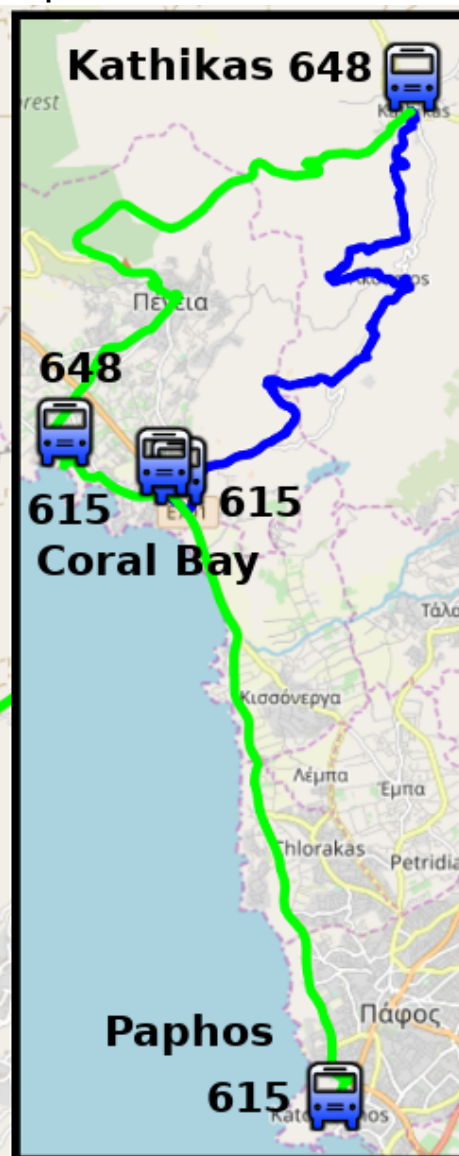
The walk heads SE out of the village soon turning SW, then south. The first 3 km are almost level at over 600 metres. Then the descent begins. If the conditions are bad, you could divert to the wide tarmac road. This carries little traffic. In fine weather, the smaller tracks are nicer.

The trail bends almost west and follows a ridge, potentially windy. The trail alternates between the north and south sides of the ridge giving a lot of variety in the views. Eventually it doubles back, east, and drops down to the little village of Akoursos with a nice little square.

Here we rejoin the wide but quiet road for a while. Look for a branch left up a narrow lane. This bypasses about a kilometer and is well worth the effort.

Rejoin the main road for another kilometer before branching west on another narrow lane. This dwindles to a 4x4 trail. At ramshackle farm buildings the road bends back and heads SE. For a while its very attractive but eventually you get to quarrying and a fly-tipping zone, full of rubbish. This does not last long though.

Rejoin the wide road and follow it down to the coast road. Turn right, NW, and the first bus stop is at a roadside lay-by and stall 250 metres along this much busier road. This is the 615 bus route from Coral Bay to Paphos.



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Waveney Ramblers Paphos 7 Kathikas

OS Map: Track: [GPX for SatNav](#) 10 Miles Updated: 2019-02-07

Not Updated: This walk uses the frequent 615 bus from Kato Paphos Harbour to Coral Bay. The 648 from Coral Bay to Kathikas and Polis departs at 10 am. Get out at Kathikas, near the shop, church and cafe. The walk down to Agios Georgios was surprisingly easy with little tarmac and not too much uphill walking. The 616 bus from Agios Georgios gets you back to Coral Bay. This departs on the hour but not at lunchtime 13:00. The last bus is at 17:00. And finally the frequent 615 service goes back to Kato Paphos Harbour.

Although this walk is easy, getting it wrong could be nasty. As you approach Agios Georgios, there are deep ravines and cliffs both north and south of the path. This leg mostly heads due west so getting lost is unlikely.

From Kathikas head NE, then roughly north and finally NW. The main road is the unpleasant option. This walk uses little lanes just east of the much busier road. This is on the east side of the ridge and there were hazy views to the sea and the mountains of Northern Cyprus. On a clearer day, this could be spectacular. This avoids 2 to 3 km of tarmac main road.

Cross the main road and head roughly west. Kathikas is about 600 metres above sea level and was noticeably cooler than the coast. The route does not descend much until kilometre seven. So this leg was almost level. There is a zig zag in the farm tracks where you head north for 300 metres. Then the path heads SW into a dip. On either side are deep ravines. The northern ravine is the Avakas Gorge. In dry weather it might be possible to walk down the gorge but it was not an option today, having failed to walk up the same route two days earlier. The January floods had left a deep pool with a huge boulder above it. This would be swimming, not paddling.

Follow the track west along the highest part of the ridge and head uphill between the ravines. My way was briefly blocked by a large black boar running wild and free. This was the third pig sighting. Apparently some farmed pigs escaped and are now successfully living wild. These might be free range and go home for dinner and straw beds. There were some farm sheds nearby.

Most of the descent is in the last few kilometres. The path zig zags a lot but the route was never in doubt. Near the sea, you could head to the coast road. The downloadable track and the map route stay inland, briefly joining the E4 Trans Europe path. There is a track, SW, leading to Agios Georgios. If you encounter a dead end, just follow the field perimeter 75 metres south to rejoin the road.

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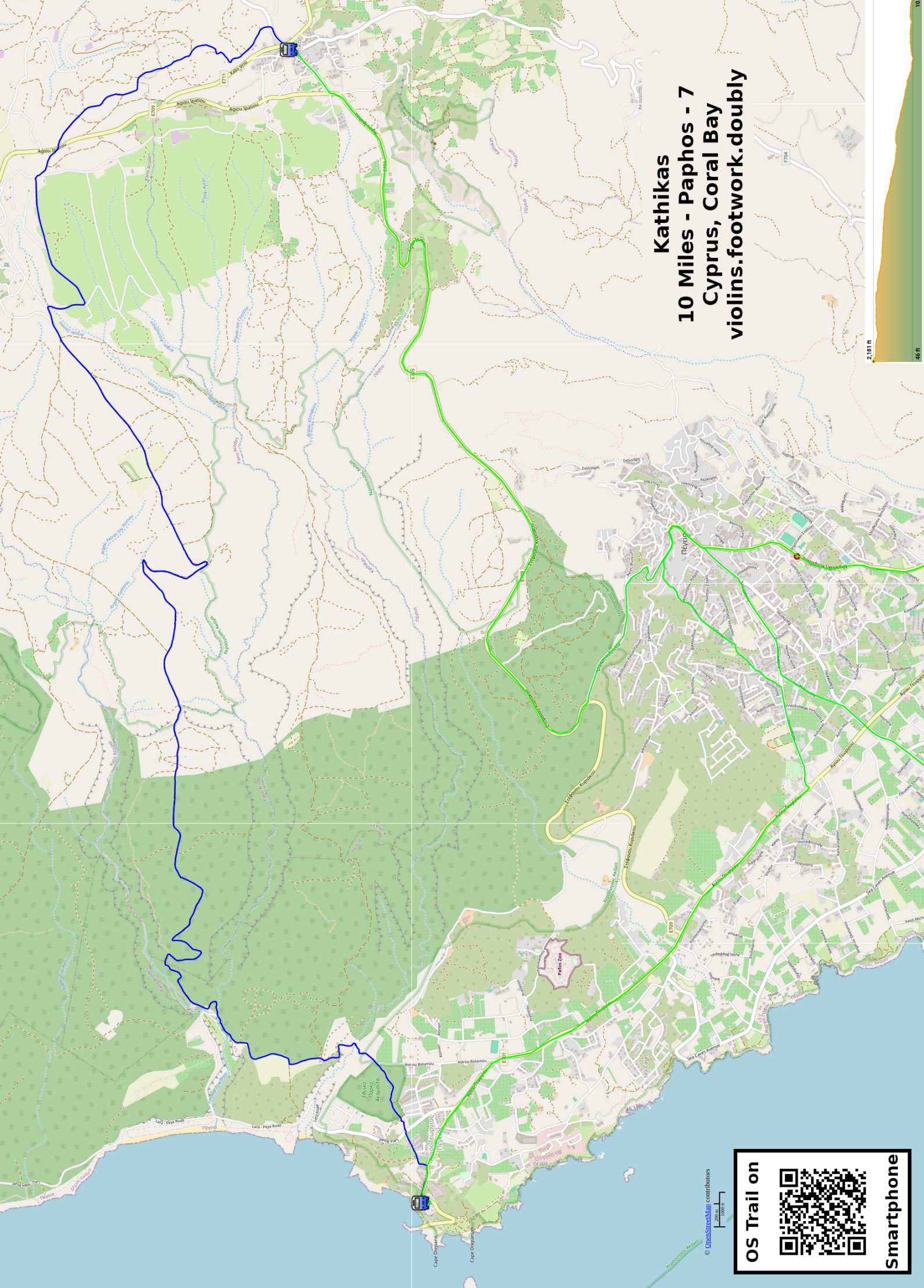
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Kathikas
10 Miles - Paphos - 7
Cyprus, Coral Bay
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2,181 ft

10.04 mi

46 ft

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200 m

1000 ft

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Waveney Ramblers Paphos 8 Avakas Gorge

OS Map: Track: [GPX for SatNav](#) 10 Miles Updated: 2019-02-05

Not Updated: To get to Avakas Gorge, use the 615 and 616 buses. For example catch the 08:00 bus (615) from Kato Paphos Harbour to Coral Bay. In theory, this bus connects with the 616 but you can greatly improve the chances of meeting the 616 by getting off the first bus earlier in Coral Bay. The best bus stop is the first after the roundabout where the bus turns left to enter the village. Cross the road to catch the 616 soon after 08:30.

From Agios Georgios head to the gorge. The inland route is better in the cool of the morning and the coastal route better in the heat of the day. Soon after setting out, the track on the map heads north. This is a field perimeter next to a restaurant where the original path has been blocked off. At the end of the field, rejoin the historic path and head NE.

The return path, up from the beach, crosses a building site. Hopefully the path will be restored after the building is complete.

The gorge is deep and can be water filled. After wet weather or with rain in the forecast, do not attempt this walk! How far you get depends on the water level and the erosion left by the last major rainfall. The first part of the walk is easy, with a nature trail and trees and shrubs with identifying labels.

Then the path drops into the river bed. In summer this might be completely dry and quite easy to follow although there are some quite big boulders to scramble up. Today, there was quite a lot of water and less than half the route was accessible. After quite a lot of paddling, occasionally thigh deep, there was a much deeper pool and a huge boulder at the top end to climb. Lacking swimming gear and waterproof bags for my stuff this was as far as I got. The pale blue track shows what might be possible in ideal conditions. The return path is a regular 4x4 mountain track/road and is quite easy. The walk down from Kathikas uses this path.

Today, including some wandering around the beach, the walk was 6.6 miles. The full route is about 10 miles.

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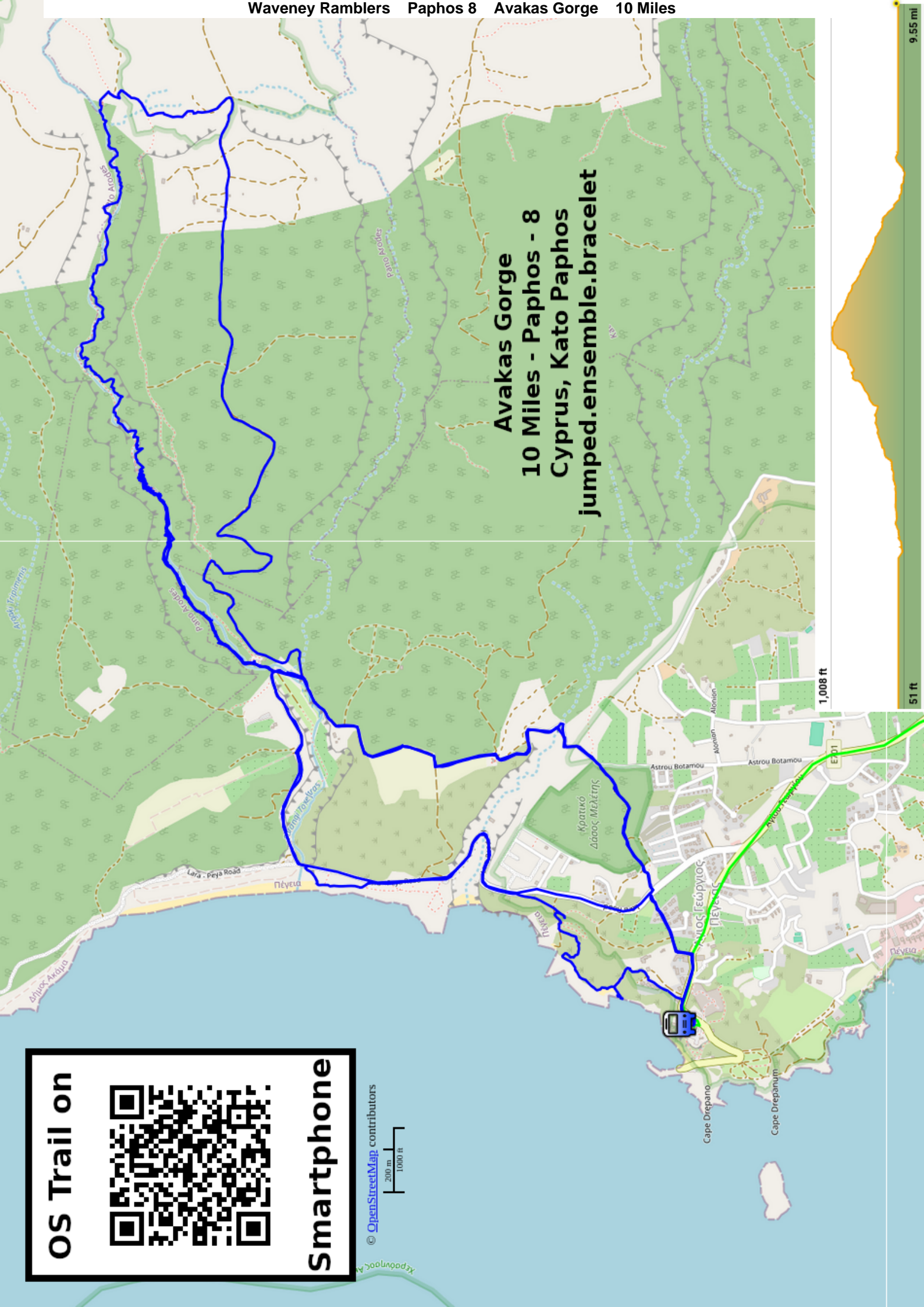
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Avakas Gorge
10 Miles - Paphos - 8
Cyprus, Kato Paphos
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1,008 ft

51 ft

9.55 mi

Waveney Ramblers Paphos 9 Agios Georgios and Peyia

OS Map: Track: [GPX for SatNav](#) 10 Miles Updated: 2019-02-02

Not Updated:

The 615 bus goes from Kato Paphos to Coral Bay. The 616 bus goes from Coral Bay to Agios Georgios.

For times, check out <http://www.pafosbuses.com/>

From the end of the line at Agios Georgios, head east for 350 metres to waymark "A". The path used to head north beside a restaurant but this has been blocked off. It's still possible to follow the field perimeter and rejoin the original path in 70 metres. This heads a little north of east and crosses the coast road. Here you might need your satnav device because the path is not obvious. The correct route does not go to the houses. It passes them to the north.

At a larger track head NE for 50 metres, then go right east on a faint path mainly used by sheep. This gradually bends right, south. Head SE, uphill towards unfinished houses. Continue SE to a farm. Bear right, south and enter a tranquil zone of stunted junipers and patches of grazed land, full of amemones, wild crocus and cilla parviflora (Early February).

The track now heads west on the E4 path, still in the juniper woods. All the time, you are climbing (1500 feet in total). Cross a stream, usually dry, and head SW briefly, then south to quite a busy road. The map shows a route avoiding most of the traffic. Waymark "B" crossed land without any paths at all. If you prefer not to attempt this, stay on the road. At waymark "C" there are good tracks and adequate paths. These lead to a cliff edge and stunning paroramic views. Head back to the main road for another 80 metres, then bear right, east, downhill on tarmac.

The tarmac ends at a house with paranoid security measures. The footpath heads SW and later south. The start is the hardest point in the walk. It's a bit of a clamber down and a squeeze through vegetation to reach a much easier, but still steep 4x4 track. Head down to Peyeia. There are no further difficulties on the route. Back at Coral Bay, cross the main road and the bus stop is on the right 120 metres later.

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Waveney Ramblers Paphos 10 Episkopi via Marathounta

OS Map: Track: [GPX for SatNav](#) 10 Miles Updated: 2023

From the Karavella Bus Station, get the 609 bus at 09:00 (Saturdays) or 07:50 (Weekdays). The 2019/2023 fare was EUR 1.50. Stay on the bus to the end of the line.

Check these times at <http://www.pafosbuses.com/>

The map shows the bus route in green and the walk in blue.

From Episkopi, head south along the main road with impressive cliffs on the right. The road bends right, west. When the road bends north, turn off left and continue west. The track dips and then climbs, giving good views.

At a Y-junction, turn left, Southwest. Head towards Marathounta. The track passes south of the village and then heads south. There is a right turn, west. Don't miss this! The track soon bends left, south again. Ignore the first right turn out of the valley. Take the second turning (the rightmost of three tracks), climbing rapidly towards quarrying equipment.

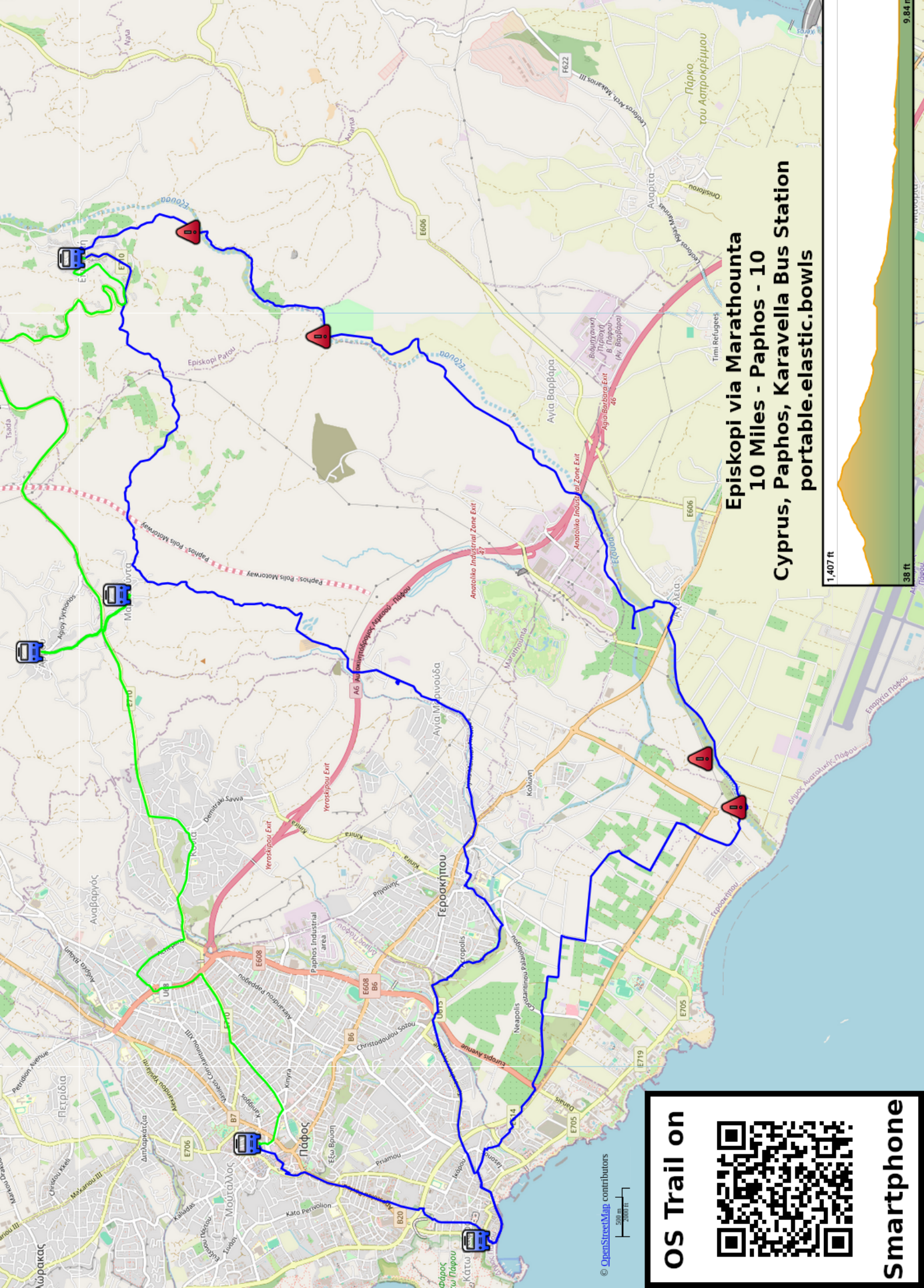
The track emerges onto tarmac. Head southwest and cross the motorway. The walk passes through gradually more residential areas. Cross Aphrodite Park. This pleasant spot might be a good place for a break.

Follow the cliff path past the caves of the seven Saint Georges with the icons and religious paraphernalia.

The GPS track follows some strips of park land. The map does not make this obvious so using a GPS device is a good idea. In Paphos, there are some useful shortcuts and alleys. Otherwise just follow the parallel roads and endure the traffic.

At the end of the walk, head back to Karavella bus station. This is a 3 km walk or take the frequent 618 bus.

Modify this walk depending on the location of your accommodation.



Episkopi via Marathounta
10 Miles - Paphos - 10
Cyprus, Paphos, Karavella Bus Station
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Waveney Ramblers Paphos 11 Koili and Adonis Falls

OS Map: Track: [GPX for SatNav](#) 14 Miles Updated: 2023

Updated 2023:

In wet weather, mountain routes can be tricky or even dangerous. This walk starts on 4x4 tracks so it should usually be safe but there might be slippery mud on the slopes. Later there are tarmac roads. The busiest roads have been avoided.

The 08:30 bus, route-614, goes from the Karavella Bus Station to the end of the line at Koili.

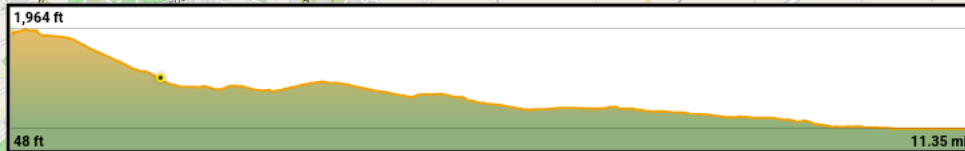
The walk can be started from the Harbour Bus Station. Add 6 km if walking or use the 618 bus.

The green track is the bus route. The blue tracks are the walks.

The first half of the walk is very nice in the hills. Then it becomes more urban, but even here there are some interesting spots. There is a fine old church in Emba and the walk follows a ravine which is interesting. You can look down on the fly-tipped rubbish.

Once you are out of the mountains, if you are getting tired or the weather turns bad, head west to the coast road and catch the frequent 615 bus.

There are a couple of places where you could go wrong. The wanted path is less obvious than the inviting incorrect alternative. Following the track with a hand-held GPS device is the safest option. I used a Garmin eTrex 20. It's paid for itself many times over by not having to purchase local maps which are frequently little use for walkers.



**Koili and Adonis Falls
14 Miles - Paphos - 11
Cyprus, Paphos, Karavella Bus Station
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Waveney Ramblers Paphos 12 Above Yeroskipou

OS Map: Track: [GPX for SatNav](#) 10.1 Miles Updated: 2019-02-08

Not Updated:

This walk has some of the best views. It has some of the worst mud so avoid this during or after heavy rains. And it's the first isolated and tranquil zone north of Paphos and the coast so this is perfect fly-tipping territory. Between the limestone herb and bulb gardens, expect epic piles of rubbish.

Catch the 09:20 am airport bus (Route 612). Get off at bus stop 43, the junction that leads to the Anatoliko Industrial Zone.

Head north past the industrial zone with the ravine on your left. Cross the bridge over the A6 motorway. Turn left onto a track right beside the exit slip road and head north (not onto the motorway!)

Follow the motorway NW, never so close for the traffic noise to be intrusive. There are fine views towards Paphos and the coast. The track heads north away from the motorway and then doubles back, climbing steeply towards quarrying equipment. Continue roughly west parallel with the A6.

The trail heads almost to the motorway. You could go under and return to Paphos but the road is somewhat busy and not attractive. Instead, head NW to Konia. Then head SW and cross over the bridge on a quiet road that fades to a 4x4 track. Head downhill. In early spring you might hear singing frogs in the streambed.

Head past some light industry, cross a road and lorry trailer park and head onto new roads where the houses have yet to be built. The ravine should be to your right.

Cross the busy B6 and head west and then south taking advantage of a strip of parkland. There are unusual trees and a couple of quirky sculptures.

Cross Evropis Avenue and head SW, cutting across open land to get to a footpath. Head through trees passing a children's play area. Continue SW on a fairly quiet road. There are a couple of supermarkets and a nice taverna.

Cross a dual carriage way and continue SW towards the town centre. The road passes a well kept cemetery. Head down to the coast path or meander through town back to the bus station.

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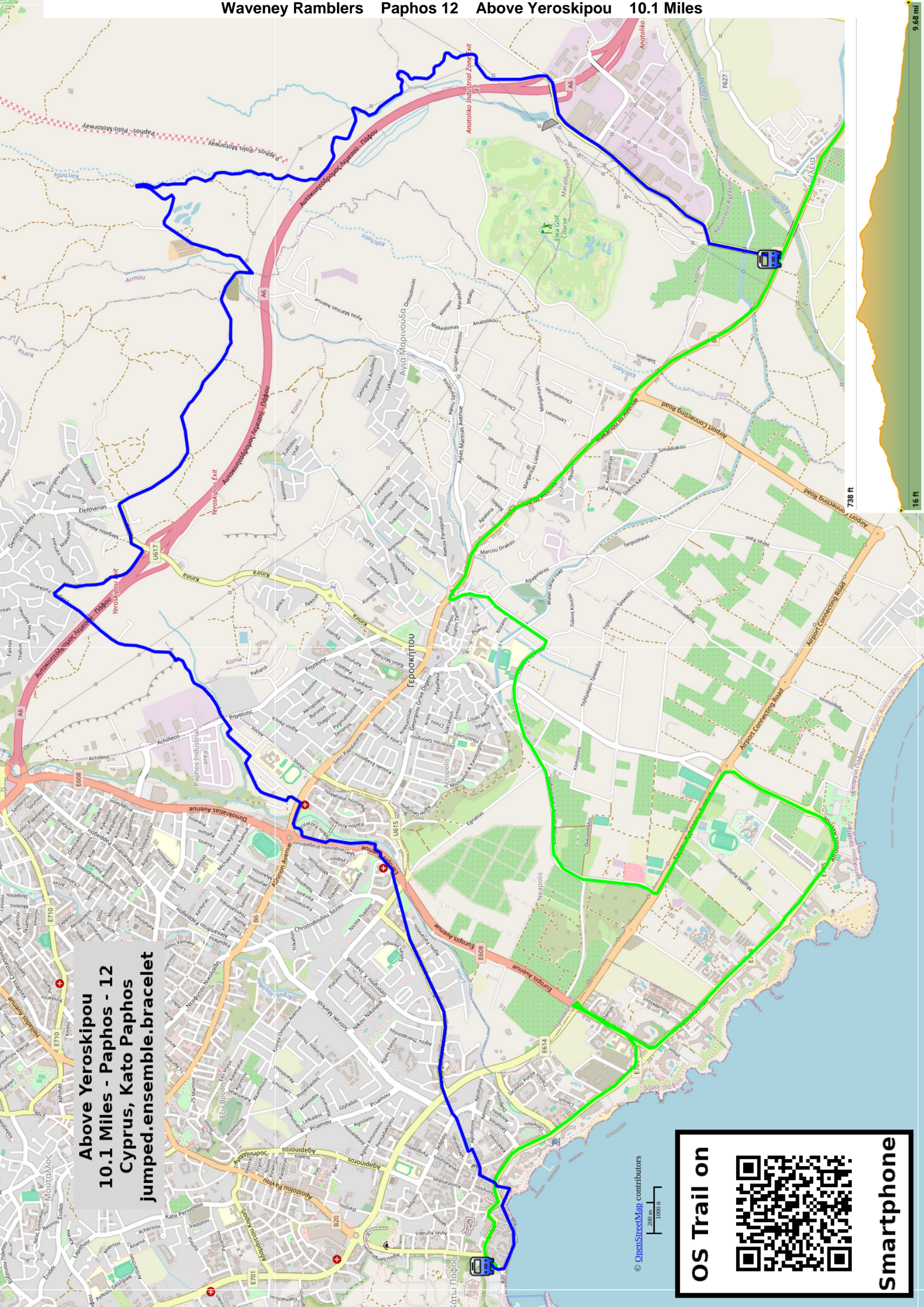
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Waveney Ramblers Paphos 13 Neophytos Monastery

OS Map: Track: [GPX for SatNav](#) 12.6 Miles Updated: 2019-02-04

This walk uses the 09:20 bus route 604 from Karavella Bus Station to the Neofytos Monastery. There are six buses per day starting at 06:30 and the last is at 17:40.

Check <http://www.pafosbuses.com/> for the latest bus times and routes and weekend times.

The walk ends at Kato Paphos Harbour. If you need to complete the circuit from the harbour, either walk back to Karavella or get the 618 bus. This walk adds 3 km or just under 2 miles.

The route down has spectacular views over Paphos and the sea. The monastery is interesting too. The track is mostly rural apart from the villages of Tala and Kissinerga. There were orchards in bloom and a Dragon Fruit plantation. Cacti had been trained up strings like vines, hops or beans. The fruit forms on the cactus sections. Unusual!

Kissonerga is an attractive village on the route with only 50 metres on the main road.

At the coast there are two options with equal distances. One crosses unusual rough eroded rocky terrain where very few plants can get a hold. If you are at all unsteady walking, the alternative route would be a safer and still attractive option.

This walk is quite long. The coastal section runs parallel with the 615 bus route so it's possible to head up to the main road and get on a bus. At peak times they run every ten minutes.

Neophytos Monastery
12.6 Miles - Paphos - 13
Cyprus, Paphos, Karavella Bus Station
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Waveney Ramblers Paphos 14 Lara Bay Turtles

OS Map: Track: [GPX for SatNav](#) 10.8 Miles Updated: 2019-01-25

Caution: There are unbridged river beds to be crossed. After rain these may be flowing so you'll need to paddle. In flash flood conditions, the route could be dangerous to attempt.

If you are based along the 615 bus route, you'll need four bus rides. A EUR 5.00 one-day-pass is the best value. If you are based in Coral Bay, you only need two bus rides at EUR 1.50 each. (2019 Prices)

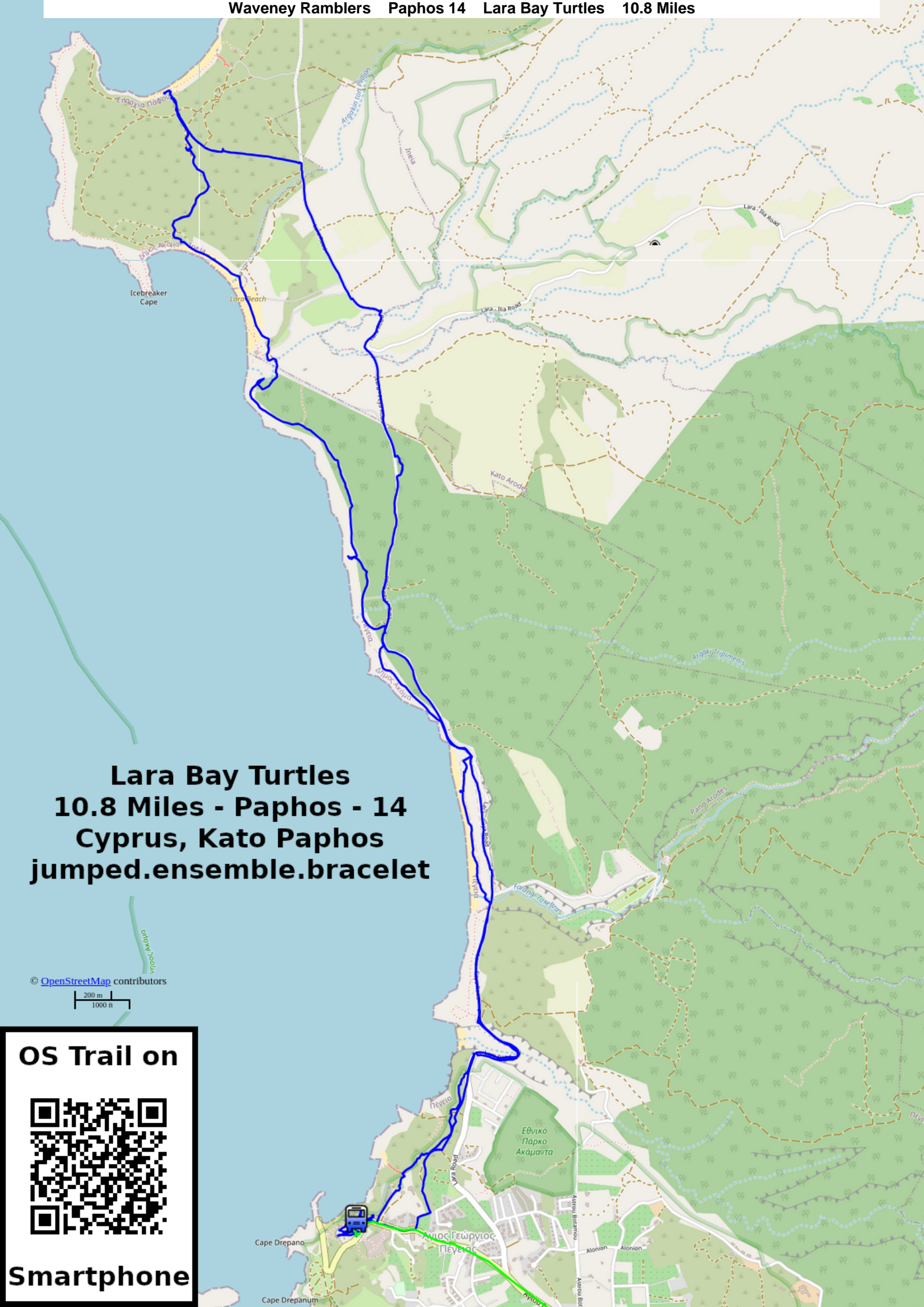
From Kato Paphos harbour, catch the 615 bus to Coral Bay. The 08:40 might be a good choice. The ride takes about 30 minutes. Head to the end of the line or if you know the area you could change bus at an earlier stop.

From Coral Bay, catch the 616 bus at 09:30. Head to the end of the line at Agios Georgios.

The map shows the walk in blue and the bus rides in green.

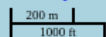
The walk is easy enough. There are footpaths near the sea for a lot of the route and there is an unsurfaced road. In the low season, the traffic is very light. In busier times the footpaths will be preferable although they are uneven in places. More flora and fauna will be seen from the footpaths. There are fine views everywhere.

The Lara Bay turtle reserve is interesting. Loggerhead and Green turtles visit the sandy beaches. Egg laying is in June and July. Hatching is in August and September. Please avoid these beaches for recreational purposes and leave them clear for the turtles. Please watch from a distance. Volunteer wardens may be present to give advice. Look out for the metal cages used to protect the nest sites.



Lara Bay Turtles
10.8 Miles - Paphos - 14
Cyprus, Kato Paphos
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Waveney Ramblers Paphos 15 Koili Tala Paphos

OS Map: Track: [GPX for SatNav](#) 10.8 Miles Updated: 2019-02-11

This walk uses the 614, 615 and 618 buses.

The 07:40 bus 614 from Karavella takes you to Koili (pronounced Kili).

Check the timetable details here: <http://www.pafosbuses.com/>

The walk starts with excellent views towards Troodos. Soon the views are towards the west coast. The walk drops from 635 metres to sea level with only 118 metres of uphill walking.

The route starts on little lanes heading roughly SE and soon crosses the main road used by the bus. A diversion of few paces, SE, along the main road gives a fine view east, free of power lines and other obstructions.

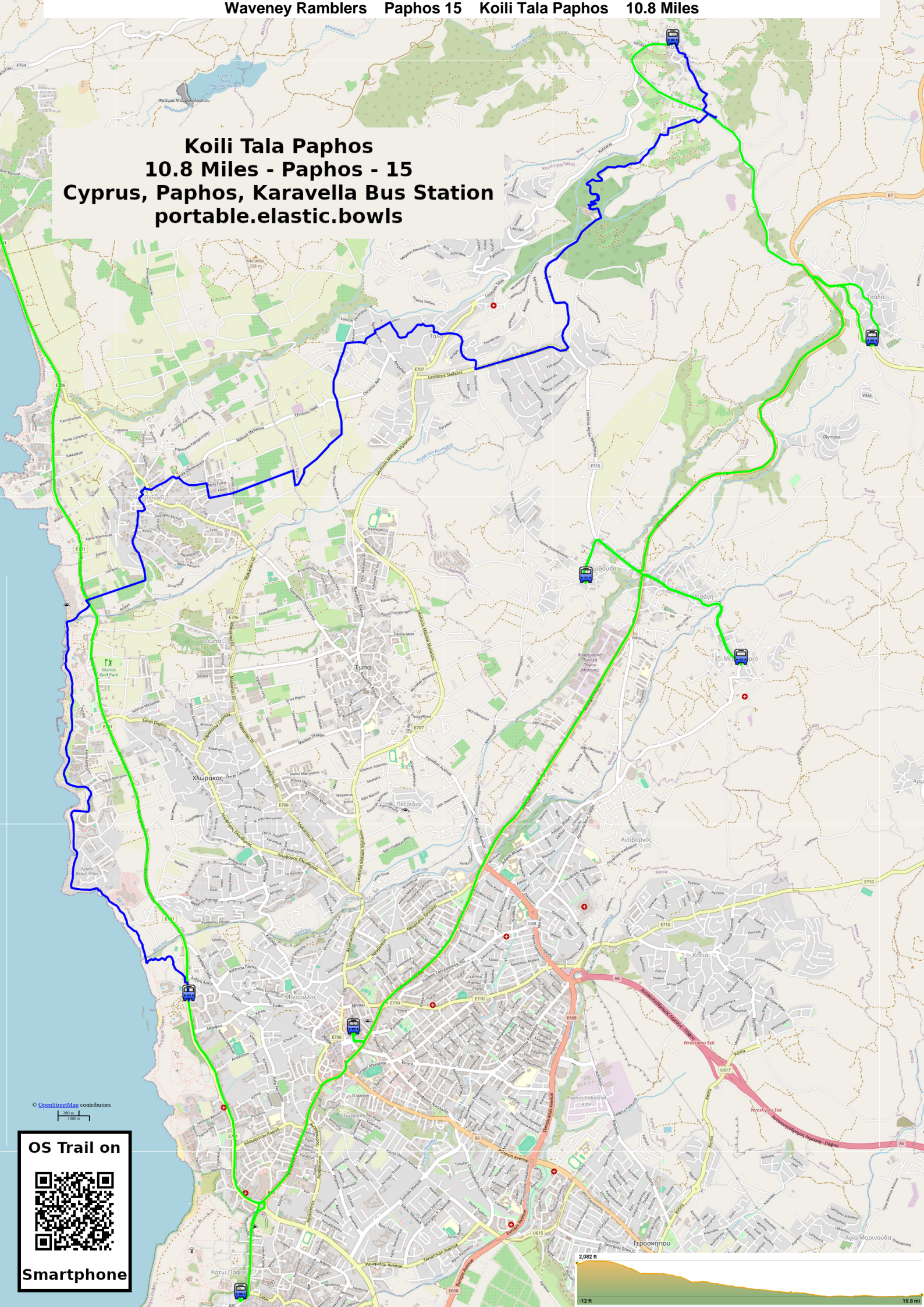
Now head SW and start descending. The lanes dwindle to 4x4 tracks and finally down to a narrow winding footpath that drops quickly to Agios Neophytos Monastery. This is a fairly standard mountain path with a slight risk of vertigo. Regular mountain walkers will be fine and the path was in good repair and only slightly blocked by bushes. The last few paces were the worst where you risk tripping over a cat's cradle of irrigation and water supply pipes.

The route down is now on 2 km of wide road but it's not too bad as there's little traffic and the views are good. Soon you turn off north and cross the ravine to enter Tala. The route crosses the square.

The next leg to Kissonerga uses quiet lanes and passes through attractive orchards and fields. After Kissonerga, head south and then roughly west to the coast. At the coast road, you could catch the frequent 615 bus.

The downloadable tracklog uses the coast path to travel further south. Here the downloadable tracklog ends. Of course you could walk all the way back to the harbour, inland or using the coastal path, or head inland to Karavella bus station to complete the circuit.

Koili Tala Paphos
10.8 Miles - Paphos - 15
Cyprus, Paphos, Karavella Bus Station
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-12 ft

10.8

Waveney Ramblers Paphos 16 Coral Bay to Kato Paphos

OS Map: Track: [GPX for SatNav](#) 11.6 Miles Updated: 2019-02-03

Catch the 615 bus from Kato Paphos Harbour to Coral Bay. Get off the bus in Coral Bay at the first stop when the bus leaves the main coast road at a roundabout.

You'd think there would be a good coast path between Paphos and Coral Bay. Sadly, near Coral Bay the coastal walking is not good. There are blockages that force you to walk on the main road and for one leg, the road is right next to the sea. So a more inland route was needed. Parts of this walk are a delight. Most of the road walking is on quieter roads. For much of the route the track follows the top of a ridge with excellent sea views between the houses.

Head west, then north out of Coral Bay. Cut through a small olive grove to drop to the lower road and continue north. Turn right and drop down into a ravine. Cross the bridged stream and head up the other side, SE. Join a wide road that leads to Akoursos and head roughly east. This road carries little traffic. Turn right, south onto a farm track. Head past the farm. There were a lot of free running dogs and barking but no aggression. Drop down to the road that leads to Mavrokolympus Dam. Head back towards the coast for a while.

Turn left off the tarmac and head towards banana plantations. Ford the stream and expect wet feet in the rainier seasons. In flash flood conditions this could be impassable so abort the walk and return to the coast road.

The trail leads to a zone used by trial bikers. Find a way up and across these hillocks. At the top, join a contour path with a concrete irrigation channel running parallel. Bear left and head through farm land and orchards. Join a tarmac road with little traffic. After a kilometre turn right and head towards Kissonerga.

After Kissonerga, decide whether to follow the coast path or to stay inland. The inland route is more urban but you get a rare footpath which leads to a pleasant park. There were fallen branches so a bit of limbo dancing might be needed to get through the footpath. In Lempa there is some "ART" which is interesting and eccentric!

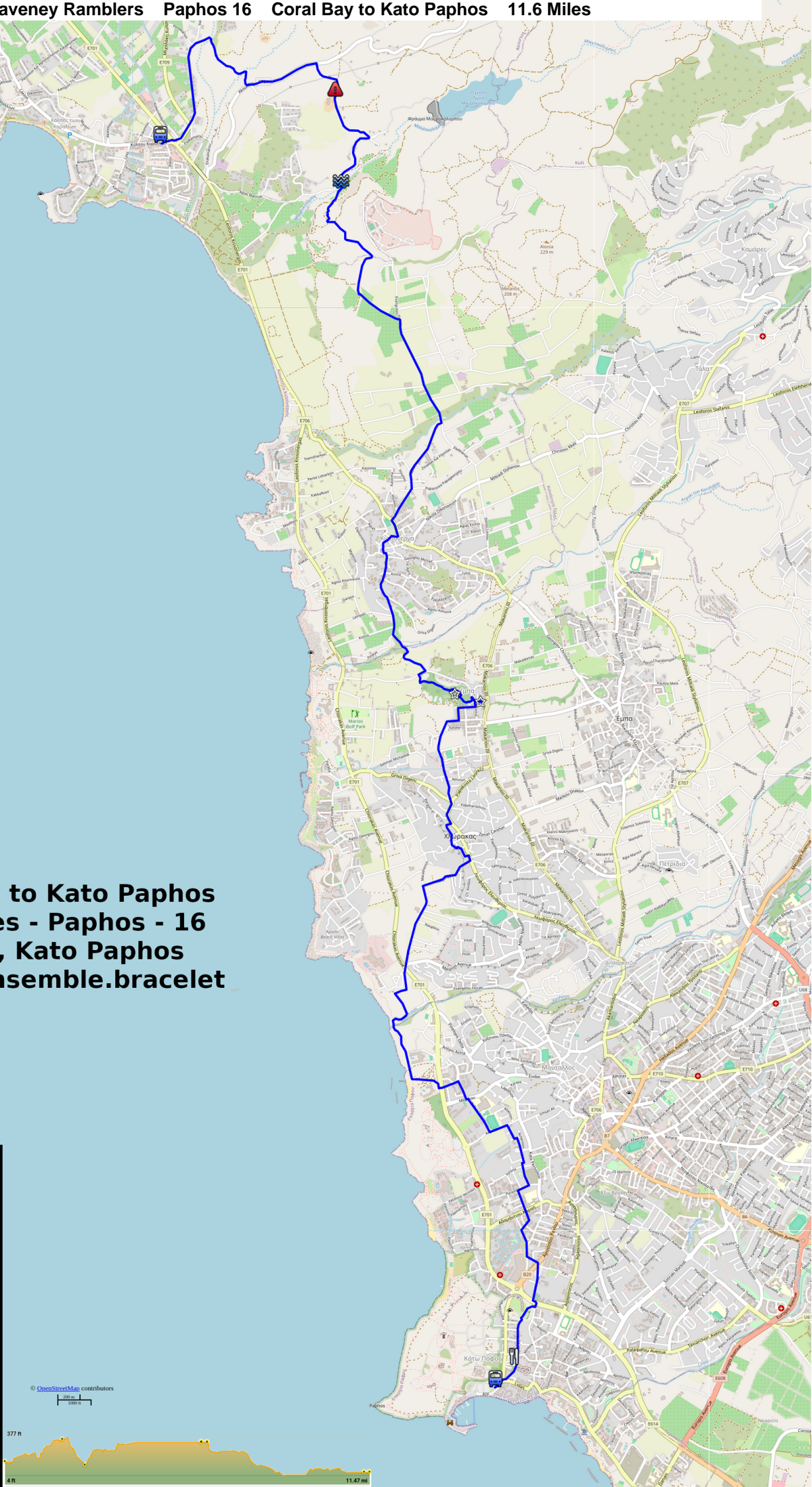
After Lempa, the route is mostly urban but keeps to the ridge edge with occasional excellent views.

**Coral Bay to Kato Paphos
11.6 Miles - Paphos - 16
Cyprus, Kato Paphos
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377 ft

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200 m
1000 ft

11.47 mi

Waveney Ramblers Paphos 17 Coral Bay North

OS Map: Track: [GPX for SatNav](#) 11.7 Miles Updated: 2019-01-23

From Kato Paphos catch a 615 bus to Coral Bay. This service is frequent and you'll rarely wait more than 10 minutes for a bus. The journey takes about 30 minutes to the end of the line at Coral Bay. Of course you can get on the bus anywhere along the route if that's more convenient.

The walk heads northwest along the coast on paths which vary from paving and concrete to sand, mud, rock and eroded limestone. There are two islands, sea caves and the Edro III shipwreck. At Agios Georgios, refreshments are available.

On the map, the track divides. The eastern, inland road route is correct. The cliff-top path looks attractive but reaches a dead end after 200 metres. The return route heads inland, gaining altitude up to about 160 metres (500 feet) and gives fine views. It passes banana plantations and Paphos Zoo. The terrain becomes quite wild with spiky bushes, stunted junipers and patches of sheep cropped grass full of wild flowers including (in January) anemone, wild crocus, asphodel and cilla parviflora. Later the route passes residential flats, houses and villas.

If your health prevents uphill walking, the low level main road is not too busy and there is a cycle and foot path for some of the route. The map shows a low level route avoiding almost all of the main road. The trail passes orchards, banana groves and residential areas.

The GPX satnav download includes both the high and low level routes.

And finally you could catch the 616 bus from Agios Georgios back to Coral Bay. This departs on the hour (but not 13:00 as the driver needs a lunch break). Up to date timetables are at ...

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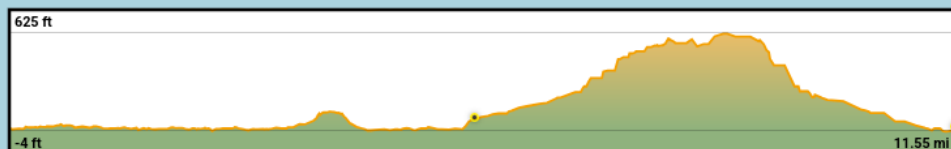


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Coral Bay North
11.7 Miles - Paphos - 17
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Waveney Ramblers Paphos 18.1 Episkopi E4

OS Map: Track: [GPX for SatNav](#) 10 Miles Updated: 2019-01-26

HAZARD: Do not attempt this walk after rain or if there is rain in the forecast. About 1.4 miles of the walk is in the bed of the River Ezousa. Nearer the sea, this same river has to be forded. During the January 2019 storms this was over two metres deep and fast flowing, ideal for white water canoes!

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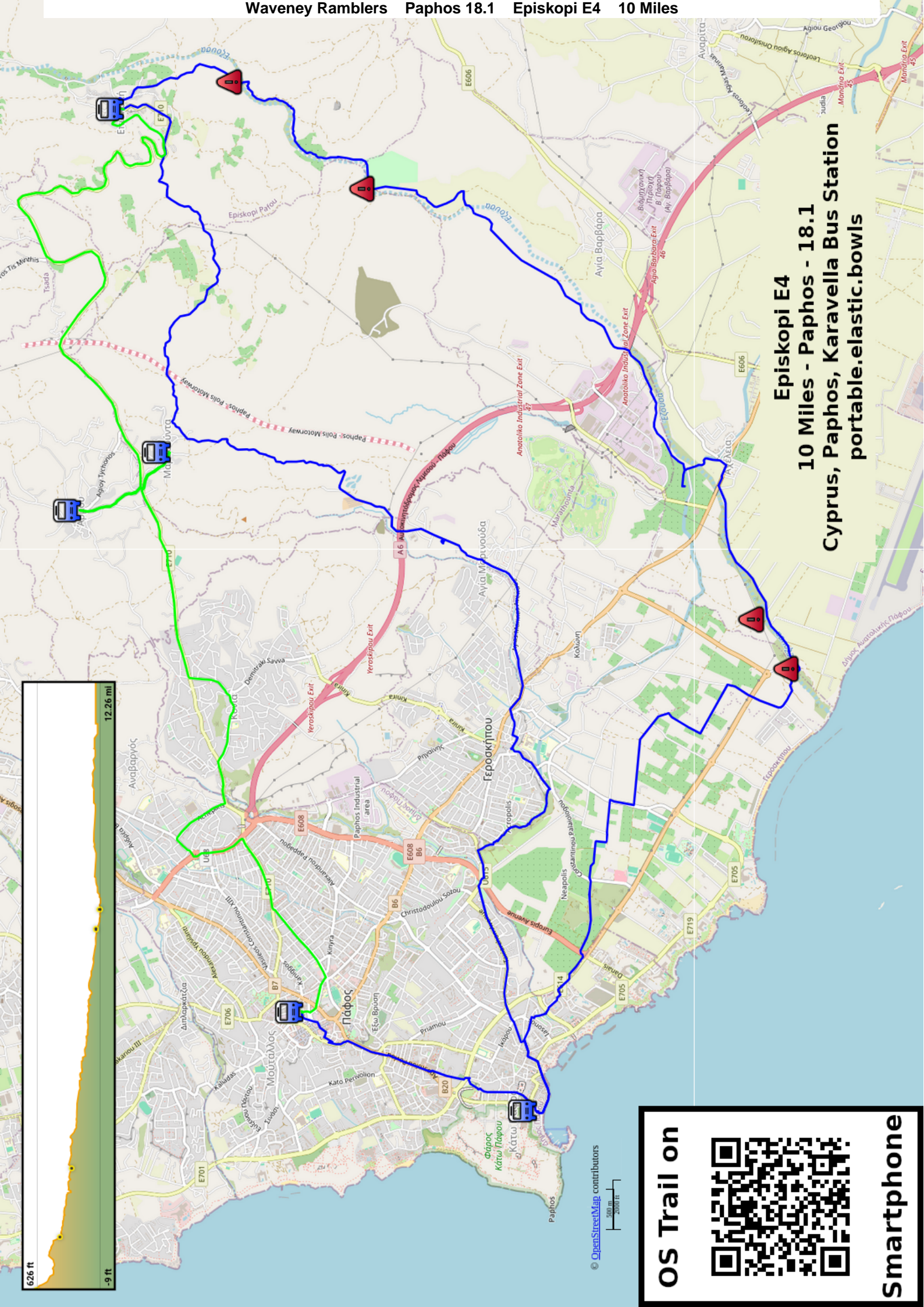
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From Episkopi, drop down into the river valley. The road merges with the river bed. Continue for 1.4 miles in the river bed. This is rocky and uneven. Back on tracks, follow the river valley almost to the sea. You will pass the Santa Barbara settlement which looks like a castle. Ramblers of a certain age might be amused to pass Barbara Castle!

The track follows a concrete aquaduct, still in use. Cross under the motorway fly-over. A short cut through an orange orchard failed.

Cross the main coast road and continue on tarmac. Close to the beach, ford the river and head roughly west back to Paphos. It was cool and windy so the map shows a more sheltered inland route. If the weather is warm, the beach route is fine.

The walk ends at the harbour bus station. To complete the circle, either walk 3 km back to Karavella or get the 618 bus.



Episkopi E4
10 Miles - Paphos - 18.1
Cyprus, Paphos, Karavella Bus Station
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Waveney Ramblers Paphos 18.2 Episkopi and Marathounta

OS Map: Track: [GPX for SatNav](#) 12.4 Miles Updated: 2019-01-26

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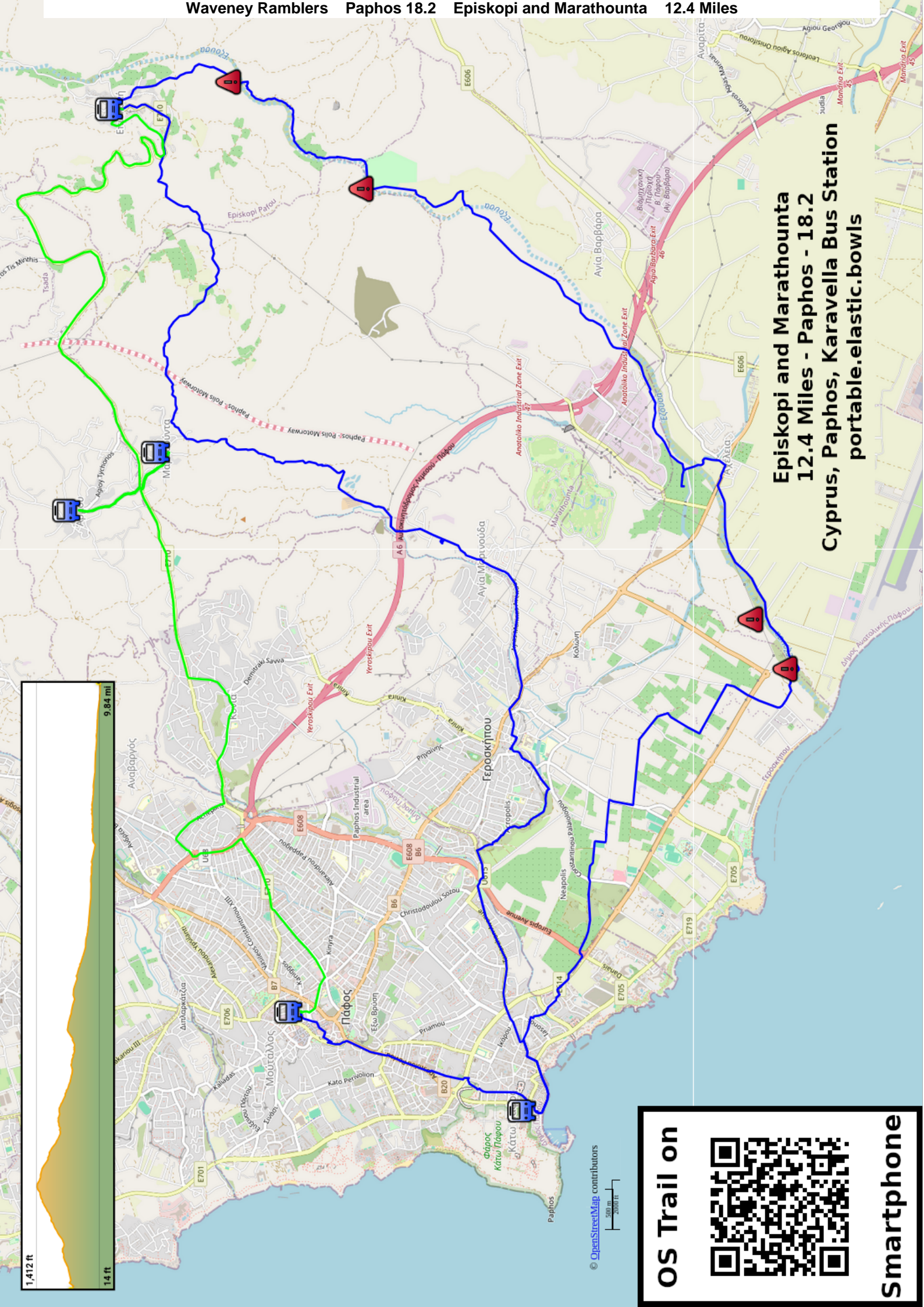
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Episkopi and Marathounta
12.4 Miles - Paphos - 18.2
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Waveney Ramblers Paphos 19 Koili to Coral Bay

OS Map: Track: [GPX for SatNav](#) 13 Miles Updated: 2019-02-01

CAUTION: You'll need to ford several streams. During and after wet weather these will be flowing and in flash flood conditions might be impossible to cross, as happened in January 2019.

The walk is about 13 miles or 15 if you walk from the Harbour to Karavella bus stations. At peak times, the 618 bus runs every 15 minutes.

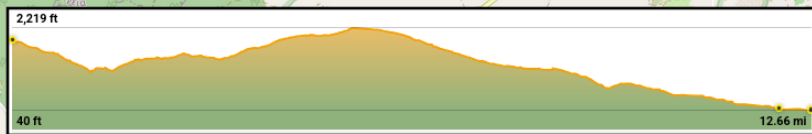
Catch, for example, the 07:40 bus from Karavella Bus Station - route 614 to Koili, pronounced Kili. The fare in 2019 was EUR 1.50.

Form Koili, head NW out of the village descending from an initial 580 metres altitude. The unsurfaced track bends NE and drops into a deep valley. The low point is at 330 metres. Cross the Mavrokolympos stream and climb the north side of the valley up to 676 metres. The route then mostly descends to sea level, now on minor, mostly traffic free, roads. That's 415 metres ascent and 971 metres descent.

The route headed through mountain valleys and agricultural land with orchards and vineyards. For the last 2km there were houses and farms but this was nice too. There were orchards and views into ravines on both sides.

This is a slightly tricky route to follow without GPS. Even with this technology I took two wrong turnings but was able to spot the problems in under a minute.

The map on the next page is not really good enough. Hint: View the tracklog on Bing or Google maps satellite view and print your own larger scale version with all the unwanted side tracks showing. I can't include that for copyright reasons but for your own use ...



Koili to Coral Bay
13 Miles - Paphos - 19
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Waveney Ramblers Paphos 20 Kathikas to Agios Georgios

OS Map: Track: [GPX for SatNav](#) 8.4 Miles Updated: 2023

New 2023:

615 Bus: Paphos Harbour to Coral Bay terminus at 09:00

648 Bus: Coral Bay terminus to Kathikas at 10:00 - This bus goes onto Polis.

Walk down to Agios Georgios - 8.4 Miles - 134 metres up. 737 metres down. 12.4 km along.

616 Bus: Agios Georgios to Coral Bay at 15:00. No bus at 13:00. Last bus 17:00 in winter.

615 Bus: Coral Bay to Paphos Harbour at around 15:30.

To save time, change buses at the east end of Coral Bay, just west of the roundabout or go to the terminus for the sight-seeing.

From Kathikas centre (lovely shop, cafe and church) head north and west, zigzagging the cobbled village lanes.

Soon, the lane heads due west. Cross a larger road and continue west passing vineyards. The road drops slowly.

Stay on this main farm-access lane, ignoring smaller side turnings.

At about kilometre 3.5, the lane starts to drop and zigzag down to a goat farm.

At the farm climb back up to a ridge, not too steep.

The lane continues roughly west through grazing lands and trees including some pines.

Later the lane begins to meander and drop more steeply, still easy walking though.

The main descent ends at $\hat{I}^1\hat{I}^3\hat{I}^1\pm \hat{I}\hat{\alpha}\hat{I}\pm\hat{I},\hat{I}\bullet\hat{I}\hat{Z}\hat{I}^1\hat{I}\pm \hat{I}\cdot \hat{I}\hat{I}\hat{\alpha}\hat{I}\hat{f}\hat{I}^1\hat{I}\pm$, a pretty church frequented by many visitors.

From the church, head south on tarmac.

Before the bottom of the ravine, there is an off-road shortcut, right, over the old bridge, narrow, no handrails!

Head SW on tarmac. When the road bends left, south, continue SW into a wild grazing zone (Meleti Forest).

Later you pass a necropolis, ἡμεῖς τὴν πόλιν ὁρᾷμεν... ἡμεῖς μὲν ἐπὶ τῇ πόλει.

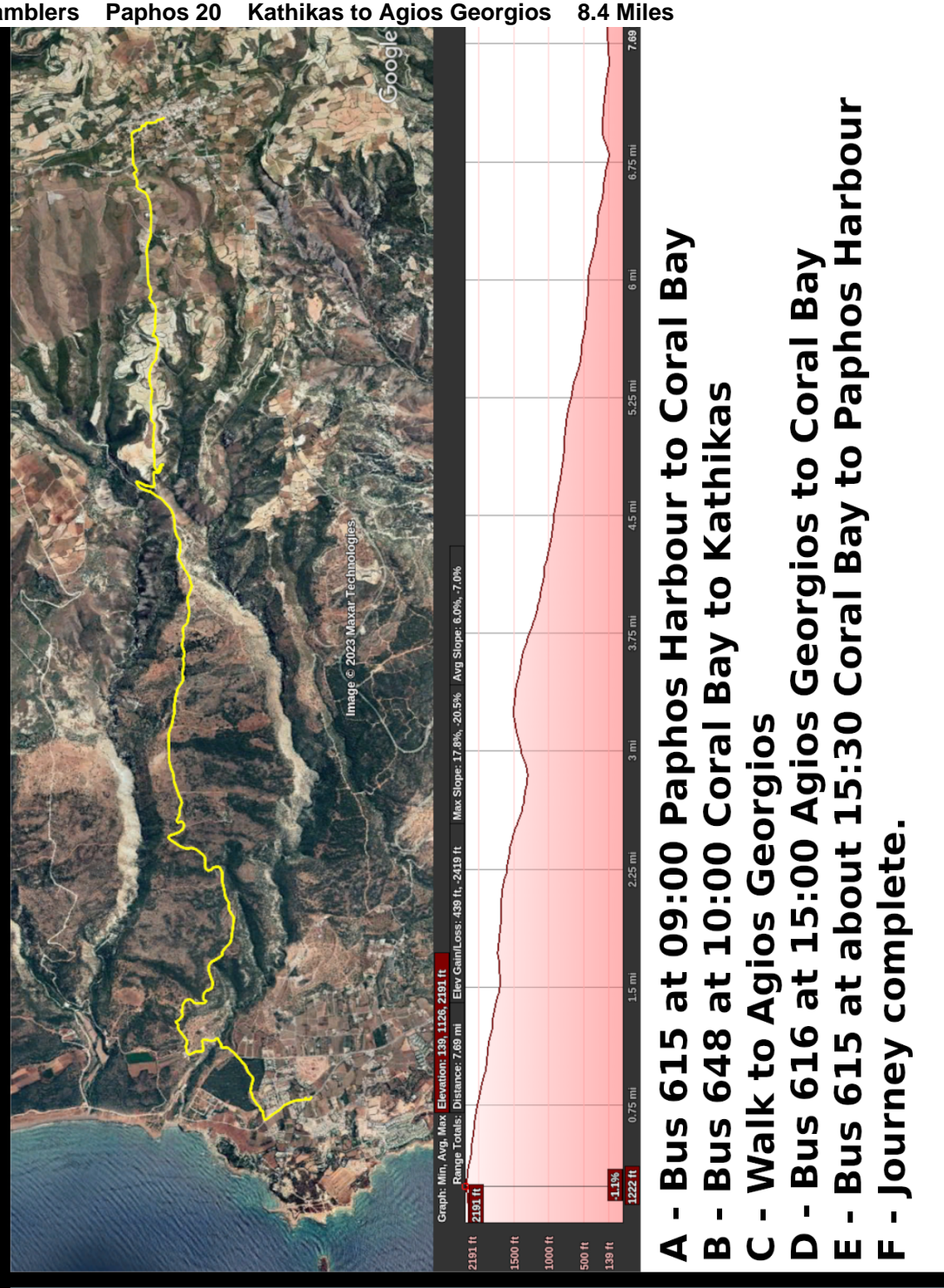
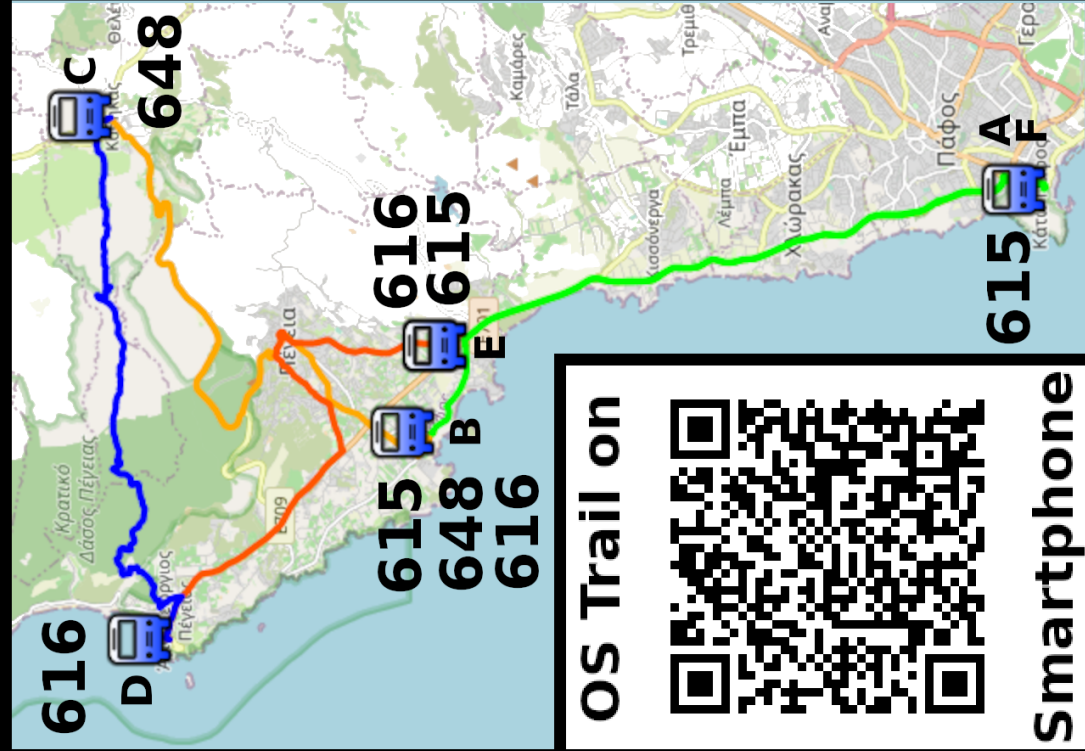
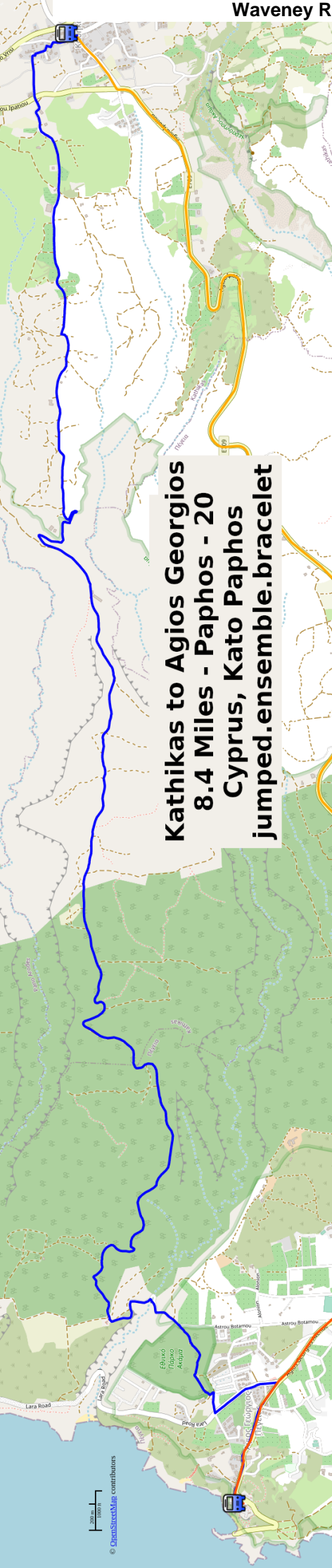
At the road, turn left, SE, and head to the Sunset Taverna.

There is a bus stop right by the tavern. Or head NW to the church and but terminus.

This waiting area is more attractive and worth a look in its own right.

Follow the train with the Wikiloc app:

<https://www.wikiloc.com/hiking-trails/kathikas-to-agios-georgios-by-bus-and-on-foot-124912508>



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- A - Bus 615 at 09:00 Paphos Harbour to Coral Bay
- B - Bus 648 at 10:00 Coral Bay to Kathikas
- C - Walk to Agios Georgios
- D - Bus 616 at 15:00 Agios Georgios to Coral Bay
- E - Bus 615 at about 15:30 Coral Bay to Paphos Harbour
- F - Journey complete.

Rural Rambles Round Paphos

