

Walks on Serifos

Walk from Chora via Kendarchos to Agios Ioannis

As you arrive at Kendarchos you come down some steps to the new main road. Turn left on the road for few metres then take the staircase going down on the right and follow this to the left into the village.

After Kendarchos, the new (Kendarchos to Livadi) road crosses the path. This seems to be at the point '25 minutes away' from Kendarchos. Where you are not to take a left turn seems to be just where you rejoin the path after having crossed the road. Unfortunately, we took the left turn, not recognising where we were, and lost the path. A later expedition (see below) suggests that we should have taken the higher path, but we did not follow this up by completing the walk.

The 'couple of houses surrounded by scrap', now seem to be on the new road. It seems not possible to proceed according to the walk instructions as the route has been barred. This is not enough of a problem to stop the walk being an excellent one.

Walk from Livadi – Chora - Psili Ammos - Livadi

The last part of the walk to Psili Ammos has been overtaken by the dam. Where the instruction says 'This path off the left descends ' , You should take this path between stone walls, but as it approaches the dam follow it through a broken down wall to the right and follow it to the gravel road that goes up to the right of the larger of the dam walls. This leads you out to the main road, which you can follow down to Psili Ammos.

If you follow the path earlier 'to get a beautiful view on a real gorge...' this is a waymarked path that leads across the gorge on a lovely path to emerge finally on a concrete road that starts beside the smaller of the dam walls. Going from the other end, follow the concrete road (from the smaller dam wall) past a couple of new houses. It becomes a dirt road and where it swings right go straight on, on the waymarked path.

Leaving Psili Ammos, walk up the main road toward the dam. Look out for a path leaving the road to the left, leading uphill. This crosses a dirt road then arrives again at the new road. Go right a few metres and take a path on the left dropping down into the valley below the larger of the dam walls. Go left to arrive on the beach at Livadi – no lorries now. Alternatively, the walk along the main road to Livadi is pleasant in low season – nice views and little traffic.

'New' route from Chora to Kendarchos

Follow RV's route from Chora towards Kendarchos. Where this turns left just below Stavros church, go straight ahead with the metal fence on the right, waymarked with orange dots. This path winds upwards to the right and forks. The left fork (waymarked) rejoins RV's Kendarchos route (this is the way that Dubin in Trecking in Greece, advocates getting to Stavros). Take the right fork and follow the waymarks. After 10/15

minutes the more used path turns right, but go straight ahead on a partially overgrown path between walls. There are no paint waymarks here, but they reappear a few metres along. The waymarks are faithful until some time later, after following above a wall on the right, the wall turns right and the path goes straight on. There seems to be one more waymark as you round the headland and Kendarchos comes into view. Follow the vague path down to the road. It joins the road via a small new stone footbridge. The path into Kendarchos continues across the road. This is a lovely path and pretty well waymarked, but only in the direction described above.

We thought that the wall mentioned five lines above is the same one as 'crumbled away' wall described in RV's Chora to Agios Ioannis (see above), but we did not have time to confirm it.

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He (Walking the Aegean Islands - 2000) describes a walk from Chora to Psili Ammos, but it involves going 'across county' and is not sufficiently different to RV's route to justify recommending it.