# H1. Agiofaraggo

## **Go and Return**



approx. 3 hrs.



approx. 3 - 4 km.



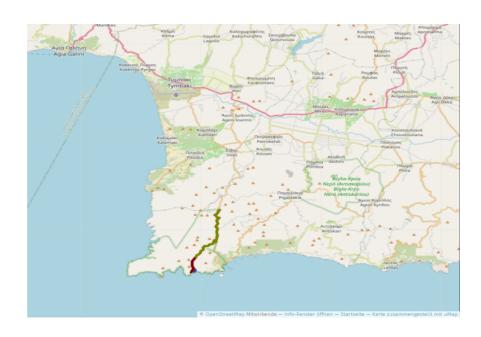
easy / medium



approx. 50 m.



sunny / shady



Agiofaraggo is a gorge with many caves. The name means "Holy Gorge." It ends at a beautiful beach with crystal-clear water. Many climbers also come here. Above the beach, there is a sinkhole, and you have a fantastic view of the beach from above. Generally, you walk mostly on a gravel path through the gorge. It's a very relaxed hike to Agiofaraggo Beach. You can reach the sinkhole in about 20 minutes via a small, marked uphill path that starts near the Agios Antonios church (go and return from the turnoff is about 1 km).

The hike is possible all year round!

If you have any further questions, please contact us by e-mail (<a href="mailto:claudiaandsonja@gmail.com">claudiaandsonja@gmail.com</a>)

#### What is needed:

- sturdy shoes / hiking boots
- water
- sun protection
- swimwear

**Travelling by bus: Not possible!** 

#### You can find our Youtube video about this hike here:



https://youtu.be/zodTUQJZ83k

# **Route description: (WP = Waypoint)**

### Directions monastery Odigitrias to the car park (green waypoint):

From the Odigitrias Monastery, a gravel road takes us about 6 km to the parking lot. The condition of the road varies, sometimes better and sometimes worse. A four-wheel-drive vehicle is recommended here, but it is also manageable with a regular car if driven carefully. Otherwise, you can simply park somewhere along the route and walk the additional kilometers.

From the Odigitrias Monastery (WP1 Monastery Odigitrias Car), we take the left gravel road. We follow this road for about 2 km until we reach (WP2). We continue on this road and after approximately 1 km, we pass the Agia Kyriaki church, which is located above us to the left. From here, it is another 1 km to the junction (WP3). Here, we turn right. We continue for about 300 m until we reach (WP4) and keep to the left. We continue to follow the gravel road, and after about 2 km, we reach the Agiofaraggo parking lot. Closed gates along our route may be opened but must always be closed again afterward!

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you park here under the trees, you must be prepared for the goats to make themselves comfortable on the roof of your car!

### For orientation during the hike, the following coordinates can be used:

These coordinates can be copied and pasted into your online map provider (Google Maps, OpenStreetMap) or use the interactive hiking map. (WP = Waypoint).

## **Coordinates monastery Odigitrias – car park Agiofaraggo:**

WP1 Monastery Odigitrias car: 34.97354, 24.79876

WP2 Car: 34.96232, 24.79691

WP3 Car: 34.94851, 24.79564

WP4 Car: 34.94998, 24.79491

**Car park Agiofarrago:** 34.93725, 24.78148

# **Drive through the WP in sequence. WP = waypoint**



## **Directions to the car park – Agiofaraggo Beach (red waypoint):**

From the **car park** / **Agiofaraggo**, go through the small gate. Then continue for approx. 500 metres along the obvious path to **(WP1)**. We continue along the path for approx. 600 metres and then reach the small church of Agios Antonios **(WP2 Agios Antonios)**. From here it is only about 500 metres to the beach **(WP3 Agiofaraggo Beach)**.

**Coordinates car park - Agiofaraggo Beach:** 

Walk the WP in sequence. WP = Waypoint

**Red WP = car park to Agiofaraggo Beach** 

**Purple WP = Turnoff to the sinkhole** 

## Coordinates Red WP / car park Agiofaraggo

**car park Agiofarrago**: 34.93725, 24.78148

**WP1:** 34.93452, 24.77921

**WP2: Agios Antonios:** 34.92951, 24.77908

**WP3: Agiofaraggo Beach:** 34.92536, 24.7781

### **Directions from the turn-off - sinkhole (purple waypoint):**

At the turnoff (WP1 sinkhole), we have to take a small path uphill. You have to look for it, but it is marked. From the junction we walk about 20 metres to (WP2 sinkhole). Here we go through a small gate. Follow the small path for approx. 70 metres to (WP3 sinkhole) and continue for approx. 70 metres to (WP4 sinkhole). Continue to (WP5 sinkhole) (approx. 80 metres) and after a further 50 metres you will reach (WP6 sinkhole). Now we leave the main path and turn right onto another path. We now follow this path for approx. 100 metres until we reach (WP7 sinkhole) and then continue for approx. 100 metres to (WP8 sinkhole top).

#### Coordinates WP / Turnoff to the sinkhole

**WP1 sinkhole:** 34.92855, 24.77975

**WP2 sinkhole:** 34.92846, 24.77986

**WP3 sinkhole**: 34.928, 24.78016

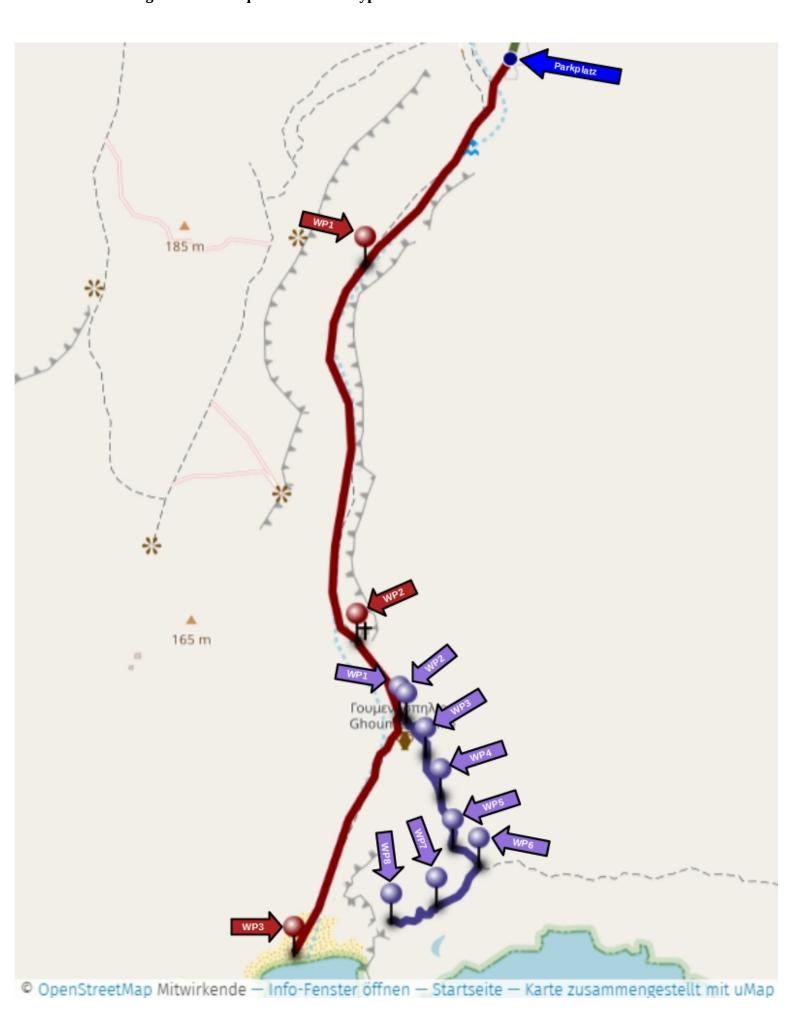
**WP4 sinkhole**: 34.92746, 24.78038

**WP5 sinkhole**: 34.92678, 24.78057

**WP6 sinkhole**: 34.92654, 24.78099

**WP7 sinkhole**: 34.92601, 24.78032

**WP8 sinkhole top: 34.92581, 24.77961** 



## Sights in the surrounding area:

### **Monastery Odigitrias**

Opening hours: Monday to Sunday 08:00 - 15:00

Tuesday closed

If you would like to visit the monastery, you should wear appropriate clothing (covered shoulders, trousers above the knee)!

## **General tips for hiking on Crete:**

- Start the hike early in the morning
- Save the location of the hire car (car park) in Google Maps
- Before the hike, let someone know where you are going, e.g. by text message, and log in again at the end of the hike
- Always close gates that have been opened!
- Don't forget enough water !!!
- Check the weather conditions
- Check bus connections and opening times in advance

Weather apps: Meteo <a href="https://www.meteo.gr/">https://www.meteo.gr/</a>

K24.net <a href="https://gr.k24.net">https://gr.k24.net</a>

Windy.com <a href="https://www.windy.com">https://www.windy.com</a>

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We wish you lots of fun !!!