

## 1. Agiofaraggo

## Go and Return



approx. 3 hrs.



approx. 3 – 4 km.



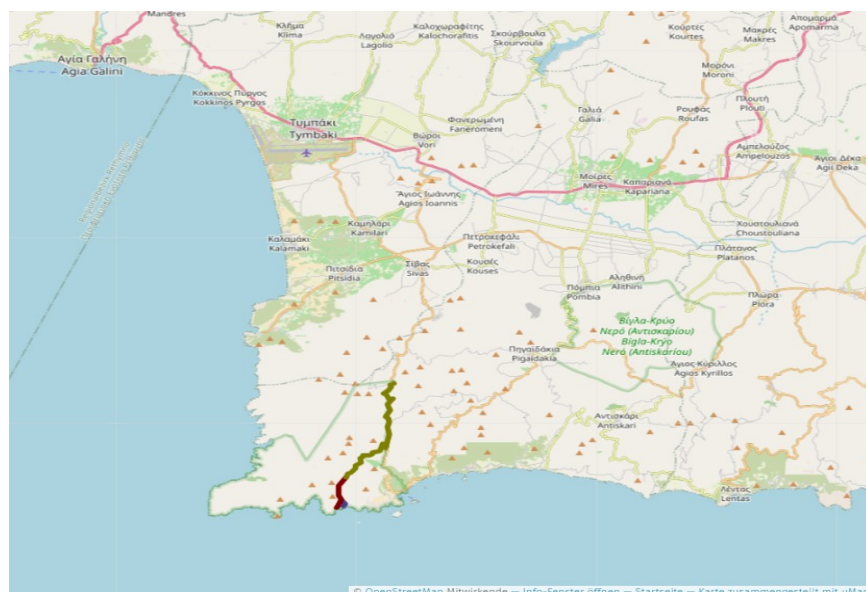
easy / medium



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  
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### **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:**

<b>WP1 Monastery Odigitrias car:</b>	<b>34.97354, 24.79876</b>
<b>WP2 Car:</b>	<b>34.96232, 24.79691</b>
<b>WP3 Car:</b>	<b>34.94851, 24.79564</b>
<b>WP4 Car:</b>	<b>34.94998, 24.79491</b>
<b>Car park Agiofarrago:</b>	<b>34.93725, 24.78148</b>

**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

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## 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

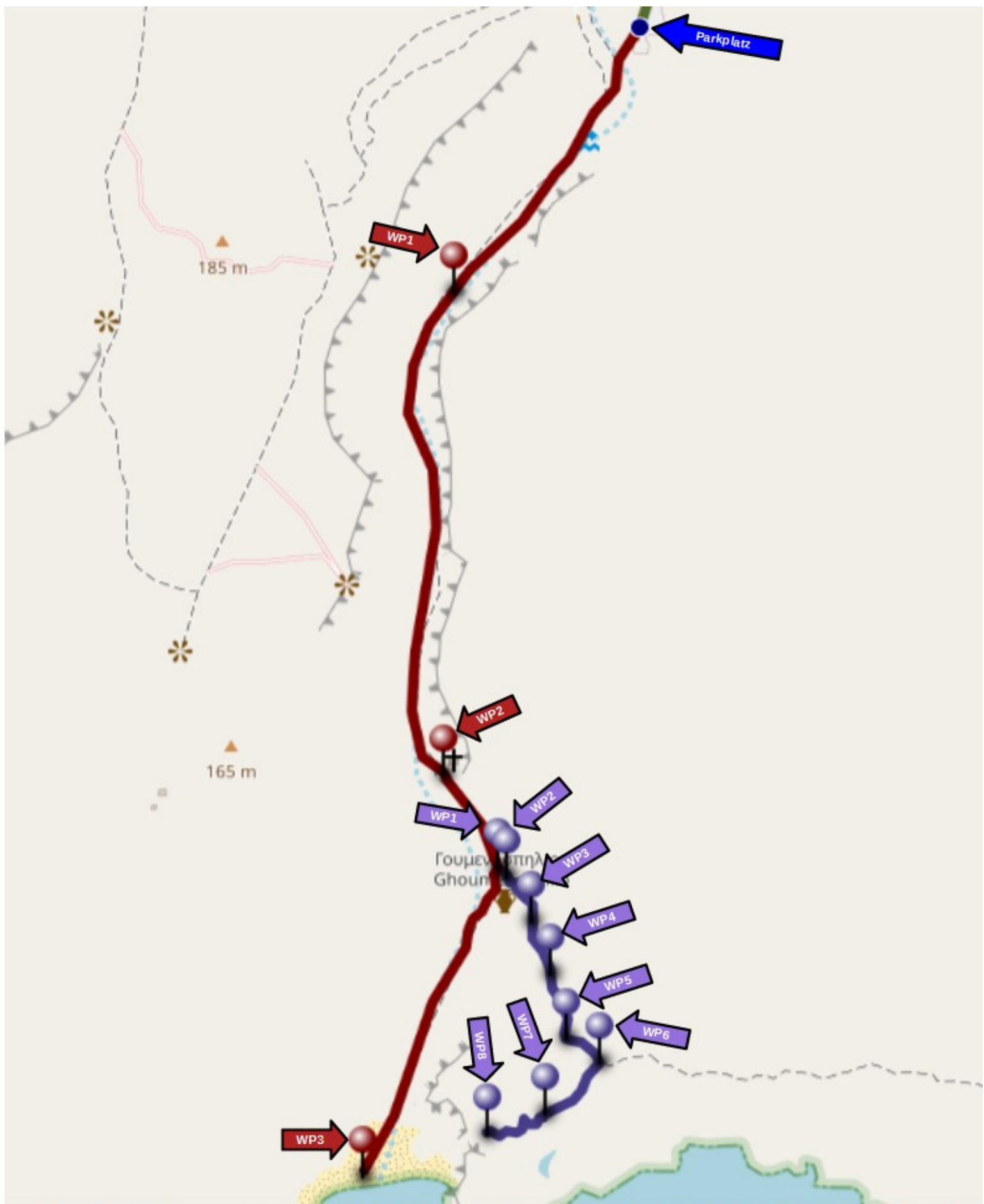
**WP6 sinkhole:** 34.92654, 24.78099

**WP7 sinkhole:** 34.92601, 24.78032

**WP8 sinkhole top:** 34.92581, 24.77961

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Walk along the WP in sequence. WP = waypoint



## 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 <https://www.meteo.gr/>

K24.net <https://gr.k24.net>

Windy.com <https://www.windy.com>

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**All information is provided without guarantee and may change!**

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[www.youtube.com/@claudiaandsonja](http://www.youtube.com/@claudiaandsonja)



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**We wish you lots of fun !!!**