



START POINT: road from Stavros to Mandraki

GRADE : Easy

TIME : 1 hour

This is an optional addition to the walk to Mandraki from Nikiā via the caldera rim and Stavros monastery. Starting from just beyond the high point in the col after leaving Stavros, the path goes into a small valley with the deserted ancient monastery complex of Siones. Clustered around a traditional inner courtyard or 'avli' is a compact group of buildings displaying various stages of agricultural and religious occupation including original cave dwellings, a one room family house with open hearth and sleeping platform, and a church adorned with frescoes renovation in 1733 but now deteriorating due to water ingress in winter. The easy path takes about 20 minutes each way. Allow at least an hour for the additional walk and exploration.

⊕ The way to Siones begins shortly after the col beyond Stavros.

A path goes off to the right^{ref} (1), turn onto the stone-paved path(2) and follow it to the enclosure around the old stone buildings.

N 36° 35' 02.7"
E 27° 08' 44.0"



⊕ Go in through the gate(3), straight ahead and in a few metres up 2 rough-built stone and concrete steps(4) through a gap in a palette-fence to pass the old house on the left.



⊕ Just past the (unoccupied) house climb up the low part of the stone wall and turn immediately left(5) on an initially clear but increasingly thin path.

⊕ Follow this through rocks and trees onto a terraced field, soon turning down to the right, and into a hidden valley. The path dog-legs to follow the floor of the valley(6).



⊕ Drop down through terraces and overhanging trees onto the valley floor and continue along the left hand edge until a thin path goes up to the left. (7).

⊕ At the top of this are an old stone trough, some half barrels and stone gate pillars(8). Go through the pillars (8+9) and immediately left along paths up to a terraced field leading rightward to Siones which is now in view^{ref} (9+10).

N 36° 35' 18.8"
E 27° 08' 46.8"



Other walks on Nisyros

Walk 1: Emborios to Mandraki via bubble

Walk 3: Nikiā to Mandraki via caldera

Walk 4: Emborios to Mandraki via caldera

Walk 5: Mandraki to Oros Diavatis

Walk Option 1 - to Nifios

..... additional to Walks 3 and 4

Walk Option 2- to Oros Diavatis

..... additional to Walks 1, 3 and 4



Walks on Nisyros
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