

CHARAMOS CRAG - KANDIA

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ABOUT THIS GUIDEBOOK
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Warning

This guidebook is a compilation of unverified information gathered from many different climbers.

The author cannot ensure the accuracy of any of the information in this book, including topos and route descriptions, difficulty ratings, and protection ratings.

These may be incorrect or misleading, as ratings of climbing difficulty and risk are always subjective and depend on the physical characteristics (for example, height), experience, technical ability, confidence, and physical fitness of the climber who supplied the rating.

Additionally, climbers who achieve first ascents sometimes underrate the difficulty or risk of the climbing route.

Therefore, be warned that you must exercise your own judgment on where a climbing route goes, its difficulty, and your ability to safely protect yourself from the risks of rock climbing.

Examples of some of these risks are: falling due to technical difficulty or due to natural hazards such as holds breaking, falling rock, climbing equipment dropped by other climbers, adverse weather conditions, failure of your own equipment, and failure or absence of fixed protection.

Here are some ways to use this guidebook more safely.

1. Consultation: You should always consult with other climbers about the difficulty and risks of a particular route before attempting it. Most local climbers are glad to provide advice on routes in their area; we suggest that you contact locals to confirm ratings and safety of particular routes and to obtain first-hand information about the route of your choice.

2. Instruction: Most climbing areas have local climbing instructors and guides available. We recommend that you engage an instructor or guide to learn safety techniques and to become familiar with the routes and hazards of the areas described in this book. Even if you are already proficient in climbing safely, occasionally hiring a guide is a safe way to raise your climbing standard and learn advanced techniques.

3. Fixed Protection: Some of the routes in this book may use fixed bolts and pitons that have been pre-placed on the rock. Because of vari-

ances in the manner of placement, weathering, metal fatigue, the quality of the metal used, and many other factors, these fixed protection pieces should always be sceptically considered and should be backed up when possible by your own gear.

Never depend on a single piece of fixed protection for your safety, because you can never tell whether it will single-handedly hold weight. In some cases, fixed protection may have been removed or is now missing.

However, climbers should avoid adding new pieces of fixed protection, unless they deem the pre-placed protection faulty and are looking to replace it. Existing protection can be tested by an experienced climber, to determine its strength. The ethics of climbing also strongly discourage adding bolts or drilled pitons to a pre-existing route, intending the route to be climbed as it was meant to be by the first ascent party.

Be aware of the following specific potential hazards that could arise in using this book:

1. Incorrect Descriptions of Routes:

If you climb a route and you have a doubt as to where it goes, you should not continue unless you are sure that you can go that way safely. Route descriptions and topos in this book could be inaccurate or misleading.

2. Incorrect Difficulty Rating:

A route might be more difficult than the rating indicates. Do not be lulled into a false sense of security by the difficulty rating.

3. Incorrect Protection Rating:

If you climb a route and you are unable to arrange adequate protection from the risk of falling through the use of fixed pitons or bolts and by placing your own protection devices, do not assume that there is adequate protection available higher just because the route protection rating indicates the route does not have an X or an R rating. Every route is potentially an X (a fall may be deadly), due to the inherent hazards of

climbing—including, for example, failure or absence of fixed protection, your own equipment's failure, faulty protection placement, or improper use of climbing equipment.

4. Failure to Warn of a Particular Hazard:

Although an effort has been made to warn of known hazards on particular routes, this guide does not warn of every hazard that exists on every route. Climb carefully and be watchful for potential hazards.

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ARGOLIS
KANDIA - NAFPLIO

View from the parking spot

Kandia

Kandia is a seaside village in the prefecture of Argolida, built on the shores of the Argolic Gulf, on the route between **Iria** and **Drepano**.

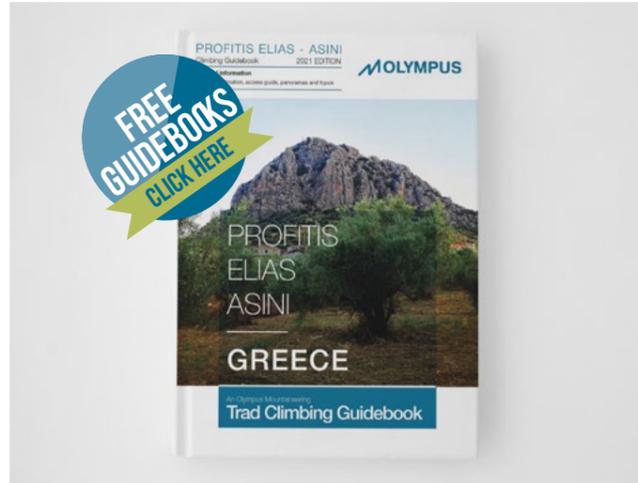
In **Kandia**, besides Sport Climbing you can find one of the largest beaches in Argolida which according to tourists is considered a blue flag. On the beach you will find many fish taverns, cafes and snack bars. In the upper village we find the **Holy Temple** of three hierarchs and in the **Acropolis Panagia Eleousa**.

Also, if you choose **Kandia** for your stay, the hospitable residents with a large number of rental apartments will welcome you with affordable prices for everyone.

Kandia was built shortly after the creation of the Greek state by **Arkades** and populations from **Crete**. It got its name from the name by which

Heraklion was known during the Venetian period.

An important attraction of the area is the tower of Kandia, also known as the **Tower of Aga**, which during the Turkish occupation was the residence of a local Ottoman official.



About Nafplio

One of the most beautiful towns in the area of Argolis (in eastern Peloponnese) as well as one of the most romantic cities all over Greece, **Nafplio** was the first capital of the newly born Greek state between 1823 and 1834.

According to mythology, the town was founded by **Nafplios**, the son of god **Poseidon** and the daughter of Danaus (Danaida) Anymone.

The town's history traces back to the prehistoric era when local soldiers participated in the Argonautic expedition and the Trojan War alike. The town recessed during the Roman times and flourished again during the Byzantine times.

Frankish, Venetian and Turkish conquerors left their mark in the town and strongly influenced its culture, architecture and traditions during the centuries.

Ancient walls, medieval castles, monuments and statues, Ottoman fountains and Venetian or neo-classical buildings mesmerize the visitor with their

unique architecture and beauty.

In the summer, take an invigorating swim on the beaches of **Arvanitia**, **Karathonas**, **Nea Kios**, **Miloi** and **Kiveri**. You will also find a nice beach offering all kinds of facilities in Tolo, only 15 min away from the town.

Useful links:

General Info: [Olympus Mountaineering](#)
[About Nafplio](#)
[FREE Climbing Guidebooks](#)

Camping: [Camping Scala](#)
[Iria Beach Camping](#)
[Posidon Camping](#)
[Lefka Camping](#)



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NAFPLIO - ARGOLIS

View from the castle



CHARAMOS CRAG

19 Routes ★★★★★ Kandia, Argolis

Crag location: 37.542547, 22.981409

Season: Autumn - Spring | **Walk in:** 5 minutes

General information

A new sport climbing crag was developed near the village of **Kandia** in **Argolis region**, Peloponnese, Greece.

The development of the climbing crag began in late **2020** with the initiative of **Stamatis Konstantakopoulos, Christos Rigas** and **Eleni Chroni**.

The first sector was fully bolted in the beginning of 2021.

The rock consists of grey-brown and red limestone of very good quality with a **total of 19 routes** for the time being. There are routes for all types of climbing, but this crag will be appreciated the most by intermediate and experienced climbers.

Although all year climbing is possible, the best seasons to visit the **Charamos Crag** is from late **Autumn** till late **Spring**.

Grades 5c to 8.

In a Nutshell

Exposure: East - Southeast

Best Season: Autumn - Spring

Sun: From 10.00 - 16.00

Walk in: 5 minutes

Water: None

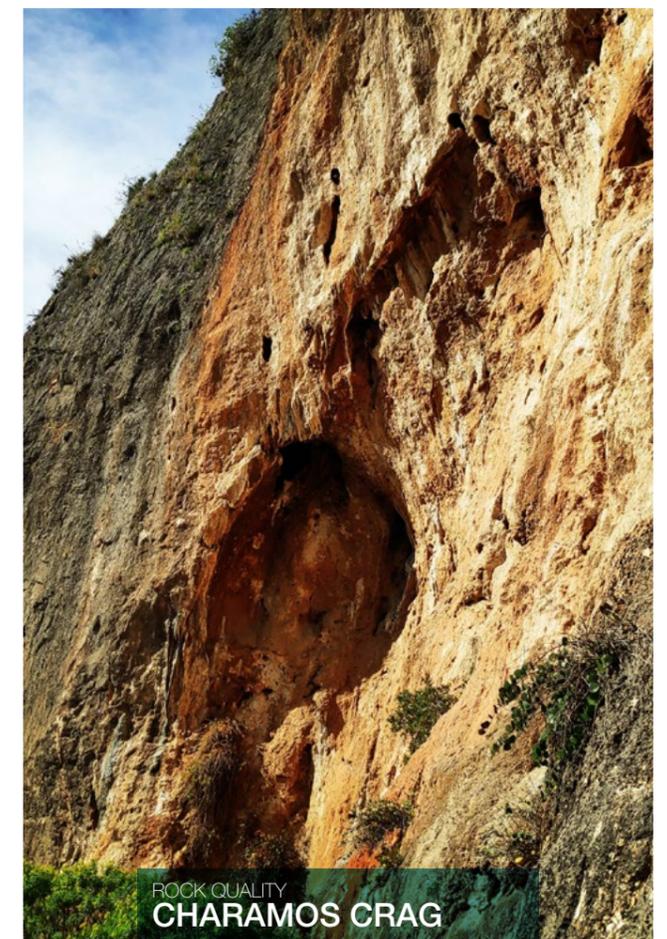
Family Friendly: Yes

Pet Friendly: Yes

Camping: Kandia

Gear: 70 m. rope, 14 quickdraws

Routes bolted by: S. Konstantakopoulos, C.Rigas & E. Chroni



ROCK QUALITY
CHARAMOS CRAG

Rock consists of grey-brown and red limestone



CHARAMOS CRAG
TZAKALAKOS 6a

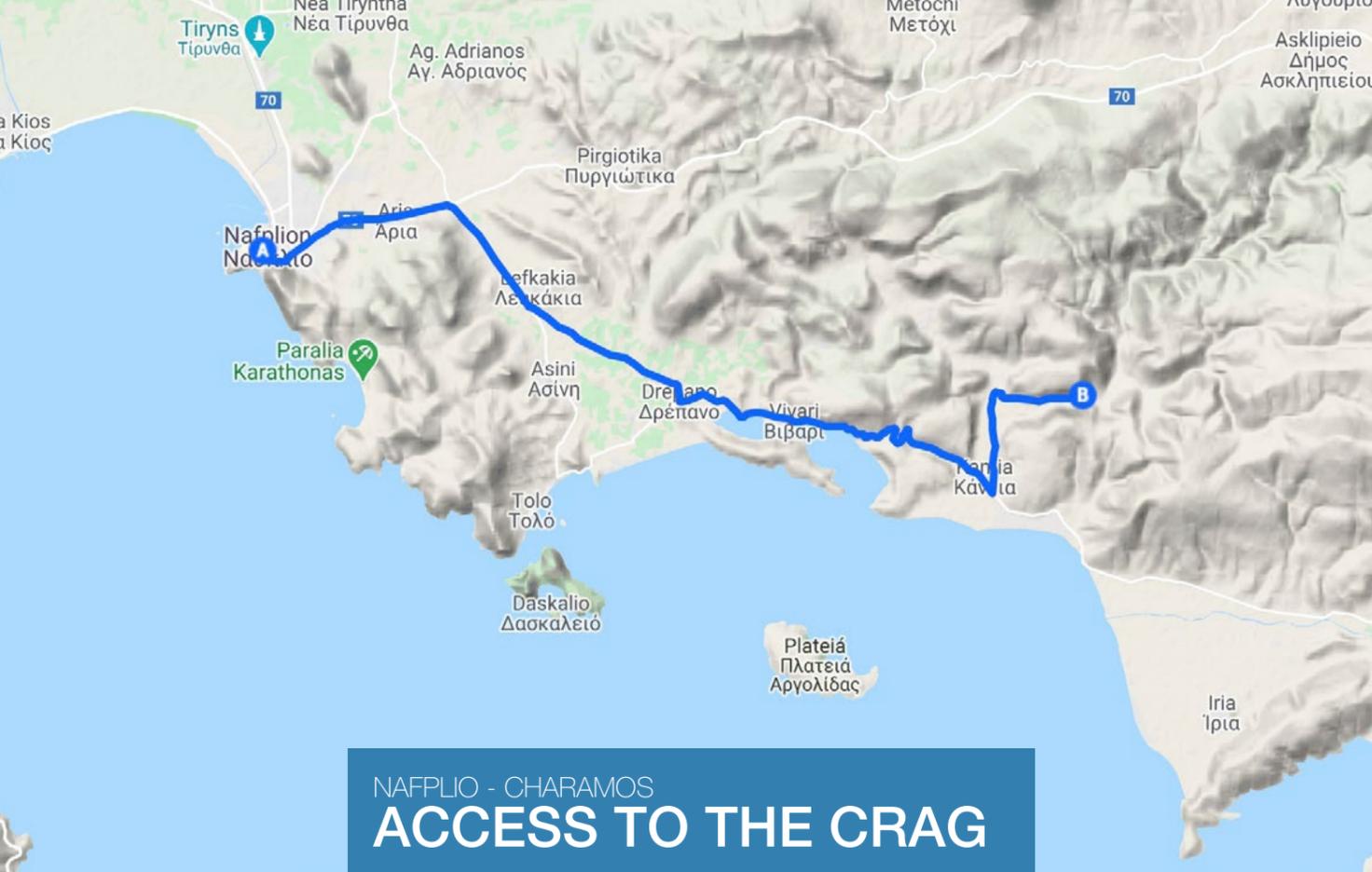
Climber: Nadine Strobl

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NAFPLIO - CHARAMOS
ACCESS TO THE CRAG
 Access from Nafplio towards Charamos crag

Access

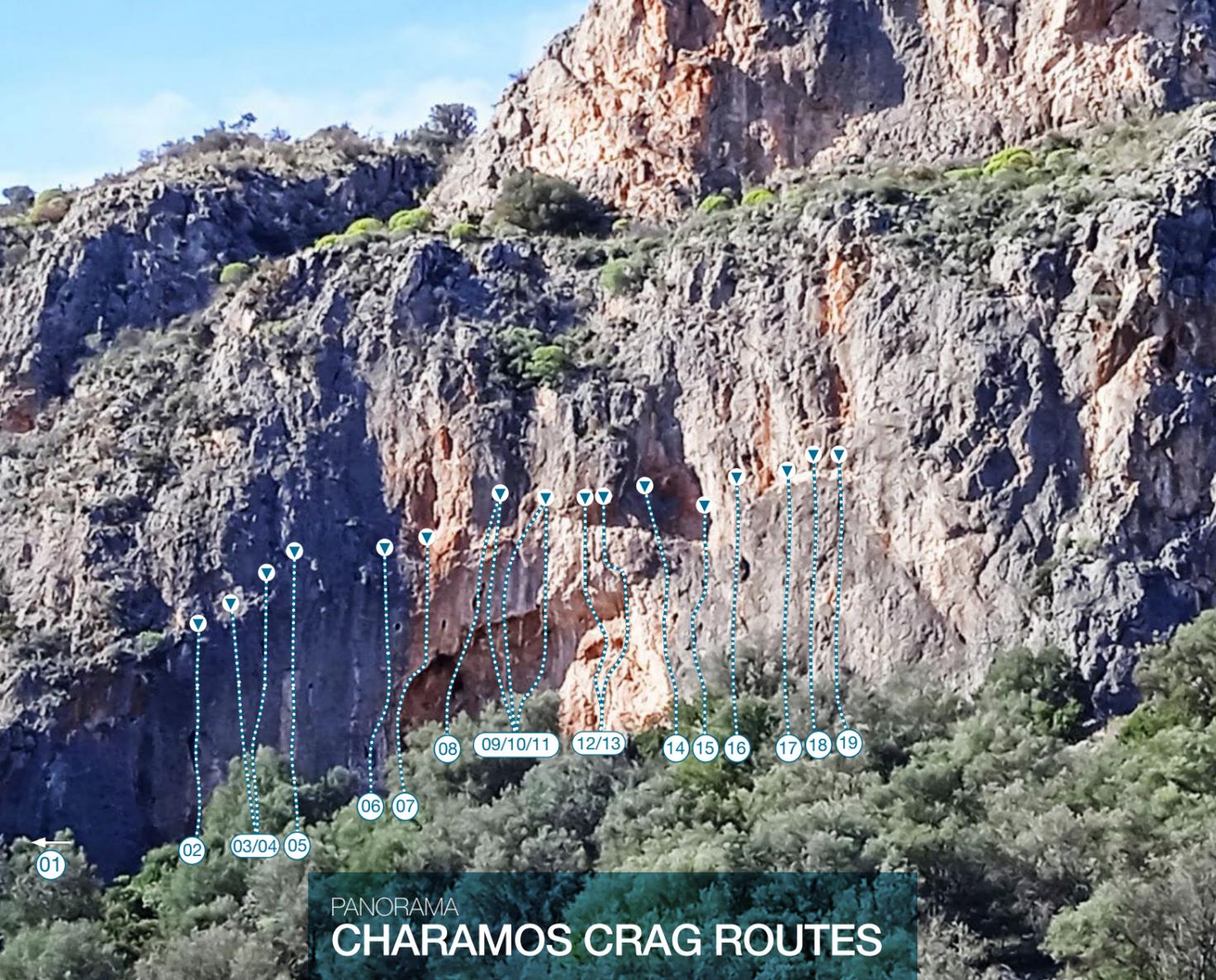
From Nafplio city centre, head east towards Aria. As soon as you reach the roundabout of Agia Eleousa, take the 2nd exit and follow E O70, the road which connects Nafplio and Asini.

About 2.5 km on this way, reaching a characteris-

tic fork, slight left, onto the road "Nafpliou - Drepanou". About 3.6 km on this way, turn left onto "Drepanou - Kantias". As soon as you reach Kantias, turn left and drive for about 2 km. Then, turn right and you can park your car on this point: 37.541273, 22.981466



CHARAMOS CRAG
PISTOLERO (ΠΙΣΤΟΛΕΡΟ) 6c+
 Climber: Christos Rigas



PANORAMA
CHARAMOS CRAG ROUTES



Stamatis Konstantakopoulos on
Mefistofelis (Μεφιστοφελής) 7b+



Kostas Tsoukledis on
Tzakalacos (Τζακαλάκος) 6a

#	Name	Grade	M.	✓
01.	Sec Show	5c+	17 m.	
02.	Καπαρολογία	6b	16 m.	
03.	Πορτοφολάκιας	6c	18 m.	
04.	Πιστολέρο	6c+	20 m.	
05.	Λεοντόκαρδος	7a	18 m.	
06.	Dois Circulus	7a+	20 m.	
07.	Μαλλιά Κουβάρι	7c+	22 m.	
08.	Δαιμόνιος Πράκτωρ	7b+	25 m.	
09.	Μεφιστοφελής	7b+	25 m.	
10.	Δακτυλοσκόπηση	8?	20 m.	

#	Name	Grade	M.	✓
11.	Ξυλόσαυρος	8?	20 m.	
12.	Η χήρα που φορούσε άσπρα	8?	20 m.	
13.	Φρίμπα	7a	22 m.	
14.	Τζακαλάκος	6a+	20 m.	
15.	Εξαδάκτυλος	5c	20 m.	
16.	Ααγής	6a	20 m.	
17.	Blue Book	6a+	22 m.	
18.	Λιόδεντρο	6a	22 m.	
19.	Το πηγάδι των ευχών	6a+	22 m.	



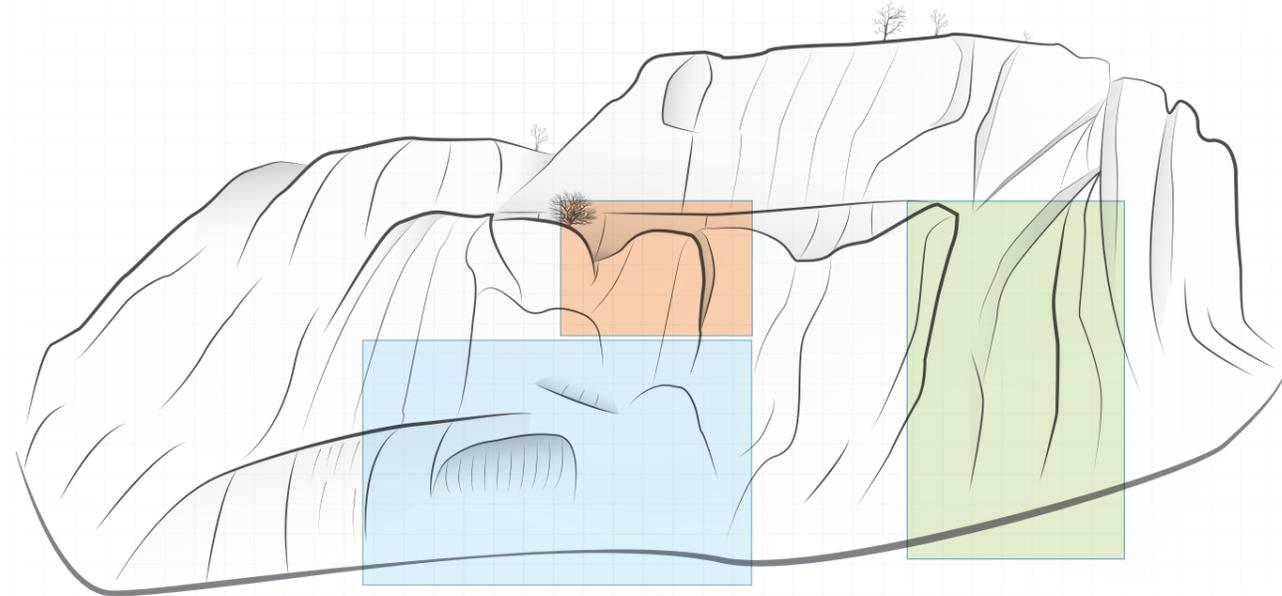
Aris Georgopoulos on
Exadaktilos (Εξαδάκτυλος) 5c

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- Charamos Crag Sport Climbing Sector
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- Charamos Crag Future route extensions development

Future Crag Development

The development of the **Charamos** climbing crag began in **late 2020** and the first sector was concluded in **early 2021**, but there is potential for further development.

There is opportunity to explore and bolt new sport climbing routes, some extensions on existing routes and even a new sector could be developed on the southern part of the **Charamos** crag.

The first sector of the crag, as describe on this guide, besides the personal efforts of **S. Konstantakopoulos, C. Rigas & E. Chroni**, was also possible, due to the volunteering of the local climbing community.

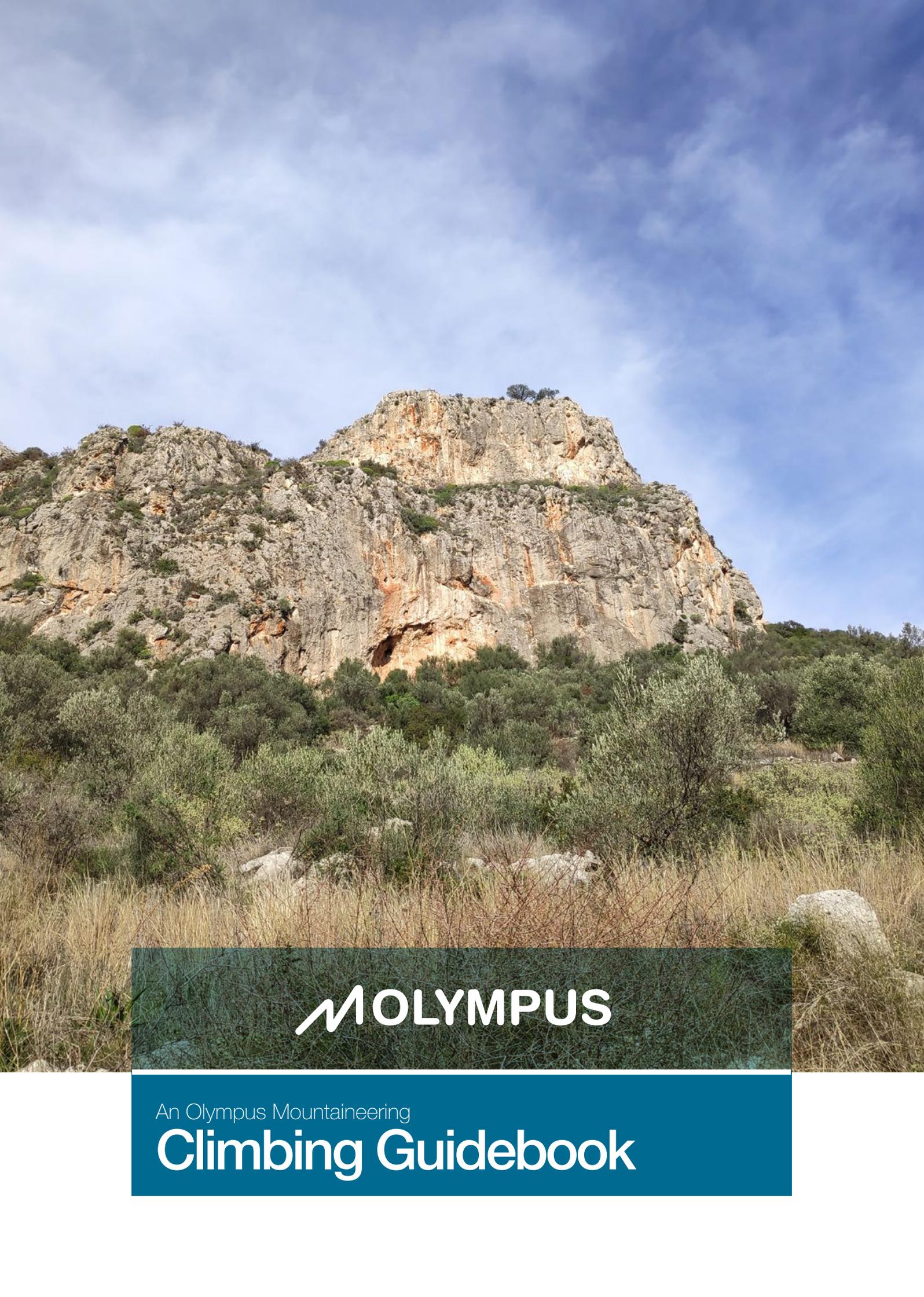
Should you be interested to contribute to the crag's further development, please get in touch with the original route setters for further information and collaboration. There is plenty of potential for new intriguing routes.



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Rock climbing and mountaineering in general is a dangerous pastime that can lead to serious injury or worse. You should not undertake these without proper training or equipment.

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