

ERMIONIDA - ARGOLIS

Climbing Guidebook

2025 EDITION

A hands-on account

General information, access guide, panoramas and topos

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CLIMBING IN ERMIONIDA ARGOLIS GREECE

An Olympus Mountaineering

Climbing Guidebook



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WARNING ABOUT THIS GUIDEBOOK

Read before using this guidebook

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 grades 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. If you're new unfamiliar with climbing or unfamiliar with the area, we recommend that you hire 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 safety, occasionally hiring a guide is a sure 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 variances 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.

Never depend on a single piece of fixed protection for your safety, because you can never tell whether it will single-handedly hold your 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 potential inaccuracies while using this guidebook:

1. Incorrect Descriptions of Routes:

If you're not sure where exactly your route is going, exercise your own judgment as to whether you should continue or retreat. Route descriptions and topos in this book could be inaccurate or misleading.

2. Incorrect Difficulty Rating:

A route might be harder than the rating indicates. Do not be lulled into a false sense of security by the grade.

3. Incorrect Protection Rating:

If you're climbing a route and you are unable to arrange adequate protection 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 so. 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 gear, 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 is by no means comprehensive, when it comes to potential risks and hazards involved in climbing. Climb carefully, at your own risk, and always be watchful.

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CLIMBING GUIDEBOOK INTRODUCTION

View from Dardiza Crag

Once upon a time in the 2000s, a climbing revolution took place in **Ermionida**, East Peloponnese. The British climber **Jim Titt** and the German climber **Inge Zaczek** equipped more than **200 routes** on the area's excellent limestone rocks using stainless steel bolts. They dedicated significant time, money, and effort to the development of sport climbing in the region, for which we are grateful. Since **2021**, the local climbing community **Climb Ermionida** has carried out maintenance work on various crags, replaced several anchors, developed three new crags, established many new routes, and even introduced new adventure multi-pitch routes, always using **UIAA-certified** gear.



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Sport Climbing crags suitable for all-year climbing.



300+

Sport Climbing routes of various grades.



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Ermionida boasts an extensive coast line and offers many small coves with beaches.



3000+

Ermionida, gets over 3,000 hours of sunshine per year.

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KATAFYKI GORGE

70 routes | 5a - 7c+

2

PETROGERAKAS

8 routes | 5a - 6b+

3

PLEIADES

4 Multi-pitch routes | 5c - 6b+

4

DARDIZA

2 routes | 5a

5

CASTLE THERMISIA

34 routes | 5a - 8c+

6

CAVES OF FRAGTHI

14 routes | 4c - 7a+

7

SUNCASTLE

10 routes | 5a - 6b+

8

PILLARS OF THE WIND

52 routes | 3 - 8a

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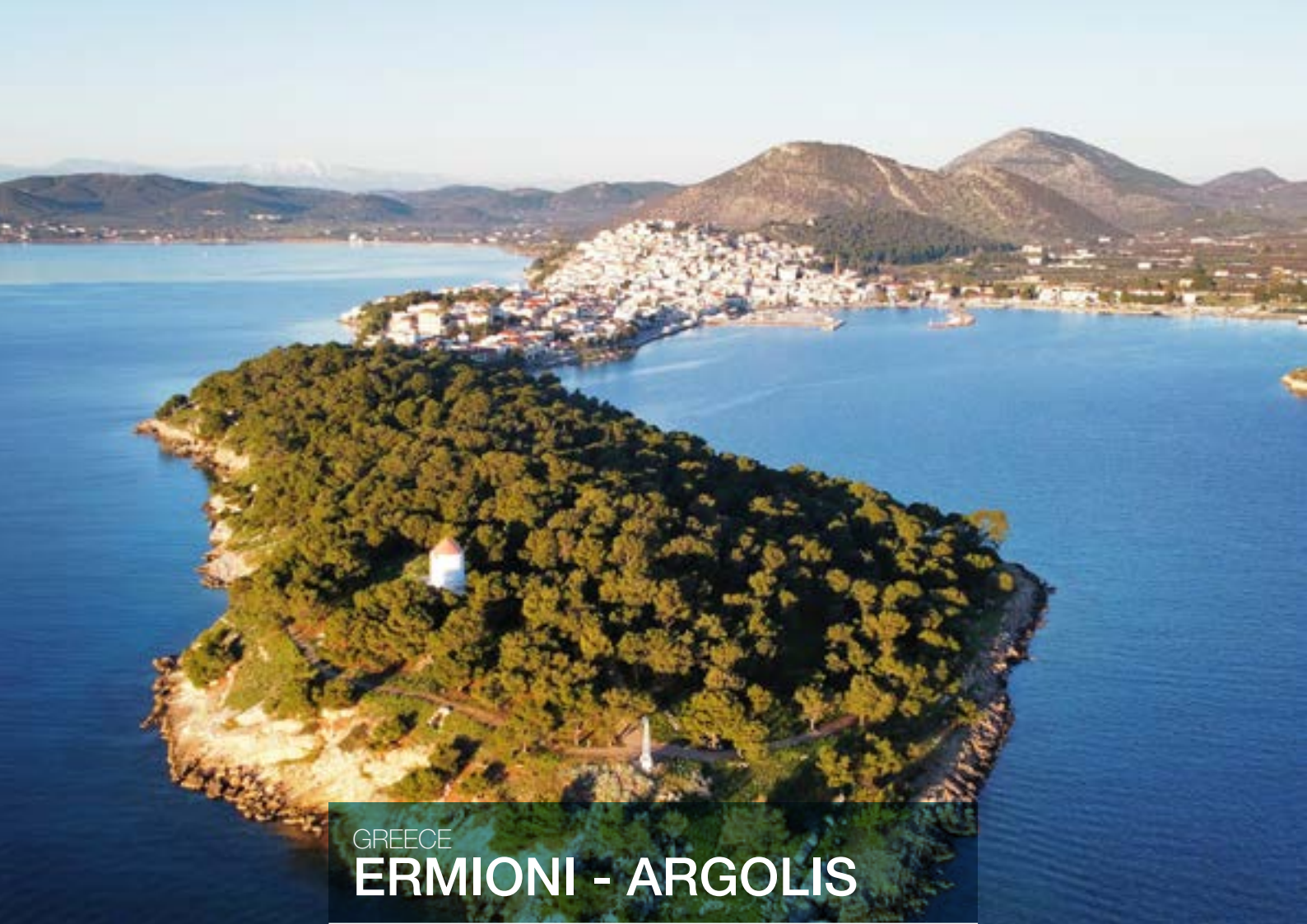
ROCK OF AGES

39 routes | 5a - 8a

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DIDYMA

68 routes | 4b - 8a



GREECE ERMIONI - ARGOLIS

Areal view of Bisti - Ermioni

About Ermionida

Ermionida is a municipality in the Argolis regional unit, Peloponnese, Greece. The seat of the municipality is the town of Kranidi.

Ermioni is a small fishing town in Ermionida (Argolis) on the east of Peloponnese. The traditional taverns, the cafés, the paved streets, the beautiful houses and the crystal clear beaches around this area are some of the reasons which make this town is an interesting summer destination of Peloponnese.

While travelling around the area, you will have the chance to admire olive and pine trees along with plenty of bays with turquoise waters but also plenty of climbing crags.

Rock climbing around Ermionida and generally the region of Argolis is all on excellent **solid grey limestone**.

The majority of the routes are single pitch sport climbing routes, however there are some trad climbing routes as well.

However, all of the climbing areas are only partially developed, which means there is a massive opportunity to establish new routes in the area.

The area of Argolis gets **over 3,000 hours of sunshine per year** and is a popular holiday destination.

This also means that it is possible to rock climb virtually throughout the whole year in the region, even in the hot summer months, as some crags such as **Didyma** are found on higher elevation - as high as 1,000 m.!

History

Ermioni (Ancient Hermione) was originally founded by the mythical hero Ermionas and the ancient **Dryopian tribe**, and dedicated to the 'messenger' god, Hermes, and later, during the Mycenaean period, to Hermione, daughter of Helen and Menelaus, King of Sparta.

The area of Ermionis has been inhabited **since the Paleolithic period**, 40,000 years ago. Archaeological excavations at the Mesolithic Fragthi Cave unveiled the oldest complete human skeleton in Europe, dating back to 23,000 BC.

From **14th to 8th Century BC**, many settlements were established in the Southern Argolida region, as elsewhere in Greece. By 6th Century BC some of these villages had grown into real towns and large cities, such as **Hermione** (Ermioni), **Halieis** (Porto Heli), **Mases** (Kilada) and **Eileoi** (Iliokastro).

This laid the foundations for the archaic Hermionis Kingdom, ruled from the walled city of Hermione, located on the ancient Bisti peninsula. Hermione witnessed considerable prosperity during the

Hellenistic and Republican Roman periods, particularly after the Romans had taken control of the city, following the destruction of ancient Corinth in 146 BC.

When **Pausanias** visited Hermione, he described with admiration the lavish temples, sanctuaries, stadium, festivals, music contests and swimming races that brought so much glory to the ancient Kingdom of Hermionis and the surrounding area.

Useful references:

General Info: Olympus Mountaineering Municipality of Ermionida

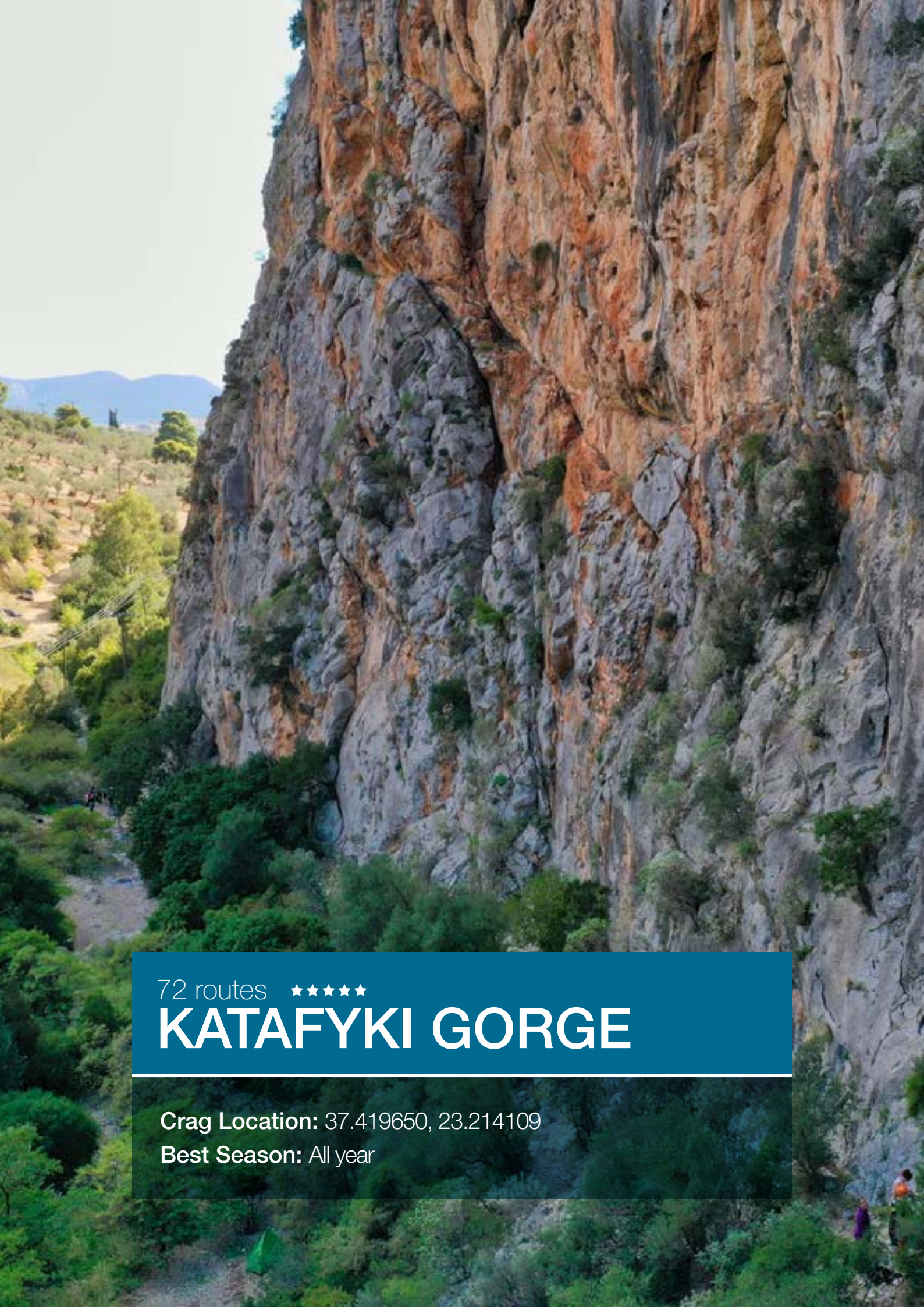
Camping: Hydra's Wave

Stay: Katafyki
Lambayanna beach
Dardiza beach



GREECE ERMIONI - ARGOLIS

View from the top of MAIA route



72 routes ★★★★★

KATAFYKI GORGE

Crag Location: 37.419650, 23.214109

Best Season: All year

KATAFYKI GORGE

72 Routes ★★★★★ Katafyki, Ermionida

Crag location: 37.419650, 23.214109
Season: All year | **Walk in:** 1 minute

General information

An impressive gorge with a main face **over 150 m.** high and an impressive rock expanse along the river bed. Further up on the northern side there is a large area of rock- still undeveloped.

The main wall has an impressive overhanging middle section traversed mid-height by a large horizontal roof with holes. At first sight this can be somewhat overwhelming but once you're on, it turns out to be more amenable than one would have expected.

A very short approach (crag is just 20 meters off the road) and good protection from the elements make this area worth a visit.

Climbing in Katafyki is pleasant throughout the year, as the main wall is shaded after mid-day. There are **72 routes** here, among which, there are 4 multi-pitch trad routes reaching up to 123m. and 3 multi-pitch sport routes up to 150 m. in length.

Grades 5a to 7c+.

In a Nutshell

- Exposure:** North
- Best Season:** All year
- Sun:** From 09.00 to 11.00 (16.00 in summer)
- Walk in:** 1 minute
- Water:** Yes (upon request)
- Family Friendly:** Yes
- Pet Friendly:** Yes
- Camping:** Around the chapel of Agios Nikolaos
- Gear:** 80 m. rope, 18 quickdraws
- Equipped by:** J.Titt, I. Zaczek, H. Weninger, J. Gstoettenmayr & family.



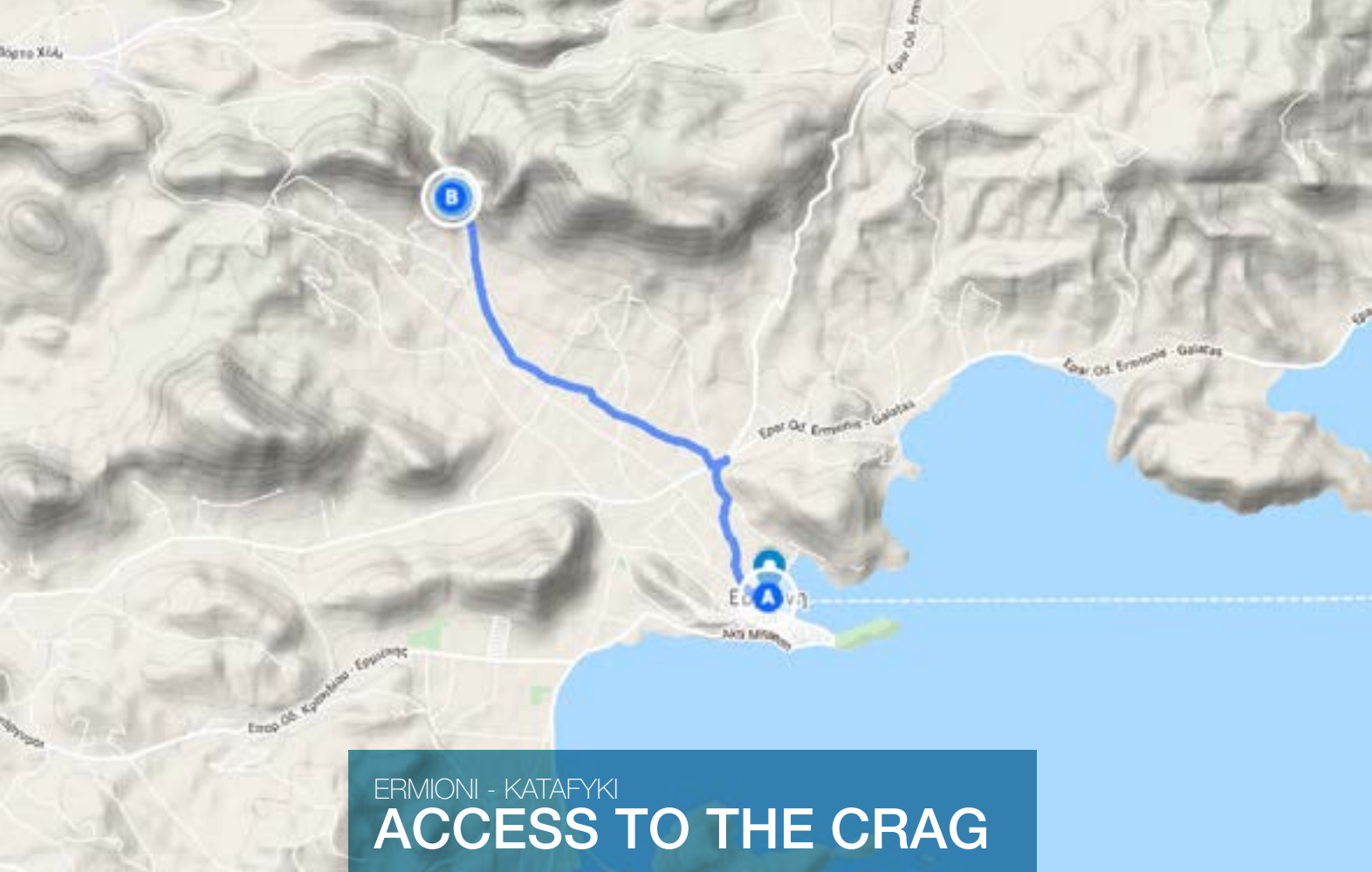
KATAFYKI GORGE
FORCE WAR 6a+

Sector: Welcome



ACCESS
ERMIONI - KATAFYKI

Access from Ermioni towards the gorge of Katafyki



ERMIONI - KATAFYKI ACCESS TO THE CRAG

Access from Ermioni towards the crag of KATAFYKI

Access

Approaching **Kranidi** from the north, you will come across an intersection. Follow the signs to **Ermioni** and drive along the long straight section until you reach an inconspicuous stone chapel on your left and a small sign towards **Katafyki Gorge** (oriented towards the opposite direction

so it's easy to miss!). Take a hard left and follow the tight tarmac road for **about 3 km. until you come to an agricultural dirt road** with a sign pointing to Katafyki to the west. Another 500 m. of well trodden dirt road among olive groves and you are at the crag.



KATAFYKI GORGE Sticky Fingers ext. 7b

Climber: Kostas Grafanakis



#	Name	Grade	M.	✓
01.	Ade	6b+	24 m.	
02.	Jassu	5c	24 m.	
03.	Namaste	6a	24 m.	
04.	Hola	5c+	22 m.	
05.	Bonjour	6a	22 m.	
06.	Welcome	5c	24 m.	
07.	Bienvenuto	6a	23 m.	
08.	Hei	6a+	22 m.	
09.	Olala	6b	22 m.	
10.	God Dag	6a+	20 m.	
11.	Gruezi	5c	18 m.	

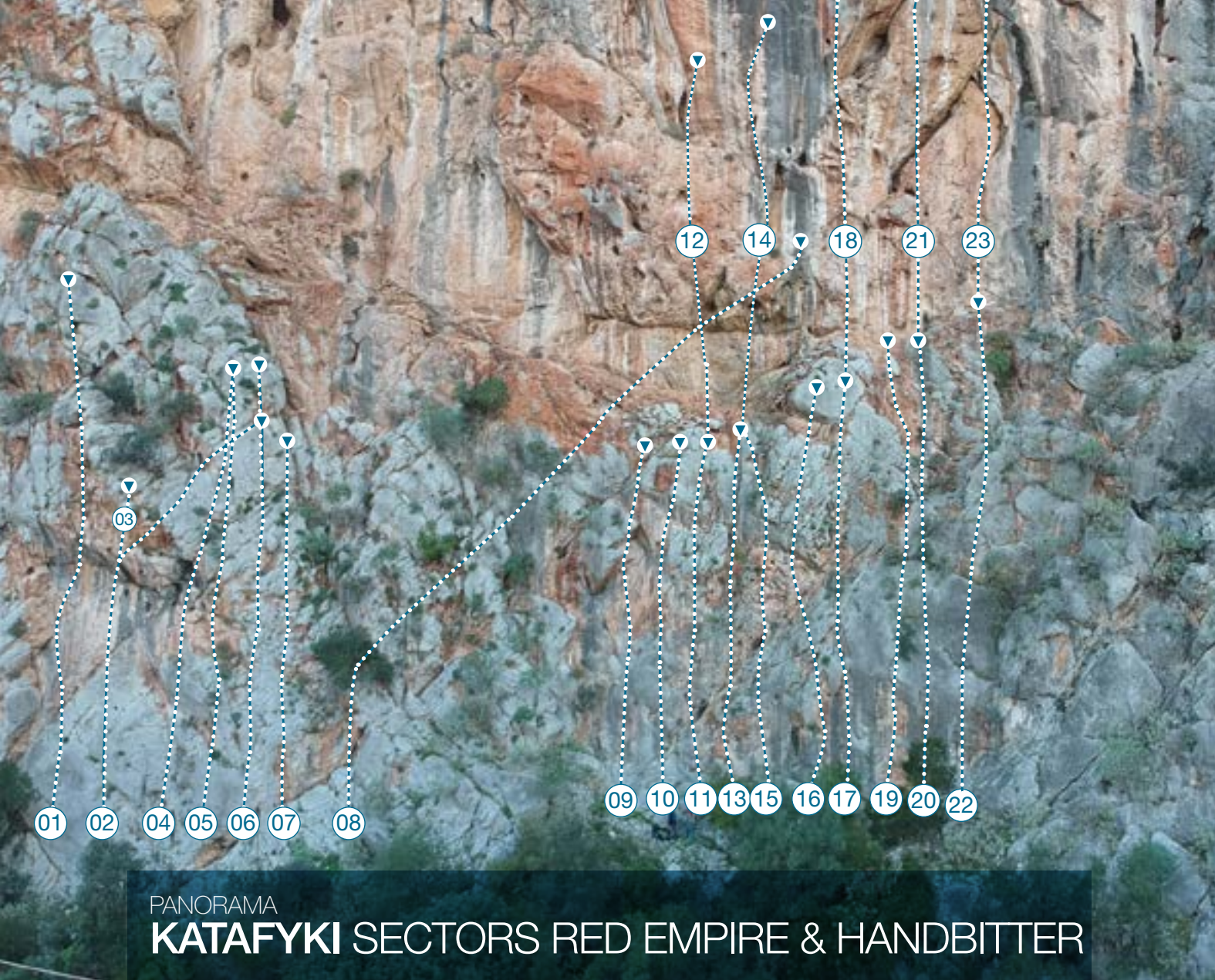
#	Name	Grade	M.	✓
12.	Tach	5a	16 m.	
13.	Answer (Trad)	V	22 m.	
14.	The Question	5c	28 m.	
15.	MT Direct	5c+	30 m.	
16.	Sabbatical	6b	30 m.	
17.	Savage Girl	7a	27 m.	
18.	Savage Baby	7a	25 m.	
19.	Savage Man	6b+	27 m.	
20.	Side Step	6c+	27 m.	
21.	Force War	6a+	27 m.	

#	Name	Grade	M.	✓
01.	Heroes	L1/L2 6a	60 m.	
02.	Rotzfatz	6a+	28 m.	
03.	Rockstar	6a	28 m.	
04.	Villains	5b	22 m.	
05.	At the edge	L1 6b+/L2 5c	24 m.	
06.	Saints	5c	25 m.	
07.	Last Hero	L16b/L2 6a	25 m.	
08.	Brake	6a	35 m.	

The Cave of Katafyki

The famous **Cave of Katafyki**, is mythologically noted as the entrance to **Hades**, from where **Hercules** unleashed his terrible Cerberus and the god **Pluto** led the daughter of the goddess **Demeter**, **Persephone**, to the underworld.

In the **Middle Ages** it was believed that the cave was a gate to Hell from which emerged all kinds of demons and fairies, haunts that made life difficult for passers-by.



#	Name	Grade	M.	✓
01.	Fighting Jim	6b	14 m.	
02.	The Red Empire	6a+	18 m.	
03.	The Red Empire ext.	7a+	15 m.	
04.	Papakias	6b	23 m.	
05.	Heaven	5c	22 m.	
06.	Sinner's	5a	22 m.	
07.	Prayer	5a	18 m.	
08.	Zorro	5b+	35 m.	
09.	Yassas	6b	22 m.	
10.	Mercy	5c	22 m.	
11.	Lucky	6a+	22 m.	
12.	Gate of Hades	6c	30 m.	

#	Name	Grade	M.	✓
13.	Golden Brown	5b+	22 m.	
14.	Fairytale	7a+	22 m.	
14.	Handbitter	5c	22 m.	
16.	Brown Sugar	5c	32 m.	
17.	Hole in the Wall	5b	22 m.	
18.	Hole in the Wall ext.	7a	34 m.	
19.	Rolling Stone	6a	22 m.	
20.	Sticky Fingers	5b	24 m.	
21.	Sticky Fingers ext.	7b	34 m.	
22.	Ruby Tuesday	5c	24 m.	
23.	Ruby Tuesday ext.	7b	40 m.	

#	Name	Grade	M.	✓
01.	He Ha	6a+	22 m.	
02.	Gstotti was here	6a+	22 m.	
03.	Loch im Bauch	6a+	24 m.	
04.	Holiday	6b	24 m.	
05.	Tamara	5a	14 m.	
06.	Kryptikos	6c	10 m.	
07.	Verena	5a	14 m.	
08.	via SCKC	6a	26 m.	
09.	Mythos	5b+	18 m.	
10.	Amstel	5c	18 m.	

#	Name	Grade	M.	✓
11.	5I	5a	19 m.	
12.	Nine Dragons	5b+	28 m.	
13.	Come On	5c+	22 m.	





PANORAMA - KATAFYKI
MULTI PITCH ROUTES

01. ANSWER

Pitches: 3 Grade: V
Lenght: 90 m. Style: Trad

L1 V L2 IV+ L3 V-

02. HEROES

Pitches: 2 Grade: 6a+
Lenght: 60 m. Style: Sport

L1 6a+ L2 6a

03. THE RED EMPIRE

Pitches: 5 Grade: 7c+
Lenght: 125 m. Style: Sport

L1 6a+ L2 6c L3 7c+
L4 5b L5 5b

04. ZORRO

Pitches: 6 Grade: 6b
Lenght: 150 m. Style: Sport

L1 5b L2 6b L3 5c
L4 6a L5 5a L6 4c

05. SUE'S PARTY

Pitches: 3 Grade: IV+
Lenght: 145 m. Style: Trad

L1 IV L2 IV+ L3 IV+
L4 IV

06. SUNDAY OUTING

Pitches: 6 Grade: V+
Lenght: 125 m. Style: Trad

L1 IV L2 V- L3 V+
L4 V+ L5 V L6 V-

07. PROJECT

Pitches: 3 Grade: VI
Meters: T.B.D. Style: Trad

L1 VI L2 ? L3 ?



8 Routes ★★☆☆☆

PETROGERAKAS

Crag Location: 37.421957, 23.219936

Best Season: Late Autumn - Late Spring

PETROGERAKAS

8 Routes ★★☆☆☆ Katafyki, Ermionida

Crag location: 37.421957, 23.219936

Season: Late Autumn - Late Spring | Walk in: 35 minutes

General information

A new sport climbing crag was developed near **Ermioni** and specifically near the already well established climbing crag **Katafyki**.

The crag was developed and **equipped in early spring 2022** by **Vertical Art Greece** with main equipper **K. Grafanakis** and with a kind contribution of the local climbing community, **Climb Ermionida**.

The rock consists of grey-brown and red lime-

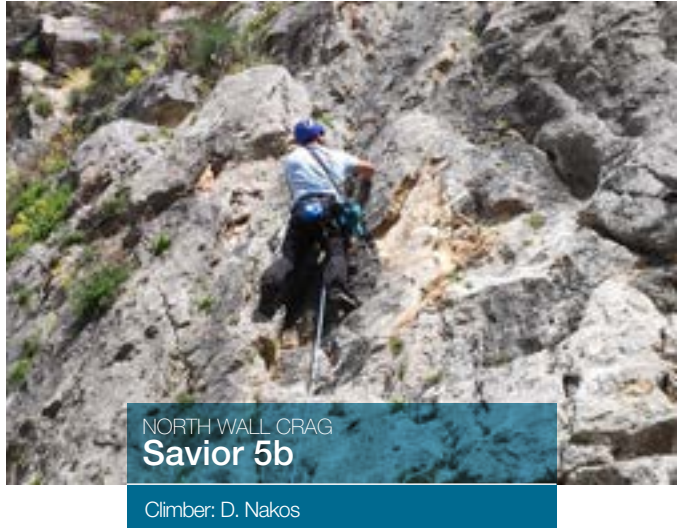
stone of very good quality but due to the fact the crag is newly developed, the rock on some routes might be a bit sharp. In total there are **8 routes** for all types of climbing, but was mainly developed for climbers taking their first steps on the vertical walls.

Best seasons to visit the **Petrogerakas Crag** is from late **Autumn** till late **Spring**.

Grades 5a to 6b+.

In a Nutshell

Exposure: South / South West
Best Season: Late Autumn - late spring
Sun: From 13.00 up to sunset
Walk in: 35 minutes (steep hike)
Water: None
Family Friendly: No
Pet Friendly: No
Camping: Katafyki Gorge
Gear: 60 m. rope, 14 quickdraws
Equipped by: K. Grafanakis



NORTH WALL CRAG

Savior 5b

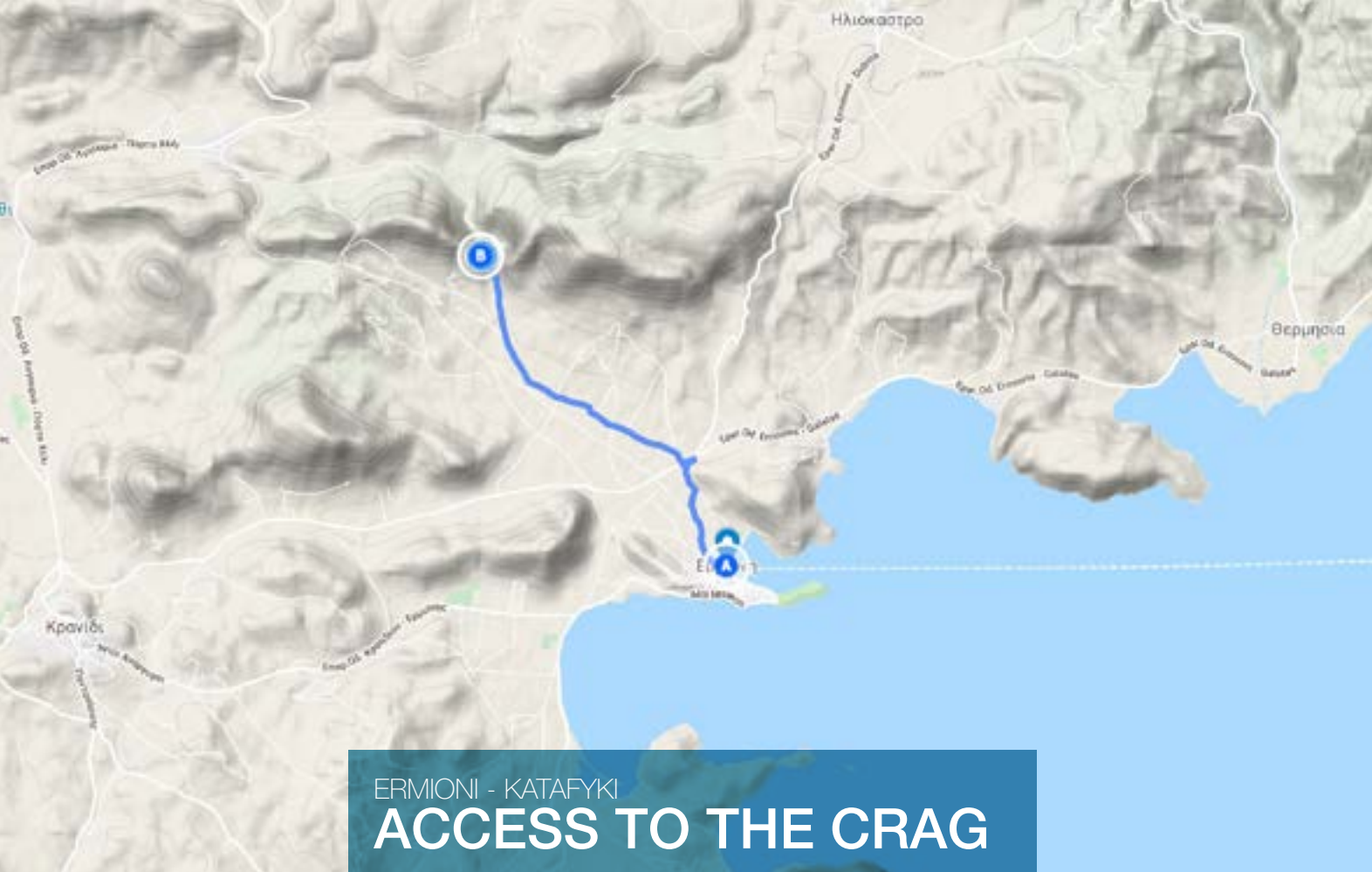
Climber: D. Nakos



ROCK QUALITY

NORTH WALL CRAG

Rock consists of grey-brown and red limestone

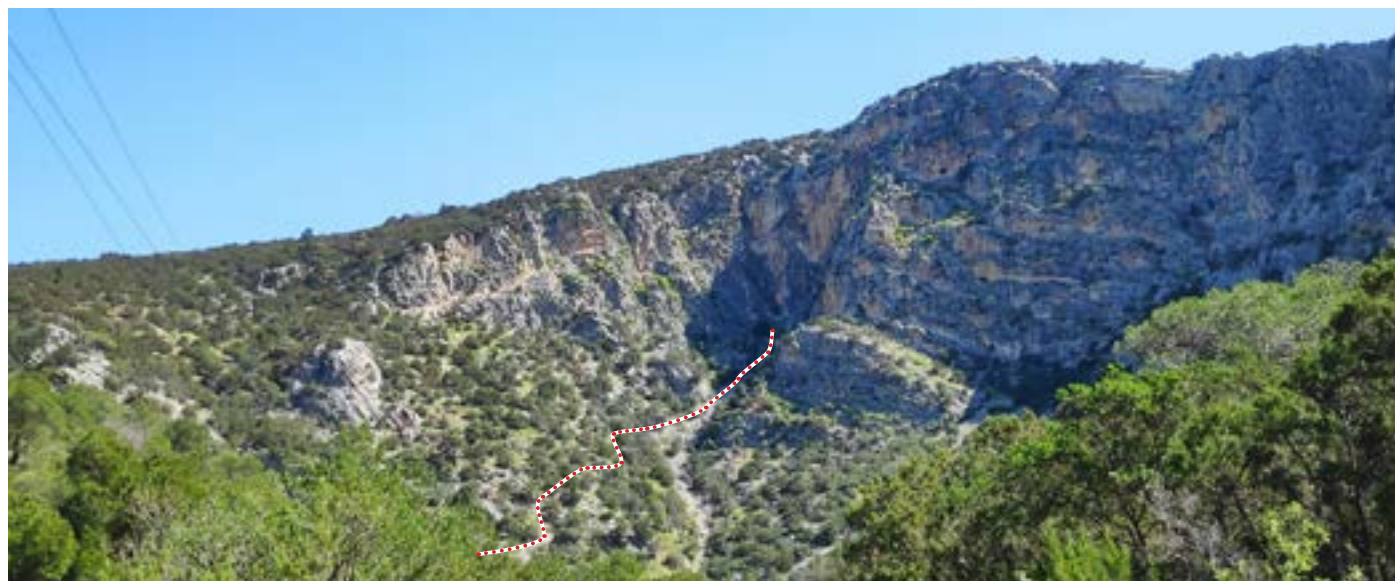


ERMIONI - KATAFYKI
ACCESS TO THE CRAG
 Access from Ermioni towards Petrogerakas crag

Access

Approaching **Kranidi** from the north, you will come across an intersection. Follow the signs to **Ermioni** and drive along the long straight section until you reach an inconspicuous stone chapel on your left and a small sign towards **Katafyki Gorge** (oriented towards the opposite direction so it's easy to miss!). Take a hard left and follow

the tight tarmac road for **about 3 km. until you come to dirt road** with a sign pointing to Katafyki to the west. From **Katafyki** parking spot, follow the trail that leads to **Petrogerakas crag**. Once on the trail, follow the **red** signs. **Attention:** the trail is very steep, though the approach hike is not very difficult.



PETROGERAKAS CRAG
YALAYALA 6b+
 Climber: K. Grafanakis



#	Name	Grade	M.	✓
01.	Mud Bath	5a	20 m.	
02.	Ylagiali	6a	24 m.	
03.	Yalayala	6b+	25 m.	
04.	Pollar Star	6b	24 m.	
05.	BBQ	6a+	19 m.	
06.	Savior	5b	20 m.	
07.	Alzheimer	5c	22 m.	
08.	Goats' Path	6a+	30 m.	

Good to know

Petrogerakas crag is located on the top of the wall northern of the main crag of **Katafyki**.

In order to reach the crag you have to **hike for about 30-40 minutes on a steep terrain** and therefore is advised to use **walking sticks** for the uphill, but mainly for the return and descent from the crag.

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5 Routes ★★★★★

PLEIADES

Crag Location: 37.42021, 23.2179

Best Season: All year

PLEIADES

5 Routes ★★★★★☆ Katafyki, Ermionida

Crag location: 37.42021, 23.2179

Season: All year | Walk in: 15 minutes

General information

A new Multi-Pitch climbing crag was developed near **Ermioni** and specifically near the already well established climbing crag **Katafyki**.

The crag was developed and **equipped in 2022** by **Vertical Art Greece** with main equipper **K. Grafanakis** and with a kind contribution of the local climbing community, **Climb Ermionida**.

Pleiades crag, is located on the west wall in the ravine of Katafyki, and specifically, between

the **Katafyki Main Crag** and the **Petrogerakas Crag**.

As of **Autumn 2025**, there are four fully bolted Multi-Pitch routes, **MAIA** (5c, 178 m.), **TAYGETE** (6b+, 205 m.), **ALCYONE** (6a, 100 m.) **ASTEROPE** (6b+, 130m.) and **ELECTRA** (VI UIAA, 145 m.).

All routes end at the top of the cliff with some stunning views toward **Ermioni** and the gulf of **Hydra** island.

In a Nutshell

- Exposure: West
- Best Season: All year
- Sun: From 13.00 up to sunset (summer)
- Walk in: 15 minutes
- Water: No
- Family Friendly: No
- Pet Friendly: No
- Camping: Katafyki Gorge
- Gear: 2 x 60 m. rope, 18 quickdraws
- Equipped by: Vertical Art Greece



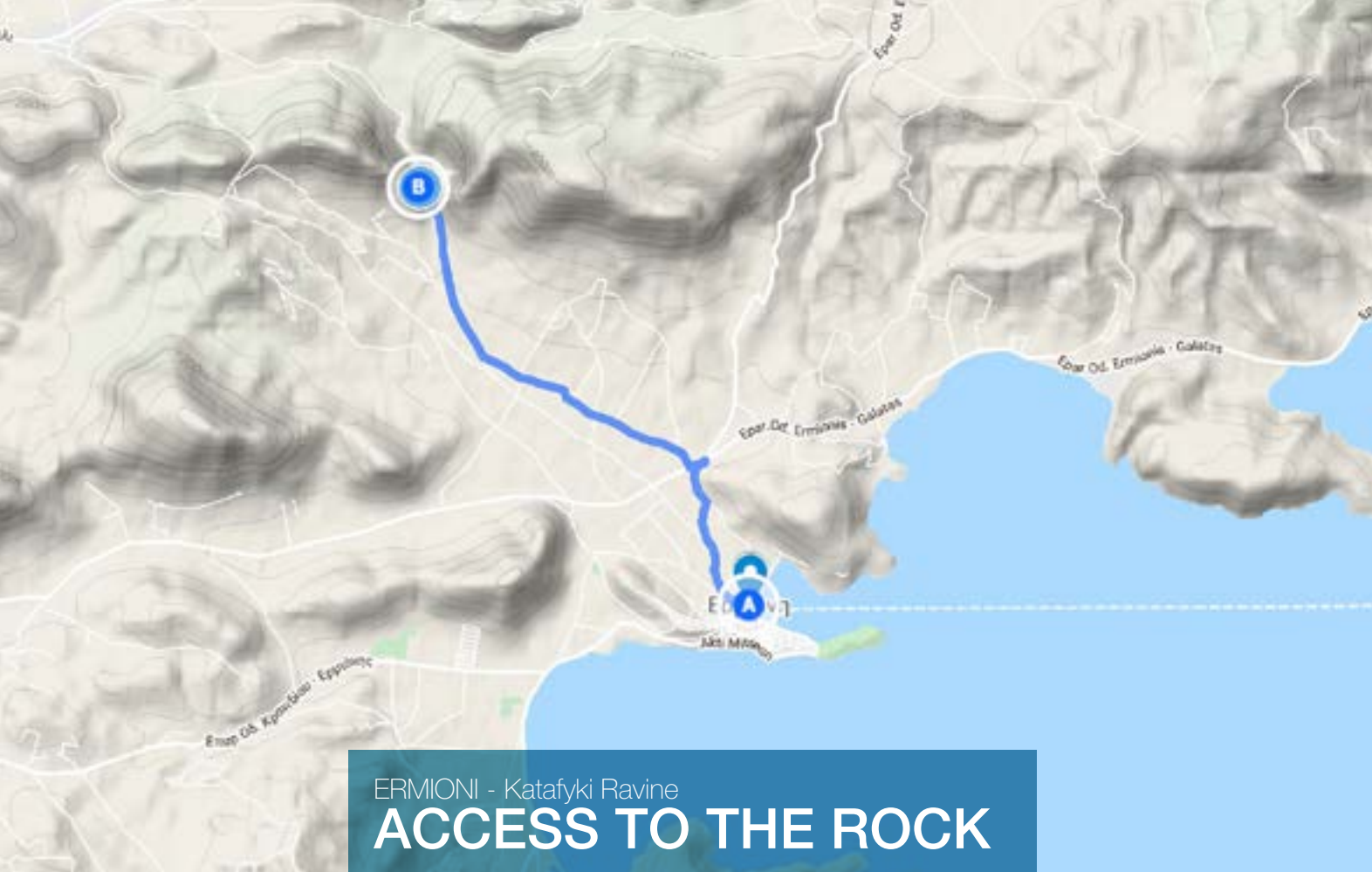
PLEIADES CRAG
TAYGETE 6b+

Climber: Olympus Mountaineering



PLEIADES CRAG
MAIA - First Pitch

Climber: K. Grafanakis



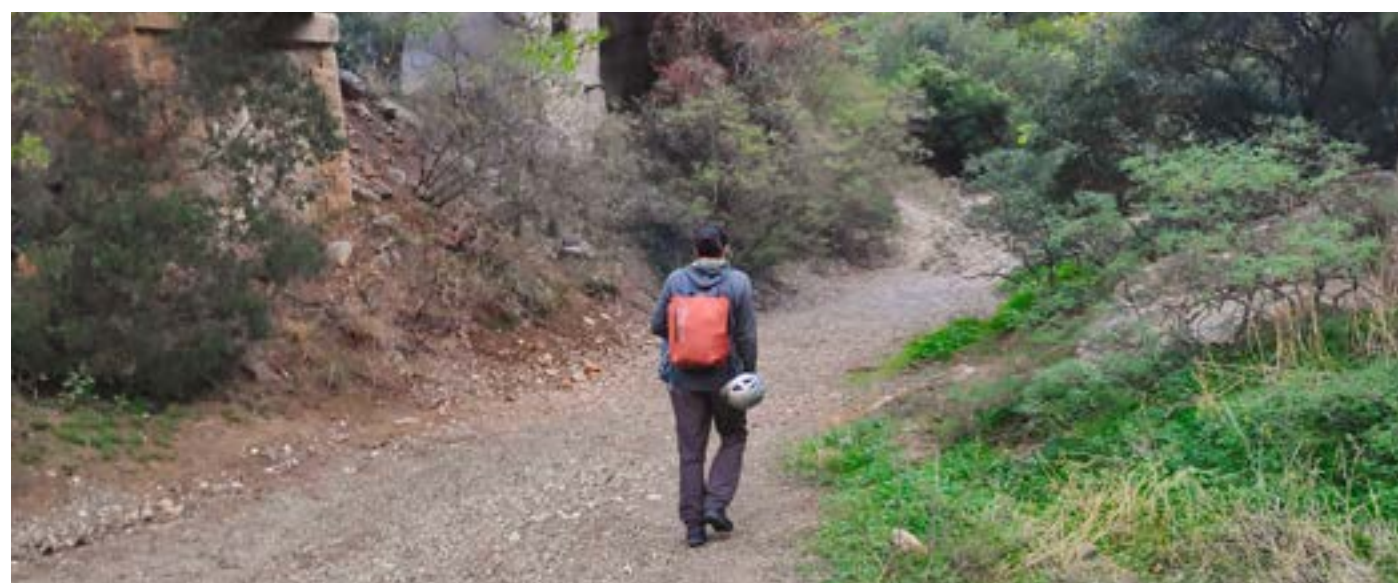
ERMIONI - Katafyki Ravine
ACCESS TO THE ROCK

Access from Ermioni towards Katafyki

Access

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so it's easy to miss!). Take a hard left and follow the tight tarmac road for about 3 km. Park the car at the **St. Nicholas chapel** and follow the trail that goes under the bridge. From that point, you will have a clear view of the ridge and you have to follow the cairn (pile of stones).



PLEIADES CRAG
TAYGETE 6b+

Climber: C. Rigas



MAIA

5c | 178 m.



Katafyki - Ermioni

1st Ascent: 01/05/2022

1st Ascensionists: K. Grafanakis & Olympus Mountaineering

Route description

Pitch 1 (5c - 35 m.)

The first pitch, and specifically the first **10 meters of the route**, are perhaps the **most demanding of the entire 178 m. of the climb**.

The route starts with a slight negative slab, but there are good holds and plenty of options for the feet. In addition, this first part, and generally the entire route is well equipped and very friendly to all type of climbers.

After the 4th bolt, you have to do a small **traverse towards the left**, so make sure to place an **alpine quickdraw** there (4th bolt), so you will minimise the rope drag while you will be climbing higher up.

Upon the traverse, the climb becomes easier (about 5b) and as soon you reach the ledge, you will easily spot the anchors.

ATTENTION: On the first ascent, about 2 meters left from the belay station, we spotted a hole with a Viber Berus snake in it. So, should you want to climb in the summer time, and on R1, pay a bit extra attention.

Pitch 2 (5b - 25 m.)

The second pitch starts right above the **R1** and moves with a small traverse to the left until you come on the slab. Like on Pitch 1, also for **Pitch 2 the crux (5b) is at the beginning**, thus you have to pay a bit attention while traversing.

As soon we reach the slab, the climb again is easier (around 5a) and we have to follow the ridge till the obvious ledge where another anchor point is placed.

The belay station is very comfortable and from that point and on you start to enjoy the stunning views bellow at the ravine of Katafyki.

Pitch 3 (5b - 30 m.)

The third pitch is continues in the same style as the last part of Pitch 2, which basically consists of following the ridge by climbing from a boulder to boulder with some small ledges till we find a slab with a bit negative start.

Before you enter the slab, there is a bolt that will make you feel safe and although it might seem a bit difficult to climb on top of the slab, there are enough holds for the hands. Upon that, we end up in another ledge, where **R3** is located.

The view from **R3** is really wonderful with a clear view of both **Katafyki crag** and **Petrogerakas crag**.

The maximum difficulty of this pitch is around **5b**.

Pitch 4 (5b+ - 48 m.)

The fourth pitch is again a very nice pitch where the difficulty is again at the beginning. In the first few meters, we have to climb in a dihedral and at some point we have to do a small traverse (2-3 steps) to the left in order to enter and continue our climb on the slab. Upon that, we continue to climb right on the ridge and this makes the climb to feel very special.

This is the lengthiest pitch and like the previous pitches is well equipped. Due to the fact this pitch is about **48 meters long**, make sure to **add some alpine quickdraws** in order to minimise the rope drag.

Pitch 5 (5a - 40 m.)

The fifth and final pitch of this great route, although is the easiest pitch, is perhaps the nicest too with a lovely “surprise” at the end. I won’t describe much of this pitch, in order to not spoil the nice finishing of the Ridge

Though, what I can certainly attest, is that the **view from R5 is simply majestic**. Stunning views towards **Ermioni, Hydra, Dokos, Dardiza, Spetses** and of course a great “bird’s eye” view towards the **Katafyki Climbing Crag**.



TAYGETE

6b+ | 205 m. ★★★★★☆ Katafyki - Ermioni

1st Ascent: 30/10/2022

1st Ascensionists: C. Rigas & Olympus Mountaineering

Route description

Pitch 1 (5c - 40 m.)

The first pitch, starts slightly to the left from the main ridge of **Pleiades** crag and the start is easy.

The route starts with a positive slab, and right after we enter to the zone of some overhangs, where there are good holds and plenty of options for the feet. On the **5th bolt**, where the **crux of the first pitch is located**, you have to climb an overhang and upon that, the climb becomes easier (about 5b) and as soon you reach the ledge, you will easily spot the anchors.

Pitch 2 (5c+ - 25 m.)

The second pitch starts right above the **R1** and moves with a small traverse to the right with small hold but enough options for the correct foot placement. The **crux (5c+)** of **Pitch 2 is located on the 4th bolt** and you have to make sure you clip in before you climb that part.

As soon you climb the crux, there is a positive slab with tiny holds, but the climb on that part is a bit easier (around 5b).

The belay station is very comfortable and from that point and on you start to enjoy the stunning views bellow at the ravine of **Katafyki** but also the rest of **Taygete** route.

Pitch 3 (5a - 30 m.)

The third pitch starts with a slight **exposure** and a great view to the south but also the north side of **Katafyki Ravine**. Although this pitch is not difficult (5a), there are a bit less bolts placed, thus one should climb this pitch carefully.

As soon you climb the ridge, you have to move towards the left, where you will locate R3 and the traverse pitch starts.

The view from **R3** is really wonderful with a clear view of both **Katafyki crag** and **Petrogerakas crag**.

Pitch 4 Traverse (5a - 40 m.)

The fourth pitch is perhaps the less pleasant of all pitches, due to the fact most of this **40 meters pitch** is a traverse on a ledge that moves across the crag. This pitch is not difficult and there is a small part of scrambling of a maximum difficult around 4c/5a but most of the pitch is simple hike.

Pitch 5 (6a+ - 40 m.)

The fifth pitch starts right above the R4 and is the **nicest pitch of Taygete route**, and perhaps one of the nicest and most complete pitches I have every climbed. This is a 40 meters length continuous **6a+** pitch where you will come across different kind of climbing styles, from slab to crack and also a small overhang. The **crux of this pitch is located about 8 meters above the R4** and you need to climb along a crack where besides the bolts, you can certainly place other protection gear if you want.

Arriving at **R5**, you have splendid view towards the last pitch. Belay location is **less comfortable** compared to the other ones.

Pitch 6 (6b+ - 40 m.)

The sixth and final pitch, technically is the most demanding pitch, with a maximum difficulty of **6b/+**. Though, the **crux** of this pitch and of the entire route consists of some moves that require good coordination and balance. Besides the crux, the rest of the pitch is much easier of a maximum difficulty of around **5c**.

As soon we reach the R6, we come across stunning views towards **Ermioni, Hydra, Dokos, Dardiza, Spetses** and of course a great “bird’s eye” view towards the **Katafyki Climbing Crag**.



ALCYONE

6a | 100 m. ★★★★★☆ Katafyki - Ermioni

1st Ascent: 29/05/2023

1st Ascensionists: K. Grafanakis & Olympus Mountaineering

Route description

Pitch 1 (6a - 30 m.)

The initial pitch of **Alcyone**, situated a few meters to the right (south) of the main ridge of the **Pleiades crag**, proves to be the most challenging segment of the route.

The ascent commences with a positive slab, followed by the need to surmount overhangs. These overhangs offer moderate holds, requiring careful foot and body placement. The first pitch of **Alcyone extends approximately 30 meters**, presenting a continuous climb featuring a mix of slab and overhang sections.

Climbers are encouraged to follow the natural line of the rock, seeking the most intuitive path. Upon reaching the prominent ledge, the next step involves a traverse towards the left, where the anchors and R1 come into view.

The belay station situated on this **ledge offers both comfort and a delightful vantage point**, overlooking the **Katafyki** and **Petrogerakas** crags.

This pitch, in parts might contain some loose rocks, so be delicate while climbing.

Pitch 2 (5c - 25 m.)

Commencing just above **R1**, the second pitch demands a dynamic move to position your body correctly and securely clip in the **second bolt**. Once you conquer the initial section, a ledge greets you. From this ledge, a slight movement to the right leads to the **crux of the pitch**, rated at 5c. Be aware that this particular passage may induce a sense of discomfort due to the slight exposure and average rock quality. However, once you successfully navigate this challenging section, the remainder of the pitch becomes considerably easier. After reaching the ledge, a straightforward walk of approximately **8 meters** brings you to the belay station.

Rest assured, the belay station provides exceptional comfort, and from this vantage point, you gain clear visibility of the upcoming sections: **pitch 3 and pitch 4**.

Pitch 3 (5b - 20 m.)

To embark on the **third pitch**, you begin slightly to the right from the anchors, aiming for the prominent **dihedral**. While this section does not pose significant difficulty, ample holds and foothold placements are available. It is important to approach this segment with the mindset of climbing a dihedral, utilizing the natural features to your advantage.

After securing the **fifth bolt**, veer towards the right to ascend to the ridge's pinnacle. Although a slight sense of exposure may be felt, the subsequent moves unfold gracefully on remarkably solid rock.

While this pitch is the shortest among the four, it rewards climbers with delightful movements that perfectly align with its grade (5b).

Resting at **R3** provides a truly splendid view, encompassing a wonderful panorama. Moreover, this belay station offers both serenity and comfort, allowing climbers to savor the surroundings while regrouping for the continuation of the ascent.

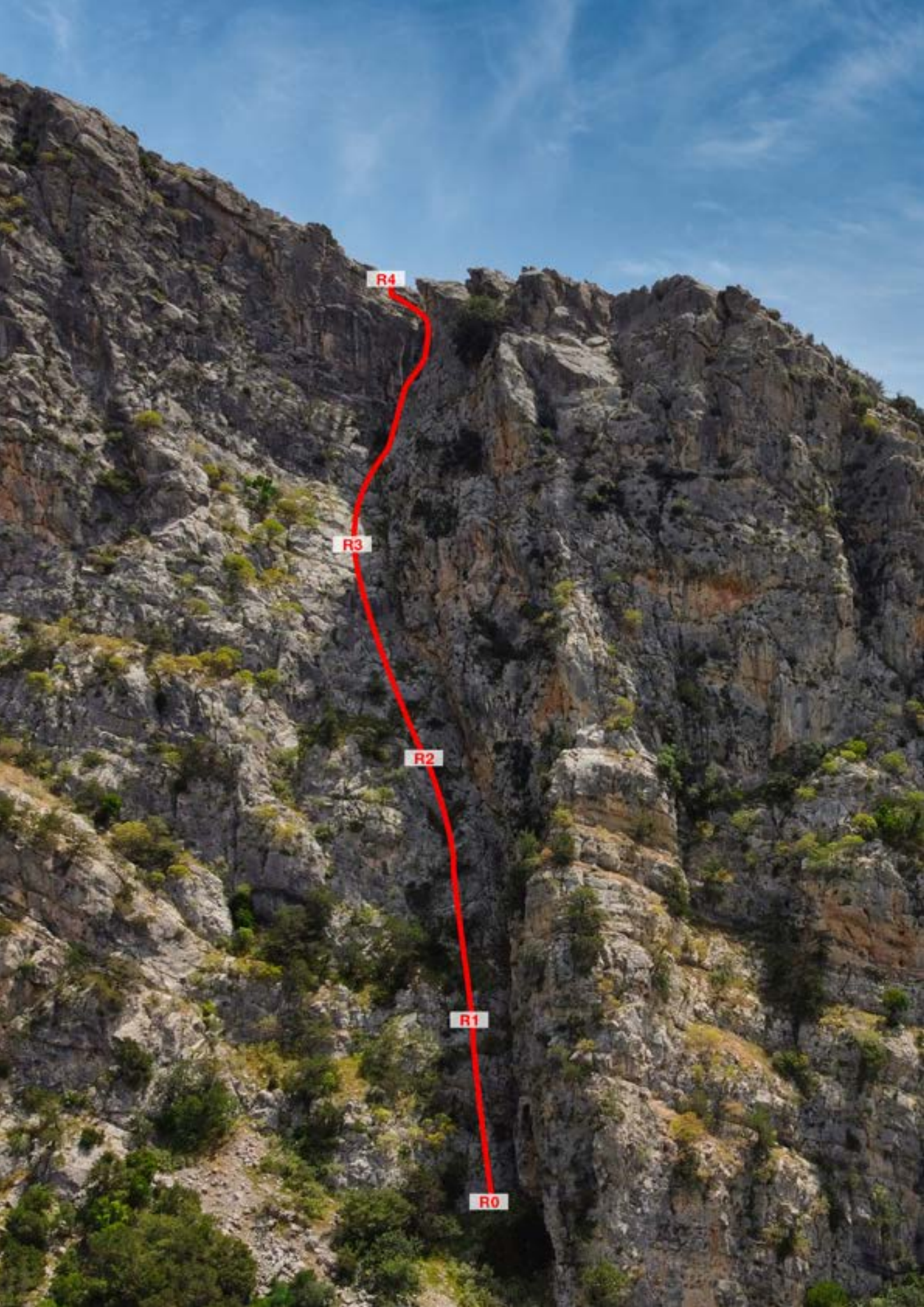
Pitch 4 (5c - 25 m.)

As we embark on the **fourth and final pitch of Alcyone**, we once again encounter a captivating start on a rock of remarkable quality. The challenge on this pitch emerges right from the outset, persisting until the fifth bolt.

Within the initial **10 meters**, climbers must maintain a continuous and sustained ascent, facing a difficulty level of **around 5c, perhaps even approaching 6a**. Once the **crux of this pitch** is overcome, the climb gradually becomes easier, with a maximum difficulty of approximately 5a.

It is noteworthy that the **last anchor is not equipped with bolts but instead relies on a large tree**. Therefore, it is **crucial to carry slings with you**, ensuring the establishment of a secure anchor point.

Upon reaching **R4**, our journey to conquer **Alcyone**, one of the seven sisters, draws to a close.



ELECTRA

VI | 145 m. ★★☆☆☆ Katafyki - Ermioni

1st Ascent: 20/04/2025
1st Ascensionists: K. Grafanakis & D. Economou

Route description

Pitch 1 (IV UIAA – 35 m. | 2 Bolts)

The first pitch of **Electra** starts just left of the Maia route's ridge, offering an inviting and steady introduction on solid limestone. It begins with a gentle, slabby ramp graded **IV– UIAA**, providing around **10 meters of relaxed climbing** with excellent holds. As the terrain steepens slightly, a compact boulder marks the location of the first bolt and introduces a short crux section (IV UIAA). This bulge is **well-protected** by the bolt but also allows for additional gear placements, making it suitable for those honing their trad skills with a standard rack of cams and nuts.

After the **crux of this pitch**, the route transitions into easier ground, continuing up featured limestone with good friction and secure movement. A second bolt midway through adds psychological comfort as the pitch progresses through stepped ledges and small vertical pulls. The pitch finishes on a wide, comfortable belay ledge equipped with two stainless steel anchors. With sweeping views over the **Katafyki Ravine**, it's a perfect spot to rest, rehydrate, and prepare for the next stage.

Pitch 2 (IV UIAA – 30 m. | 2 Bolts)

The second pitch of **Electra** continues the moderate, enjoyable character of the climb, featuring well-textured limestone and engaging movement. Starting from a spacious belay ledge, the pitch begins with an easy, **inclined slab IV UIAA** offering around **7 meters** of secure and flowing climbing. As the wall steepens slightly, a short crux section appears at a small vertical step near the first bolt, requiring focused movement but remaining consistent with the pitch's overall grade. Climbers can find gear placements in nearby cracks and pockets, making this a good stretch to practice traditional gear placements.

Beyond the **crux of the second pitch**, the route eases into broken ledges and shallow grooves, maintaining solid friction and offering comfortable holds throughout. A **second bolt midway** provides added confidence as the line trends gently left toward the anchor. The pitch ends on a spacious ledge equipped with two stainless steel anchors, ideal for setting up a **secure belay** and preparing for the next stage.

Pitch 3 (V+ UIAA – 30 m. | 5 Bolts)

Pitch 3 of **Electra** introduces the most sustained and technical climbing so far, beginning directly from the **belay at R2** with an elegant **slab graded V– UIAA**. This initial **8-meter section requires precise footwork and balance** on increasingly subtle holds as the angle steepens. The climb then moves into steeper terrain with a steady sequence of moves around **V UIAA**, maintaining the pitch's demanding nature.

Midway through, a brief rest section allows for easier climbing before reaching the technical slab that defines the pitch. Graded at **V+ UIAA**, this **crux demands friction-based movement** and focused execution, with a shallow **dihedral** off to the right but the true line staying on the face. Protection is excellent, with multiple fixed bolts and a cordelette securing the hardest moves. After the slab, the difficulty eases to **IV UIAA**, leading to a more featured surface and ending at a secure, comfortable belay stance at **R3 with two fixed anchors**.

Pitch 4 (VI UIAA – 45 m. | 5 Bolts)

The **final pitch of Electra** is the longest and most demanding, blending moderate climbing with **a distinct crux and sections of loose rock that require careful attention**. It starts from the **R3 belay** with easy, featured limestone (III UIAA), allowing quick progress and momentum. As the pitch unfolds, the difficulty gradually increases to **IV+ UIAA** until reaching a small wild olive tree **about 15 meters in**—this marks the entrance to the crux.

Just above the tree, the route enters a **vertical dihedral graded VI UIAA**, the hardest section of the entire climb. Protected by two bolts, this **crux** demands precise movement and focus, especially as some flakes on the right side appear unstable. After the dihedral, the route turns right, following a less technical but fragile boulder section, then veers left near the third bolt. Two more **bolts** guide the final moves toward the top, **ending at R4**—a solid anchor just below the summit ledge of **Pleiades Crag**.



ASTEROPE

6b+ | 130 m. ★★☆☆☆ Katafyki - Ermioni

1st Ascent: 31/03/2024

1st Ascensionists: K. Grafanakis, D. Economou and E. Tsape

Route description

Pitch 1 (5b, 25 m. | 10 Bolts)

The first pitch of Asterope starts further left (west) of the prominent ridge where Maia is located. The terrain here eases you in, with friendly features and solid, well-structured limestone. Follow the bolts trending left, climbing over a few well-protected bulges in the opening meters. Above, the line moves onto a pleasant slab with excellent footholds and positive hand placements, offering relaxed, fluid movement—an ideal warm-up for the pitches ahead. Around the sixth bolt, expect the crux section (5b) of this pitch. The pitch finishes on a spacious belay ledge, equipped with two stainless-steel anchors for a secure and efficient stance. The belay is comfortable and exposed, with sweeping views over the Katafyki Ravine and the surrounding limestone walls—a perfect spot to rest, hydrate, and take in the scenery before committing to the next pitch.

Pitch 2 (5c, 30 m. | 14 Bolts)

The second pitch of Asterope begins directly above the first belay and immediately picks up in intensity. The line follows a distinct zigzag sequence, offering more dynamic and sustained moves compared to the opening pitch. The climbing here is engaging and slightly more physical, demanding precise footwork and confident clipping through well-placed bolts. As the terrain eases, the route transitions onto a beautiful slab section characterized by excellent handholds and solid friction. The climbing becomes more fluid and rhythmic, allowing you to enjoy the exposure while keeping a steady pace upward. Despite its mellow appearance, this section still rewards careful balance and attention to foot placement. After approximately 30 meters and 14 bolts, the pitch ends at a comfortable anchor on the left, marked by two stainless steel bolts. The belay offers a secure stance and a moment to relax before tackling the higher pitches an ideal spot to regroup, hydrate, and appreciate the evolving character of the climb.

Pitch 3 (6b, 20 m. | 12 Bolts)

he third pitch of Asterope starts with an easy and enjoyable section, around 5b in difficulty, following clean rock and positive holds. The movement here feels smooth and intuitive, allowing climbers to find their rhythm while enjoying the flow of the line. It's a pleasant start that builds confidence before the terrain begins to steepen and demand more precision. As you progress upward, the character of the pitch changes. The rock becomes more compact, and the moves turn technical and delicate, requiring balance, accurate footwork, and thoughtful sequencing. The climbing here is sustained but rewarding, blending subtle slab technique with small edges and shallow footholds. The final meters deliver the crux (of this pitch) sequence (6b), where the last three bolts are notably challenging and reachy. Good clipping positions are limited, so composure and efficient movement are key. After roughly 20 meters and 12 bolts, the pitch finishes at the next belay station (R3).

Pitch 4 (6b+, 35 m. | 17 Bolts)

The fourth pitch of Asterope stands out as the most impressive and demanding section of the entire route. It begins with a short, easier stretch of around 5c, offering a few relaxed moves before the pitch commits into the heart of the steep dihedral. The transition is striking and the wall turns slightly overhanging, and the exposure increases dramatically. Once inside the dihedral, the climbing becomes powerful and sustained, requiring precise body positioning and efficient use of opposition techniques. The rock quality remains excellent, and the section is well-bolted, with bolts placed exactly where it's needed. Still, this section tests both endurance and focus, as the holds thin out and sequences demand careful planning. The crux of the entire Asterope route unfolds here, a 10–12 meter stretch of steep, technical climbing that will push you to your maximum strength. It's a sequence that rewards persistence and composure, leading eventually to a satisfying exit onto easier terrain. The pitch finishes at a solid belay station (R4), offering a well-earned rest and stunning views of the gorge below.

Pitch 5 (5c, 20 m. | 10 Bolts)

The fifth and final pitch of Asterope offers a beautiful and varied finish to the route. From the R4 belay, the route continues over spiky, featured limestone, blending small cracks and shallow dihedrals that make for enjoyable, three-dimensional movement. The climbing remains within the 5c range, providing steady and fluid progress after the intensity of the previous pitch. The rock here offers numerous options for hands and feet, allowing climbers to move naturally while enjoying the exposure of the upper wall. Though the pitch is well-bolted, it rewards efficient rope management and mindful clipping, especially in sections where the line wanders slightly between features. It's recommended to carry three 60 cm slings with carabiners to extend draws on the 3rd, 5th, and 9th bolts, reducing rope drag and maintaining smooth movement. After roughly 20 meters and 10 bolts, the route reaches the final belay station (R5). A satisfying conclusion to Asterope, with panoramic views across the Katafyki Gorge and the sense of accomplishment that comes from completing one of its most elegant multi-pitch climbs.



2 routes ★☆☆☆☆
DARDIZA

Crag Location: 37.410556, 23.279167
Best Season: Late Autumn - Late Spring

DARDIZA

2 Routes ★☆☆☆☆ Dardiza, Ermionida

Crag location: 37.410556, 23.279167

Season: Late Autumn - Late Spring | **Walk in:** 2 minutes

General information

This is a tiny crag bolted by **Hans** and **Jeannette Weninger** and could also be considered a good location for bouldering.

On the south face of the rock, there are two routes (George and Filia). The rest of the rock remains unexploited for the time being.

While the south-east face of this tiny crag offers solid rock quality, its south-west face has some loose rocks.

Dardiza crag is recommended mainly for long-term visitors in the area who have already explored the other crags.

The access is short and easy and the views from the crag are simply stunning.

In a Nutshell

Exposure: South - South/East

Best Season: Late Autumn - Late Spring

Sun: 09.00 to sunset

Walk in: 2 minutes

Water: No

Family Friendly: Yes

Pet Friendly: Yes

Camping: Dardiza or Thermisia beach

Gear: 60 m. rope, 4 quickdraws

Equipped by: H. Weninger, J. Weninger



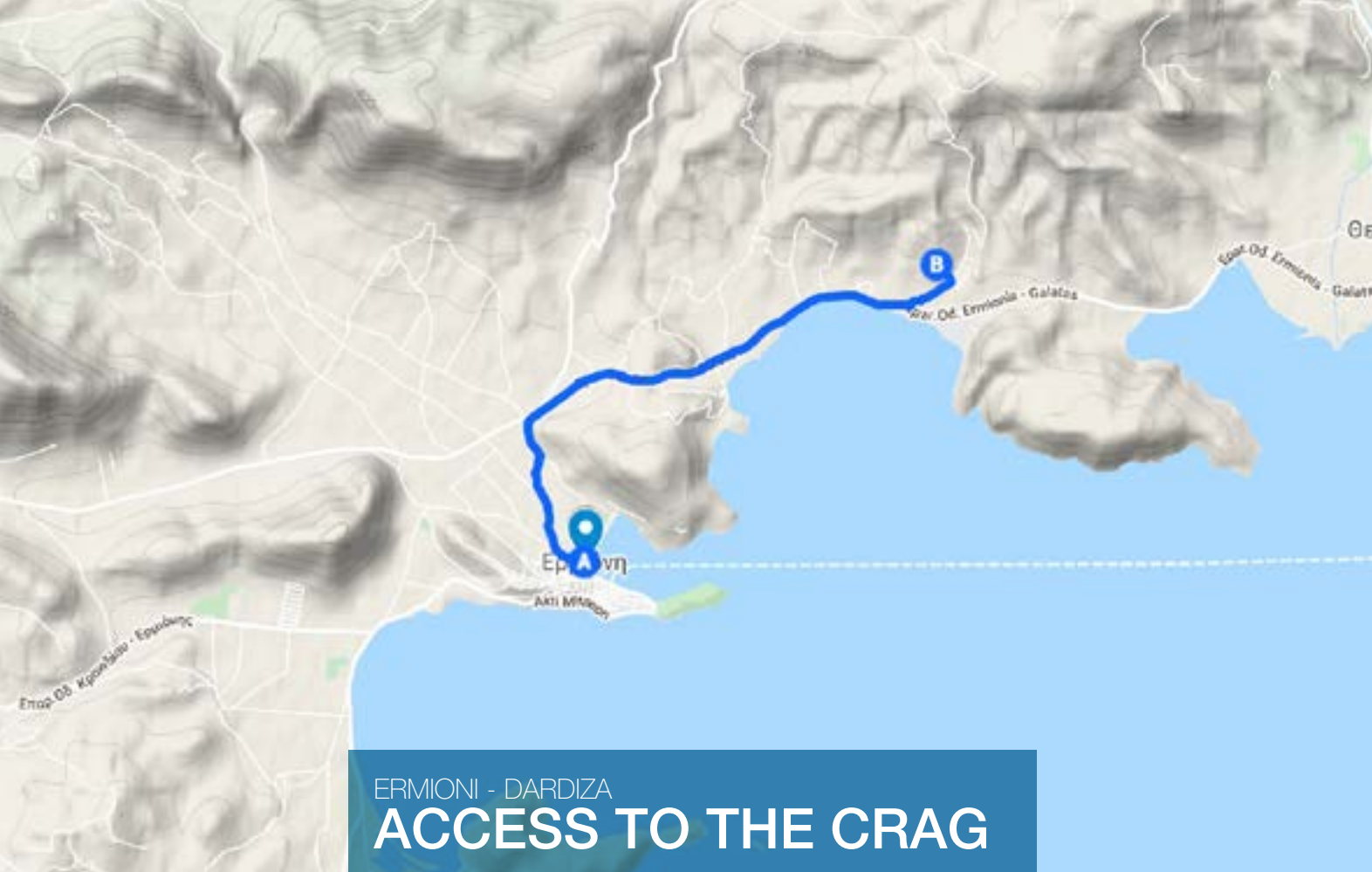
DARDIZA
George 5a

Climber: Olympus Mountaineering



DARDIZA
ROCK QUALITY

View of George 5a



ERMIONI - DARDIZA ACCESS TO THE CRAG

Access from Ermioni towards the crag of Dardiza

Access

Driving, from Ermioni towards Galatas along the coastal road, you will come across **Dardiza** beach in **5 km**.

The cliff is not particularly visible from the road and lies to the north, just above the last houses on the hill.

You can park at the end of the paved road near a large white water tank.

Alternatively, if you wish to keep your approach to a minimum, follow the dirt road up to the following coordinates: **37.410542, 23.278764**



DARDIZA George 5a

Climber: Olympus Mountaineering



#	Name	Grade	M.	✓
01.	George	5a	10 m.	
02.	Filia	5a	10 m.	

Good to know

This climbing crag is very small and actually it could be ideal for some bouldering instead of sport climbing.

Nevertheless, if you really wish to enjoy some easy sport climbing routes or perhaps some short trad climbing, **Dardiza crag** offers easy access and magnificent view towards the islands of **Hydra** and **Dokos**.





36 routes ★★★★★

CASTLE THERMISIA

Crag Location: 37.421025, 23.303320

Best Season: Late Autumn - Late Spring

CASTLE THERMISIA

36 Routes ★★★★★ Thermisia, Ermionida

Crag location: 37.421025, 23.303320

Season: Late Autumn - Late Spring | **Walk in:** 10 minutes

General information

The **Castle of Thermisia** appears in the written sources, as Trémis, for the first time in 1347, in the will of Gautier II de Brienne, Count of Lecce, *de jure* Duke of Athens, and *de facto* Lord of Argos and Nauplia. Surprisingly the castle is not referenced in an otherwise comprehensive list of frankish castles in Greece dating from 1377.

It perks atop an imposing cliff overlooking the coast and the village of **Thermisia**.

Close inspection of the rock reveals an even more daunting prospect than a first glance might suggest. Big, red, bulging and holdless seems to sum it up.

This is actually a great place to visit with a super view over the coast, a ruined castle to explore and a real classic line, **New Order**, which takes you up an unfeasibly overhanging wall at only 6a+. The cliff is floodlit during the summer months and this would give a superb photo opportunity!

In a Nutshell

Exposure: South - South/West

Best Season: Late Autumn - Late Spring

Sun: From 10.00 to sunset

Walk in: 7-15 minutes (depending the sector)

Water: No

Family Friendly: No

Pet Friendly: Yes

Camping: At the parking area

Gear: 70 m. rope, 14 quickdraws

Equipped by: J. Titt, I. Zaczek, Vertical Art Greece, C. Vrohidis, C. Tsoutsias, Climb Ermionida



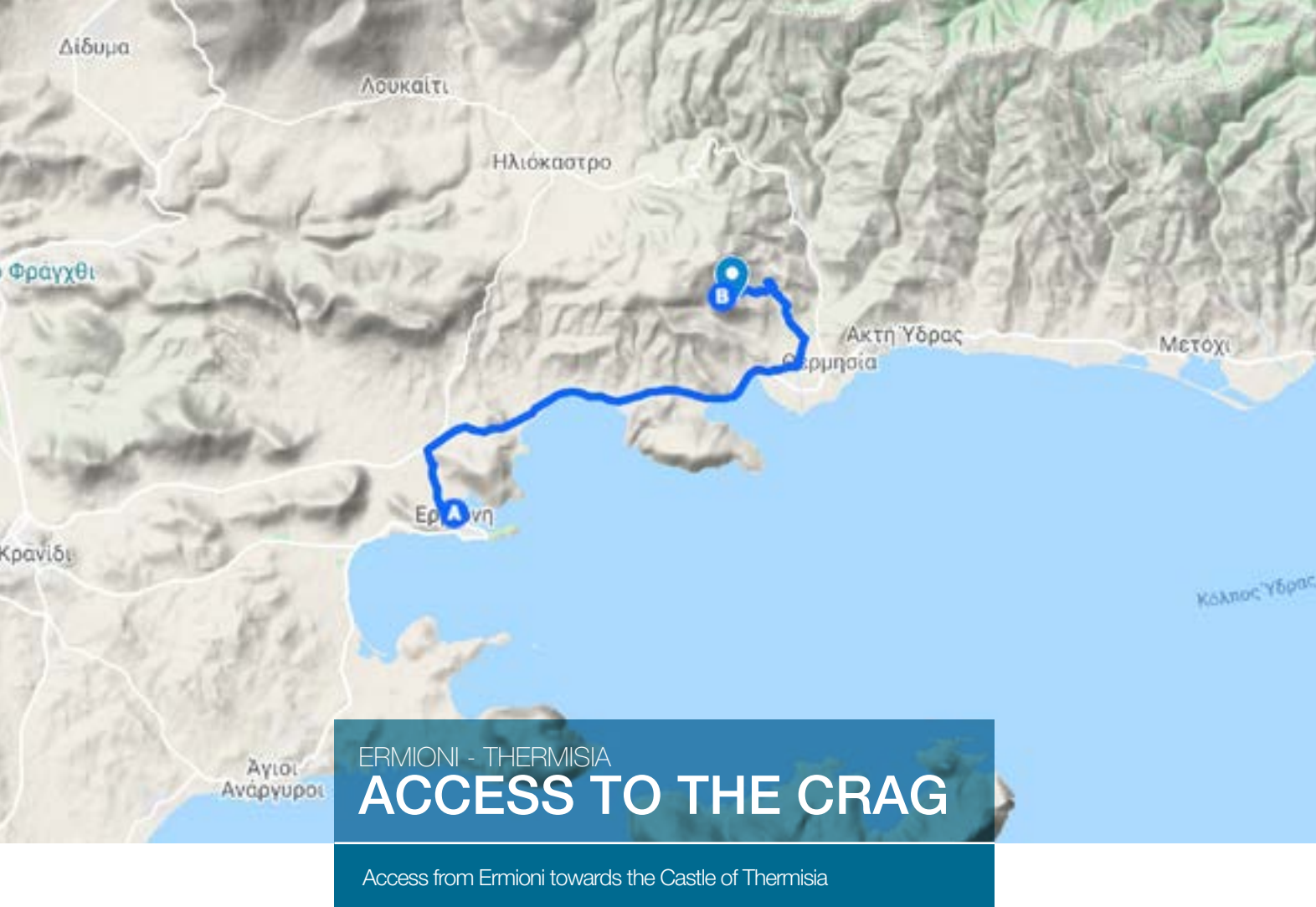
THERMISIA CASTLE
WEST WALL

Access from Ermioni towards the Castle of Thermisia



THERMISIA CASTLE
VENETIAN WALL

View towards the island of Hydra and Dokos island



ERMIONI - THERMISIA ACCESS TO THE CRAG

Access from Ermioni towards the Castle of Thermisia

Access

Driving from **Ermioni towards Galatas** along the coastal road, you will come across the village of Thermisia. The cliff lies above you.

Take a turn left as you approach the village, right before a sign to your right towards Hydra's Wave Camping.

Follow the tarmac road to the castle's outskirts.



THERMISIA CASTLE The Leading Edge 6c

Climber: Crhistos Rigas



SECTOR
LEON'S WALL

Routes: 14
Grades: 5b up to 8c+
Walk in: 5 minutes

SECTOR
ORIAS' WALL

Routes: 4
Grades: 5c up to 6c
Walk in: 12 minutes

SECTOR
VENETIAN WALL

Routes: 11
Grades: 5a up to 7a
Walk in: 10 minutes

SECTOR
BYZANTINE WALL

Routes: 7
Grades: 6a up to 7c
Walk in: 15 minutes



PANORAMA
LEON'S WALL SECTOR

#	Name	Grade	M.	✓
01.	Orias' Ridge	7a	28 m.	
02.	Cactus Bite	7b	28 m.	
03.	Geoffroi Villehardouin	8b?	30 m.	
04.	Count Mosertados	8a?	26 m.	
05.	Careless Corsair	8c+?	25 m.	
06.	De La Roche	8c+?	22 m.	
07.	Natural Mystic	6c	25 m.	
08.	Crack Master	6c	25 m.	
09.	Shark Attack	7b	25 m.	
10.	Ride the Wave	6a	20 m.	
11.	Seagull Whisper	6a	20 m.	

#	Name	Grade	M.	✓
12.	Captain Hook	6b	25 m.	
13.	Sea View	5c	22 m.	
14.	Fortress	5b	15 m.	

Good to know

Routes 7 - 14 are located towards the east side of **Leon's Wall**.

As soon you reach **Leon's Wall**, follow the crag and you will identify the routes which are spreaded in the entire sector.



THERMISIA CASTLE
Careless Corsair 8c+ (project)
Climber: Constantinos Vrohidis



PANORAMA
VENETIAN WALL SECTOR



Benny on
Seagull Whisper 6a



Kostas Tsoukleidis on
In The Red Corner 6a

#	Name	Grade	M.	✓
01.	Venetian Wall	6a+	16 m.	
02.	Shadow Corner	6a	16 m.	
03.	The Leading Edge	6c	14 m.	
04.	The Leading Edge (direct)	7a	14 m.	
05.	In the Red Corner	6a	18 m.	
06.	The Cutting Edge	7a	24 m.	
07.	Bombastic	6a+	25 m.	
08.	Pinnacle Crack	5a	15 m.	
09.	Murder Move	7a	15 m.	
10.	New Order	6a+	16 m.	
11.	Corner	6a	24 m.	

Highlights

The **Leading Edge** is a highly recommended route that offers great climbing in two variations.

The **direct** (7a) and the **indirect** (6c) both provide great moves along the edge of the wall that leads directly up to the castle.

This route also, offers a great frame for spectacular photos to share with your friends.



THERMISIA CASTLE
View from the Crag



#	Name	Grade	M.	✓
01.	Power of Rock	6c	18 m.	
02.	Free Fall	6a+	18 m.	
03.	Orias Sacrifice	6b	18 m.	
04.	Lizard the Wizard	5c	18 m.	

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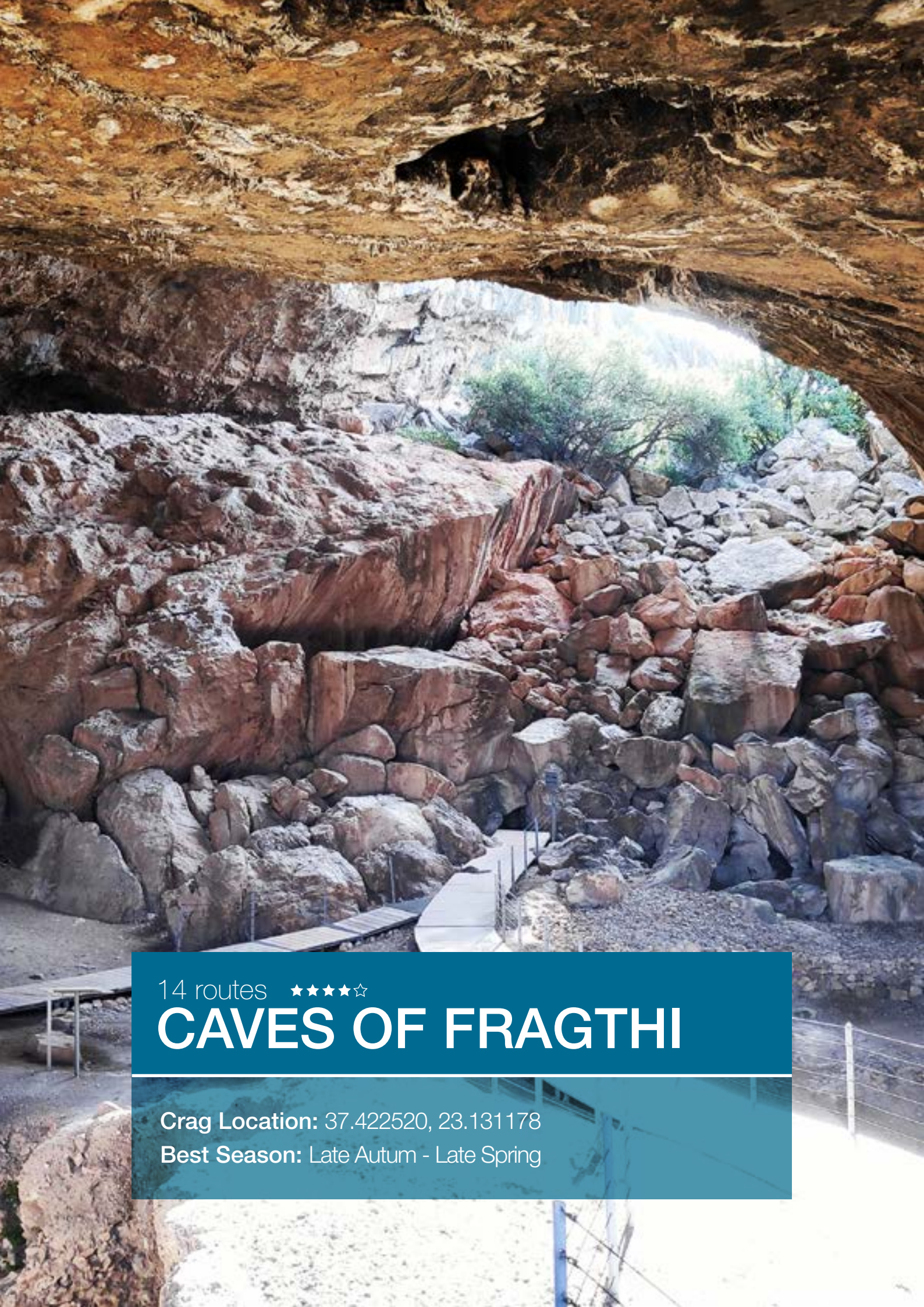
Orias' Wall is the second sector established at Castle Thermisia crag and the first sector after Jim Titt era.

Although there are only **4 routes** on this sector, all of them are top notch with great view. In addition, all routes in this sector are **equipped** in modern sport climbing style, thus, with minimum runouts.



#	Name	Grade	M.	✓
01.	Titoularios	7a	16 m.	
02.	Kavouras	6c+	22 m.	
03.	Gender Bender	7c+?	18 m.	
04.	A Bolt Too Far	7a	20 m.	
05.	Careless Corsair	5c+	12 m.	
06.	Careless Corsair ext.	7c	32 m.	
07.	Leviathan	6b+	16 m.	





CAVES OF FRAGTHI

14 Routes ★★★★★ Koilada, Ermionida

Crag location: 37.422520, 23.131178

Season: Late Autumn - Late Spring | **Walk in:** 20 minutes

General information

An enormous series of caverns just above the sea, with large gaping openings allowing enough light to climb by. At night the area, as a renown archaeological site, is well-lit, giving a superb climbing experience. Apart from being worth a visit in its own right, some of the climbing here is outstanding.

Of course, on rainy days, this is the place to be, with some entertaining and unique climbing into the 20 m. deep escarpments down to the very own bowels of the cavern.

The potential for enormous roof climbs is obvious but hardly tapped. **Karsten Oelze** has shown the way with his recent efforts, but there is plenty more to do. Outside the cave, on the cliffs above the beach, there are 5 routes which offer some good sport climbing in the lower grades.

The highlight of a visit to the **Caves of Fragthi** is, without a doubt, the climbing experience in the third cavern.

In a Nutshell

Exposure: South - South/East

Best Season: Late Autumn - Late Spring

Sun: Beach sector from 15.00 to sunset

Walk in: 20 minutes

Water: No

Family Friendly: No

Pet Friendly: No

Camping: Lambayanna beach

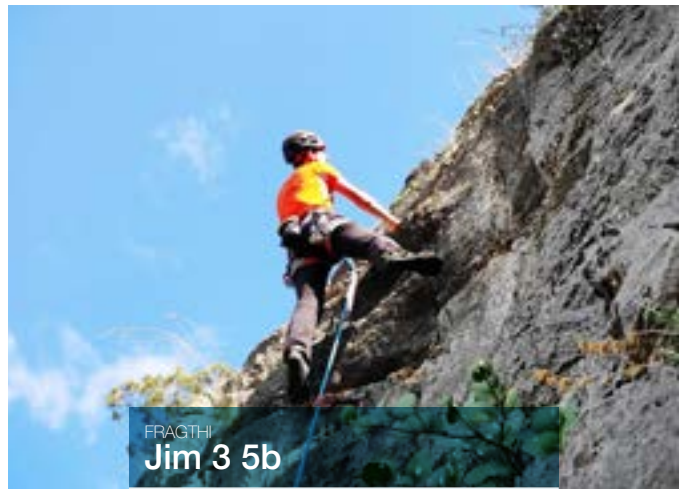
Gear: 60 m. rope, 14 quickdraws

Equipped by: J. Titt, K. Oelze



FRAGTHI
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View of Red Road 5c



FRAGTHI
Jim 3 5b

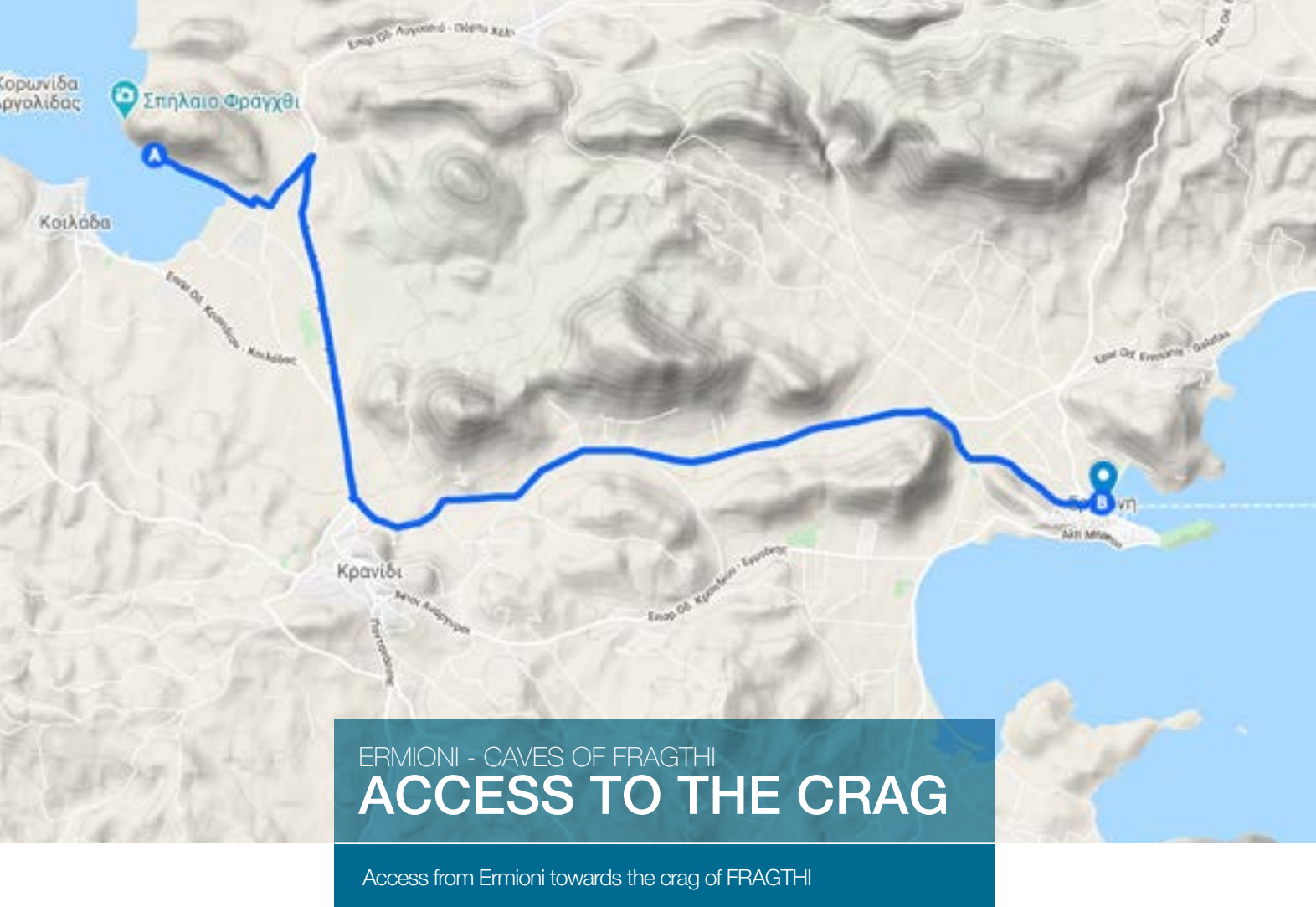
Climber: Olympus Mountaineering

14 routes ★★★★★

CAVES OF FRAGTHI

Crag Location: 37.422520, 23.131178

Best Season: Late Autumn - Late Spring



ERMIONI - CAVES OF FRAGTHI
ACCESS TO THE CRAG
 Access from Ermioni towards the crag of FRAGTHI

Access

Coming from **Ermioni towards Fourni**, take a left turn after the first petrol station in the village of Fourni, and follow the road for 3,6 km. to the sea. Left, then right, takes you around the chapel to the **beach of Lambayanna**. Park here, and walk along the marked coast-path to the caves.

This beach is hardly frequented therefore one could eventually stay overnight. However, it is important to have food and water supplies, because there are no such options in the nearby area.

After parking the car, follow the trail from the beach to in the caves of Fragthi.



FRAGTHI - THIRD CAVERN
Wild Frontier 6b
 Climber: Alexis Grapsas | Photo: Andreas Markou



PANORAMA
FRAGTHI SECTOR BEACH



Nadine Strobl on
Jim 2 5a



Olympus Mountaineering on
Jim 3 5b

#	Name	Grade	M.	✓
01.	Jim 1	4c	16 m.	
02.	Jim 2	5a	16 m.	
03.	Jim 3	5b	16 m.	
04.	Hot	5b+	15 m.	
05.	Hotter	5c	15 m.	

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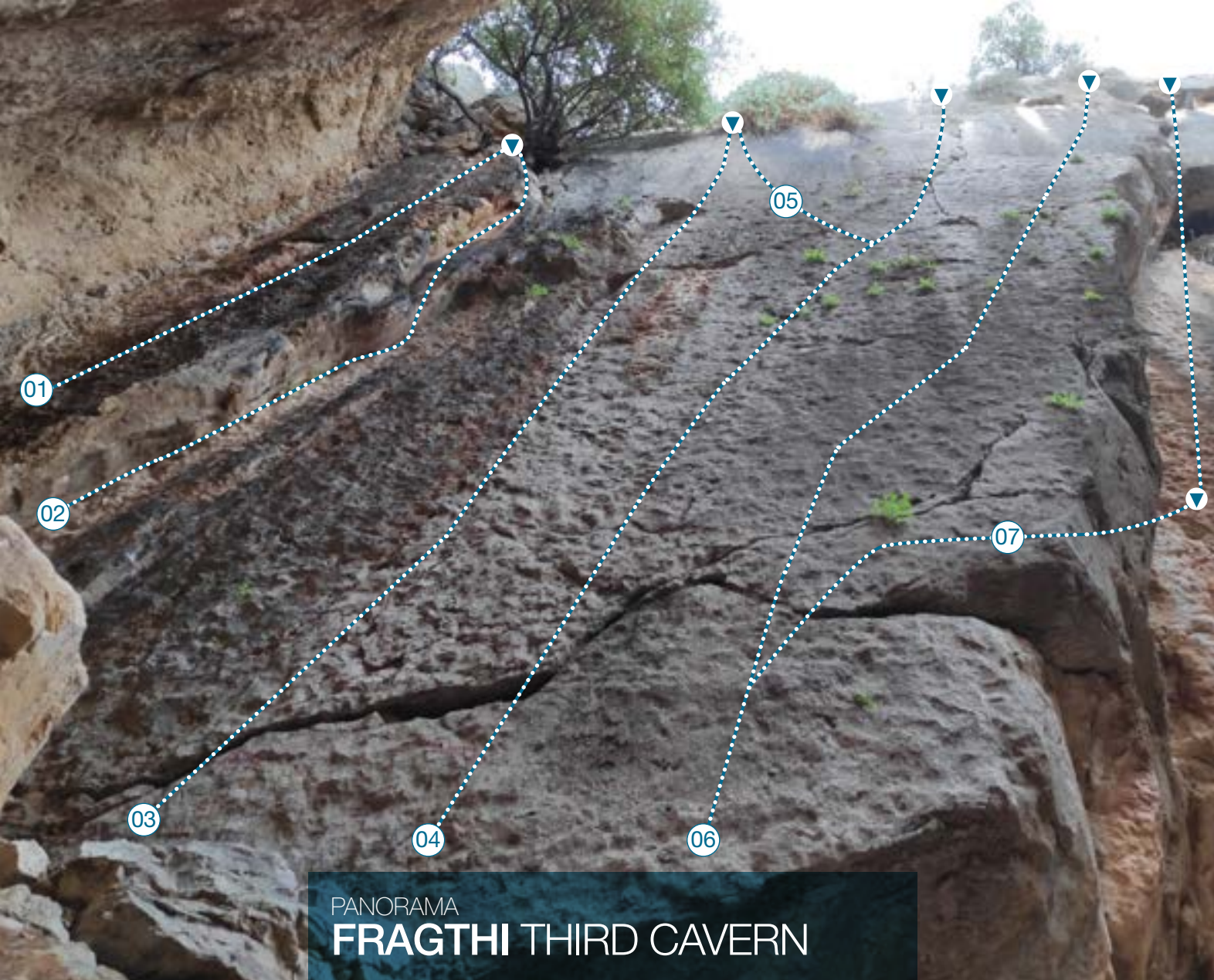
This sector is ideal during cold winter afternoons for some easy training.

In addition, the **Fragthi Beach Sector**, is also suitable for some trad climbing with stunning views towards **Mt. Parnon** and **Leonidio**.

Reaching the crag requires some easy scrambling, but might be a bit difficult for kids.



Caves of FRAGTHI
View from the Crag



PANORAMA
FRAGTHI THIRD CAVERN



Nikitas on
Mission Impossible 6b+



A. Grapas on
Wild Frontier 6b

#	Name	Grade	M.	✓
01.	Red Road	5c+	12 m.	
02.	Special	6a+	14 m.	
03.	Stone Temple Pilots	7a+	22 m.	
04.	Christmas day at Workhouse	6a+	22 m.	
05.	Magic Way	6a+	20 m.	
06.	Wild Frontier	6b	22 m.	
07.	Mission Impossible	6b+	24 m.	
08.	Once We Were Trees	6c+	28 m.	
09.	Gandalf	6b	28 m.	

Good to know

For **Mission Impossible**, start tied to both ends of the (60 m.) rope, and use one strand in the **first 4 bolts**.

Upon reaching the start of the slab, untie from this- and climb the rest using the other strand.

This is to reduce the rope drag, so recovering the quickdraws is no problem.

tip by Jim Titt

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10 Routes ★★☆☆☆

SUNCASTLE CRAG

Crag Location: 37.416520, 23.250795

Best Season: Late Autumn - Late Spring

SUNCASTLE CRAG

10 Routes

★★★☆☆

Ermionida, Argolis

Crag location: 37.416520, 23.250795

Season: Late Autumn - Late Spring | **Walk in:** 3 minutes

General information

A new sport climbing crag was developed and established in close proximity to **Iliokastro** village, approximately **5 km away from Ermioni**.

The crag was developed and equipped by the **Climb Ermionida** during the winter/spring season of 2023.

The rock formation is primarily composed of high-quality grey limestone and good quality red limestone, although some routes may have sharp

rock formations due to the crag's recent development.

The crag offers **10 routes suitable for climbers of all skill levels**, with grades ranging from **5a to 6b+**.

The optimal time to visit the **SunCastle Crag** is during **late autumn through late spring**, with easy access requiring only a brief hike.

In a Nutshell

Exposure: South / South West

Best Season: Late Autumn - late spring

Sun: From 10.00 up to sunset

Walk in: 3 minutes

Water: No

Family Friendly: Yes

Pet Friendly: Yes

Camping: Katafyki

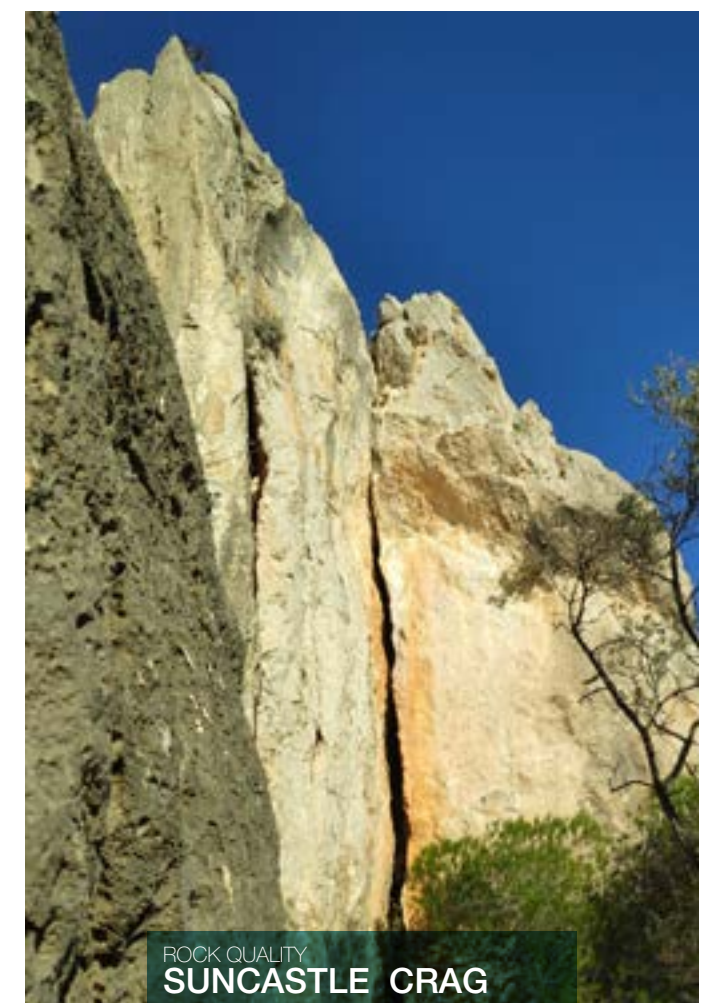
Gear: 60 m. rope, 10 quickdraws

Equipped by: Climb Ermionida



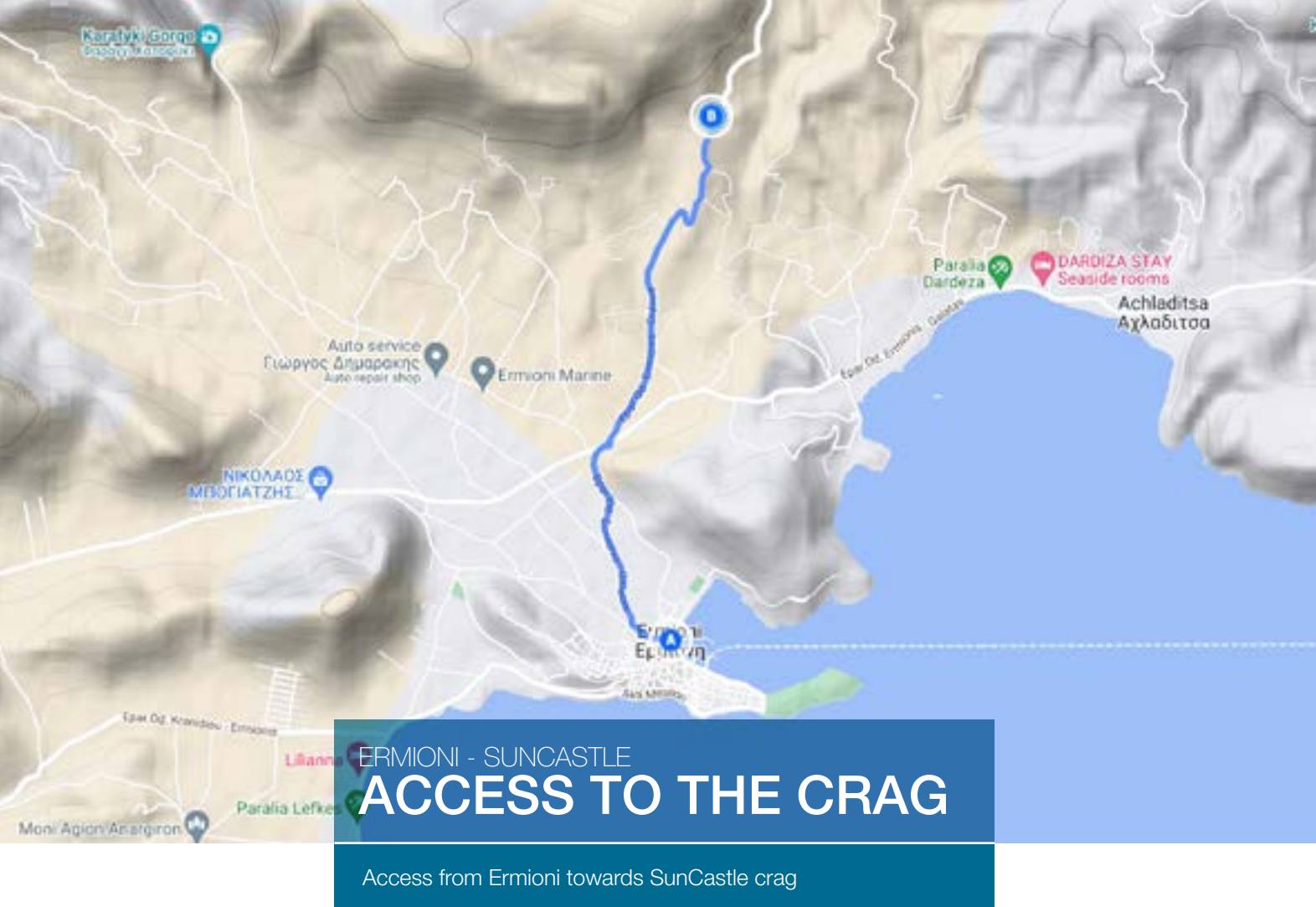
SunCastle CRAG
Knight's Honor 6b

Climber: Daria



ROCK QUALITY
SUNCASTLE CRAG

Rock consists of grey and red limestone



Access

Proceed westward on Eparchiaki Ermionis Kranidiou towards **Epar.Od. Ermionis - Galatas** for a distance of 120 meters.

Then, make a right turn onto Epar.Od. Ermionis - Galatas and continue for **1.4 kilometers**.

At the **roundabout**, take the **second exit** and continue on Epar.Od. Ermionis - Didyma.

Your destination will be located on the right-hand side. From there only **3 minutes of easy hike** is needed in order to reach **SunCastle** crag.



SUNCASTLE CRAG KNIGHT'S HONOUR 6b

Climber: Benny



PANORAMA
SUNCASTLE CRAG



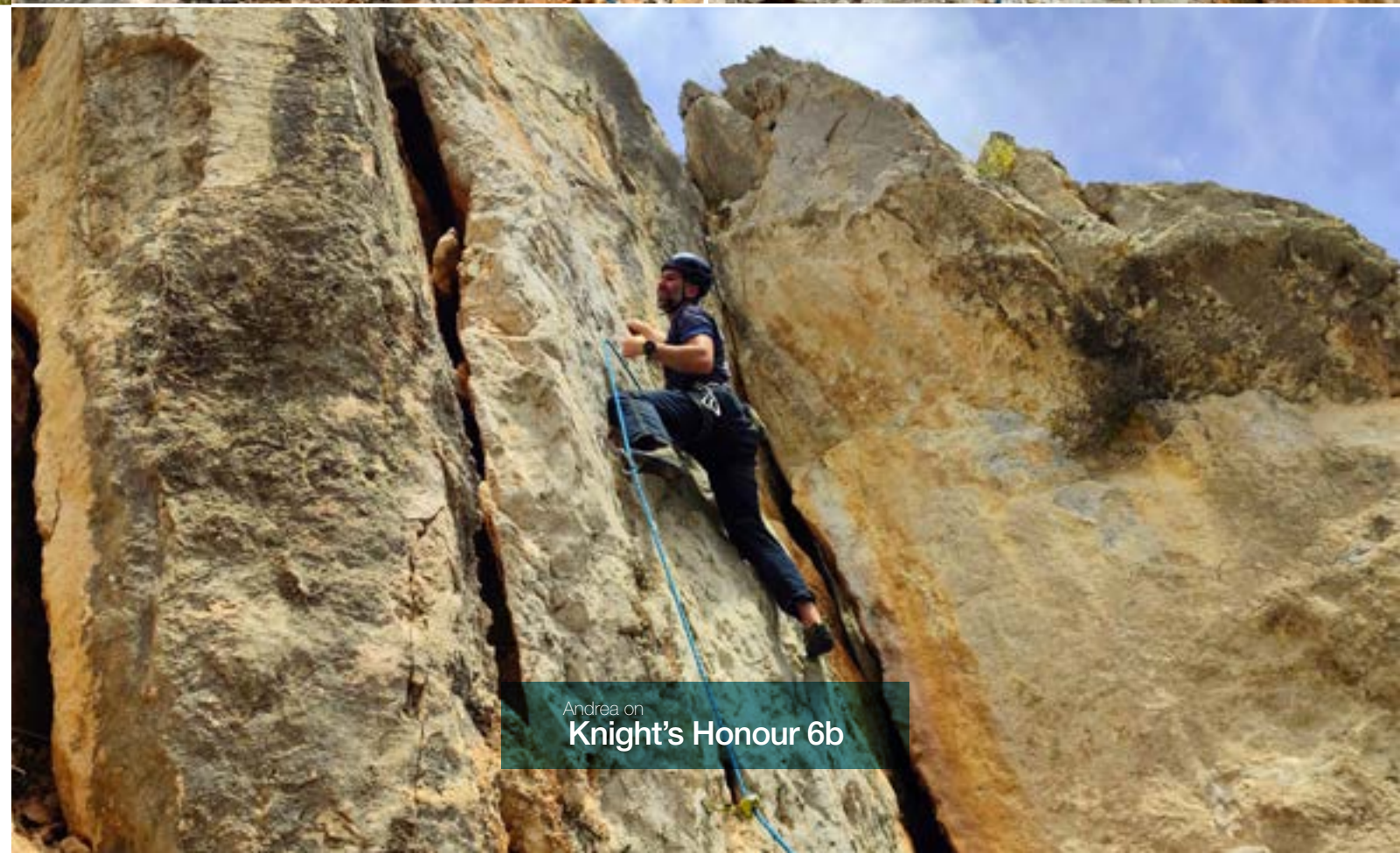
Olympus Mountaineering on
Dragon's Spine 5c



Daria on
Knight's Honour 6b

#	Name	Grade	M.	✓
01.	Rampart	6a+	8 m.	
02.	Joust	5a	10 m.	
03.	Chivalry's Climb	6b	10 m.	
04.	Silver Knight	5b	10 m.	
05.	The Hilt	5c	12 m.	
06.	Dragon's Spine	5c	12 m.	
07.	Knight's Honour	6b	12 m.	
08.	Jester	6b+	12 m.	
09.	Princess Anna	6a+	10 m.	
10.	Dragon's Tale	6a	16 m.	

Dragon's Tale is best to abseil to minimize rope friction on the rock.



Andrea on
Knight's Honour 6b



52 routes ★★☆☆☆

PILLARS OF THE WIND

Crag Location: 37.477762, 23.286695

Best Season: All year

PILLARS OF THE WIND

52 Routes ★★☆☆☆ Iliokastro, Ermionida

Crag location: 37.477762, 23.286695

Season: All year | **Walk in:** 10 minutes

General information

Pillars of the Wind, is a limestone inclusion in an area of volcanic activity and is like a miniature mountain peak with lots of shattered pinnacles.

wonderful views, a deservedly popular venue for family groups as it is very child-friendly with a special top-rope area for the kids.

From above, it doesn't seem to offer much but quality climbing happens on the east and south sides. Some of the rock at the top can be loose but otherwise is excellent.

Be extra careful if you happen to stray off route. A crag with a friendlier ambience than most, and

In a Nutshell

Exposure: South - South/West

Best Season: All year

Sun: From 12.00 to sunset

Walk in: 10 minutes

Water: No

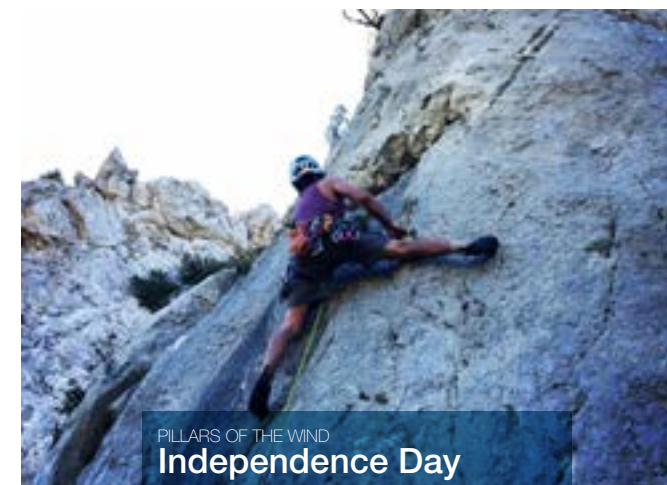
Family Friendly: Yes

Pet Friendly: Yes

Camping: At the parking area

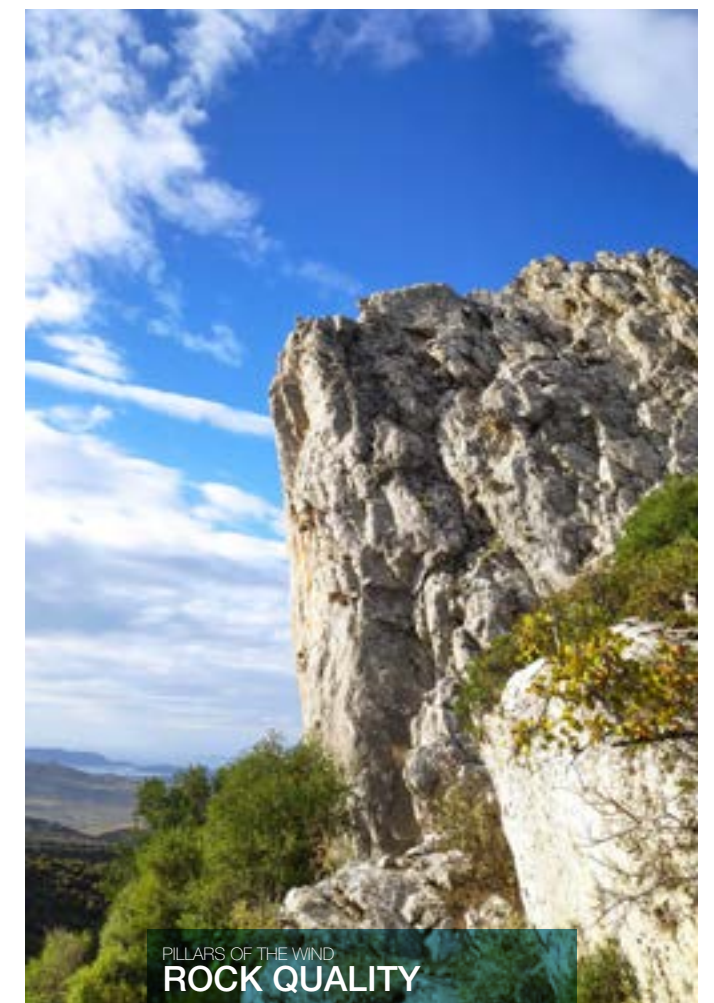
Gear: 60 m. rope, 14 quickdraws

Equipped by: J. Titt, I. Zaczek, H. Weninger



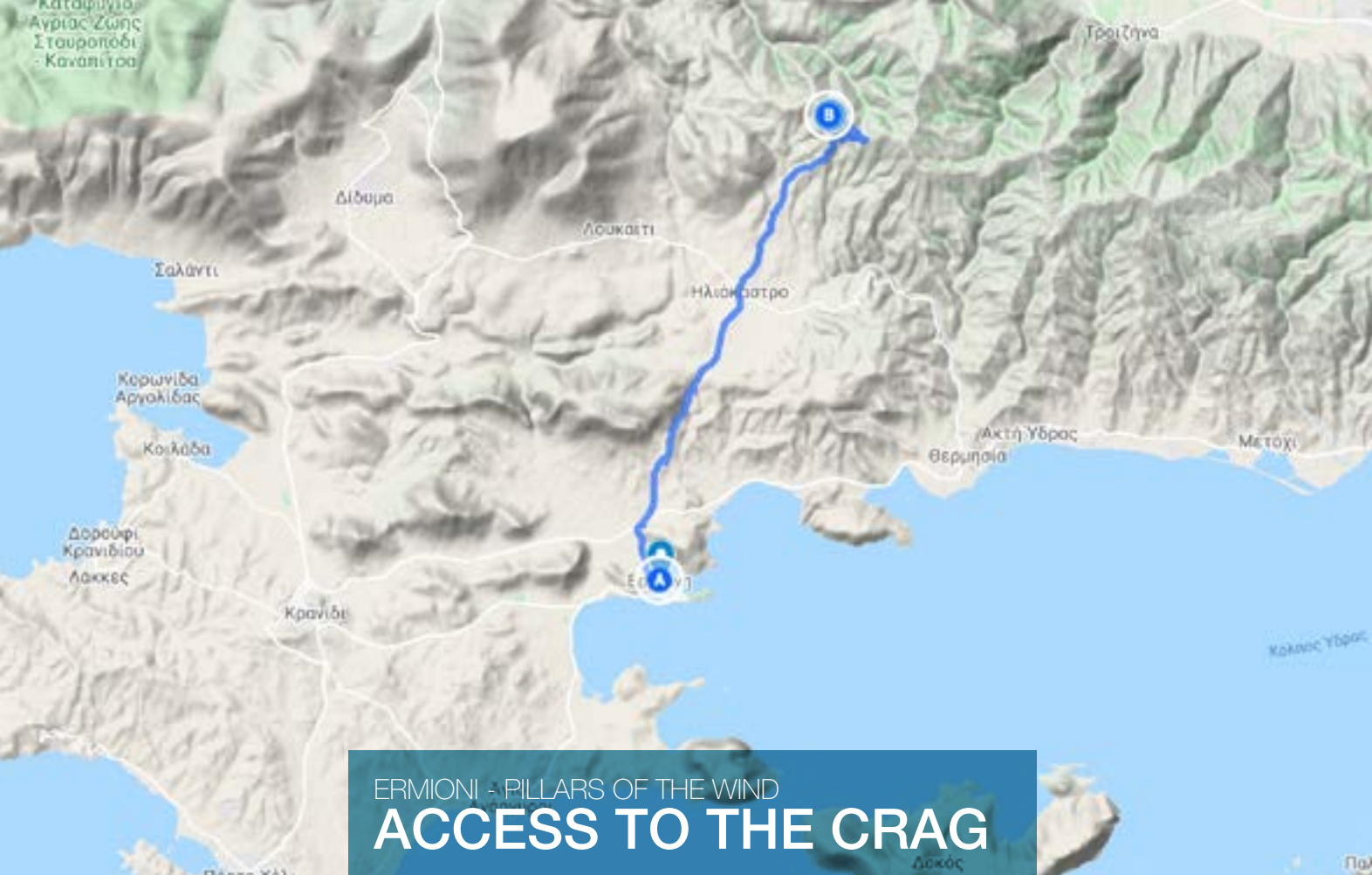
PILLARS OF THE WIND
Independence Day

Climber: C. Rigas



PILLARS OF THE WIND
ROCK QUALITY

View towards Dardiza



ERMIONI - PILLARS OF THE WIND
ACCESS TO THE CRAG
 Access from Ermioni towards the crag of PILLARS OF THE WIND

Access

From Iliokastro, head north and take a right turn just before the village, towards Thermisia. (In Greek it starts with a theta). After 200 m. the road goes sharp right on a bend. Go straight and you will see the crag on your distant left. Keep going for about 6 km. The road alternates between tarmac and dirt. At some point, it will seem like

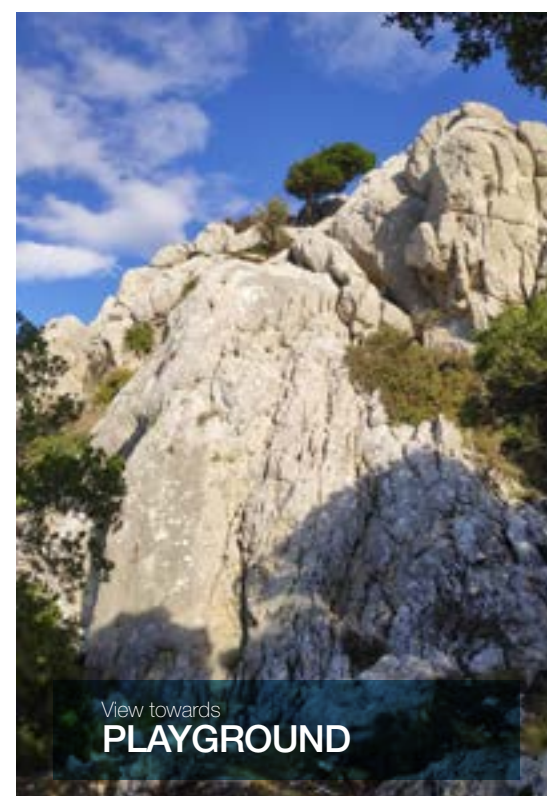
you left the crag behind, but keep going up towards the windmills. At the col take a left u-turn towards the crag. Move up a bit more through the windmills and you will eventually be able to park just below, with the crag below, to your left. Walk down the ridge to the crag.



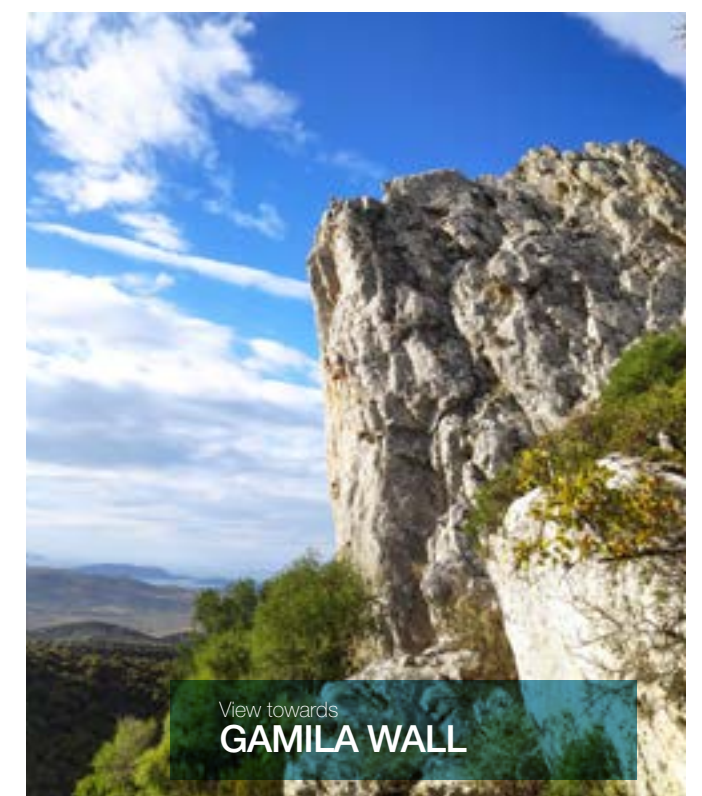
PILLARS OF THE WIND
Fabulous Thunderbirds
 Climber: C. Rigas



#	Name	Grade	M.	✓
01.	Fire Starter	5b+	15 m.	
02.	Guy Fawkes	5c+	15 m.	
03.	Singleton	5c+	15 m.	
04.	Wednesday Afternoon	5b+	20 m.	
05.	Wait I Must Piss	5c	29 m.	
06.	Joyride	6a	28 m.	
07.	Zoom	6b	28 m.	
08.	Do It On Sunday	6b+	29 m.	
09.	Left Overs	5a	29 m.	
10.	Another Day	5c	29 m.	



#	Name	Grade	M.	✓
01.	Fabulous Thunderbirds	5c	18 m.	
02.	FB Direct	6b	18 m.	
03.	Independence Day	5b+	18 m.	





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PILLARS OF THE WIND GAMILA WALL



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PILLARS OF THE WIND SOUTH WALL

#	Name	Grade	M.	✓
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01. Riders On The Storm 8a 30 m.

Good to know

To the south wall area lies a broken cliff, and on the opposite side (towards the lower left) is an overhanging wall called the **Gamila Wall**. The wall features **Riders On The Storm**, a free project developed by **Karsten Oelze**.

With its steep angle, the Gamila Wall provides an excellent opportunity for advanced climbing routes.

If you are interested in developing new routes on this wall and wish to include them in our guide, **please don't hesitate to contact us**.

#	Name	Grade	M.	✓
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01. Waltzing Matilda 6b 12 m.
02. Dancing With Snakes 5c 13 m.
03. Toto 5a 14 m.
04. Deviant 6a+ 18 m.
05. Supercrack 6a 19 m.
06. Warm Up 5b 18 m.
07. Einfach 4b 20 m.
08. Cold Hand 5b 20 m.
09. The Wall 6a+ 20 m.
10. Fingerpull 6a+ 20 m.

#	Name	Grade	M.	✓
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11. Sunshine Arete 4c 18 m.
12. Sunshine Arete Direct 5c 18 m.
13. Wildwechsel 5a 15 m.
14. Kindermund 3 15 m.
15. Kliener Bär 4b 15 m.
16. Grosser Bär 5b 18 m.
17. Holzfaller Suppe 6a+ 24 m.
18. Pete's Route 5c 26 m.



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PILLARS OF THE WIND PLAYGROUND



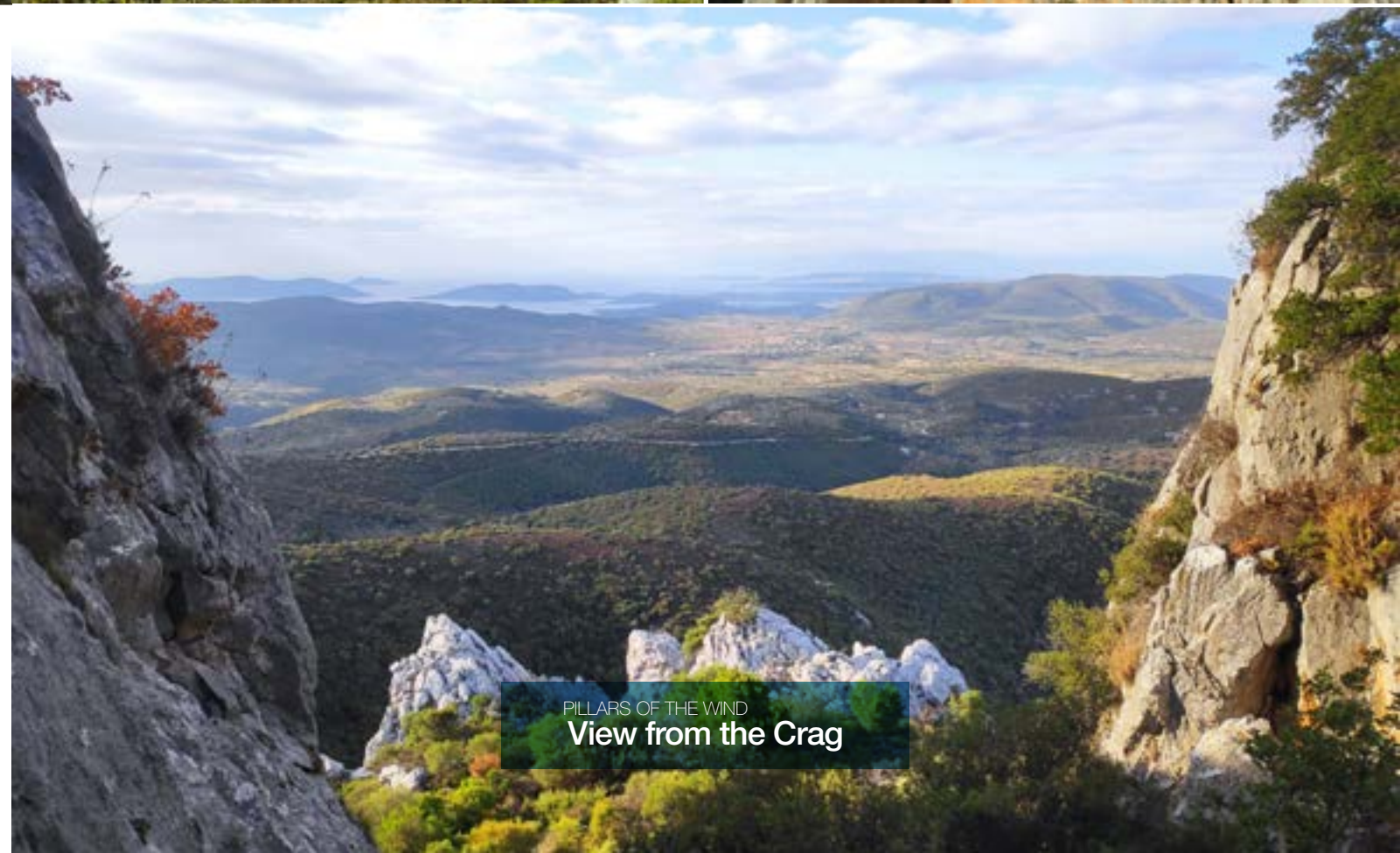
Olympus Mountaineering on
Showtime



Olympus Mountaineering on
Simple Start

#	Name	Grade	M.	✓
01.	Merlin	5b	10 m.	
02.	Asterix	4c	10 m.	
03.	Tombstone	4c	14 m.	
04.	Menhir	6c	18 m.	
05.	Obelix	6a	18 m.	
06.	Wizard	5c	18 m.	
07.	Flankey	5b	18 m.	
08.	Sharkey	5a+	18 m.	
09.	Minnie	4b	20 m.	
10.	Goofy	4a	20 m.	

#	Name	Grade	M.	✓
11.	The Slab	5c	18 m.	
12.	Snoopy	3	16 m.	
13.	Crackerjack	4b	22 m.	
14.	Sesame St	5b	20 m.	
15.	Steep	6a	20 m.	
16.	Steeper	6a	20 m.	
17.	Fingernail	6a	18 m.	
18.	Fingertip	6a+	18 m.	
19.	Pullover	5c+	14 m.	
20.	Holly Tree Corner	5b	16 m.	



PILLARS OF THE WIND
View from the Crag



ROCK OF AGES

39 Routes ★★★★★ Rado, Ermionida

Crag location: 37.499417, 23.237611

Season: All year | **Walk in:** 10 minutes

General information

Rock of Ages, is a nice little cliff in an idyllic setting and highly recommended for those who are not only interested in pushing up their grades but also in their surroundings. A small ravine with lush vegetation, good rock and varied climbing offer a very pleasant day out.

Rock of Ages was mainly developed and bolted by the legendary climber and route setter **Jim Titt** and **I. Zaczek**. All routes are rather demanding and almost on all routes come with runouts.

Thus, the **Rock of Ages** is mainly for experienced climbers that feel comfortable with onsighting **6a+/6b**.

The highlights of **Rock of Ages** include the spectacular and photogenic overhanging **Mr Cool at 5c+** and the weird **Pull of the Sun at 6b**, which climbs up inside the cleft splitting the cliff face.

Plenty of potential on this undeveloped rock make it well worth a visit.

In a Nutshell

Exposure: South - South/West

Best Season: All year

Sun: From 12.00 to sunset

Walk in: 10 minutes

Water: Yes (only in spring time)

Family Friendly: No

Pet Friendly: Yes

Camping: At the parking lot

Gear: 70 m. rope, 14 quickdraws

Equipped by: J. Titt, I. Zaczek, H. Weninger



39 routes ★★★★★

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Crag Location: 37.499417, 23.237611

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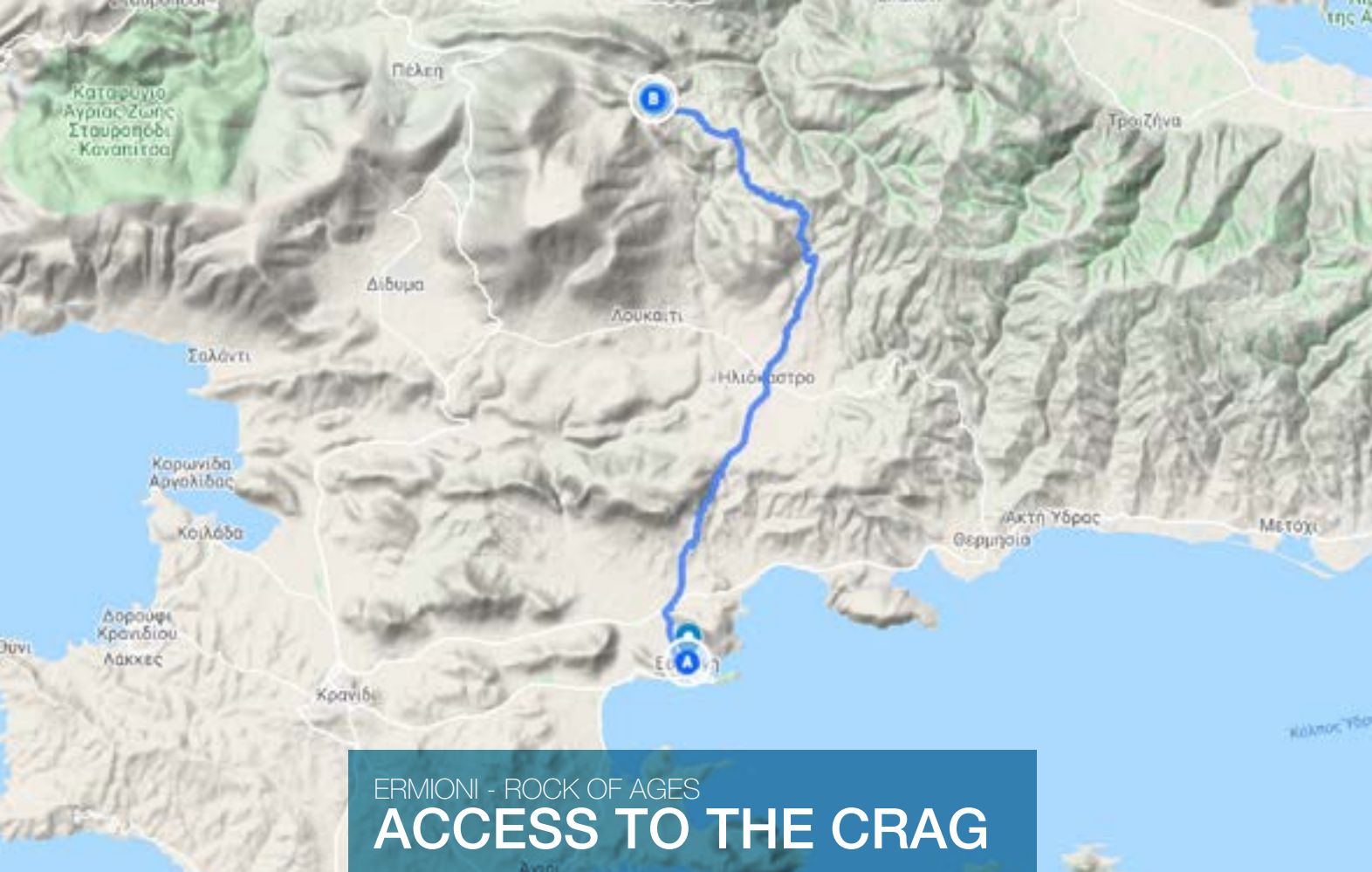


ROCK OF AGES
Showtime

Climber: Olympus Mountaineering

ROCK OF AGES
ROCK QUALITY

View of Mr. Cool 5c+



ERMIONI - ROCK OF AGES ACCESS TO THE CRAG

Access from Ermioni towards the crag of ROCK OF AGES

Access

Approaching from **Ermioni**, turn right on the saddle before **Didyma** (Sign: Iliokastro). After 4,4 km, shortly before reaching a small church on the right side, turn left. Continue on this tarmac road for 2,8 km. Then go right on a small tarmac road for 1,9 km (the last 100 m. are on gravel). Turn left on concrete terrain and follow the road downwards.

Keep driving for another 800 m. towards a wide rock formation. Just before you reach it turn right and follow the road as it coils up to the saddle.

Turn left and follow this road for **about 750 m.** until you see the small ravine on the left. Park a few meters after the valley.



ROCK OF AGES Pull of the Sun 6a+

Climber: Tim Ehry | Photo by: Nathalie Aebi



PANORAMA
ROCK OF AGES MAIN WALL



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ROCK OF AGES SLABS

#	Name	Grade	M.	✓
01.	Pams Arete	5a	25 m.	
02.	Mr. Cool	5c+	29 m.	
03.	Dreamtime	5c+	28 m.	
04.	Dreamtime DT	6a	27 m.	
05.	Woody	6a	29 m.	
06.	The Rising	6a	28 m.	
07.	Eos	6a+	28 m.	
08.	Hydra	6a	29 m.	
09.	Furioso	6b	29 m.	
10.	Stoned	6b	29 m.	

11.	Gammel Hans	6c+	29 m.	
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Highlights

One of the few cliffs in Argolis that offers easy tufa climbs with the continuously overhanging **Mr Cool** at 5c+ being one the highlights, albeit a rather strenuous one!

Other highly enjoyable, if rather unusual, routes include **Dance With Monsters** and the weird **Pull Of The Sun**, which climbs up inside the cleft splitting the cliff-a real adventure.

All routes offer minimum bolting, so be ready for some run outs.

tip by Jim Titt

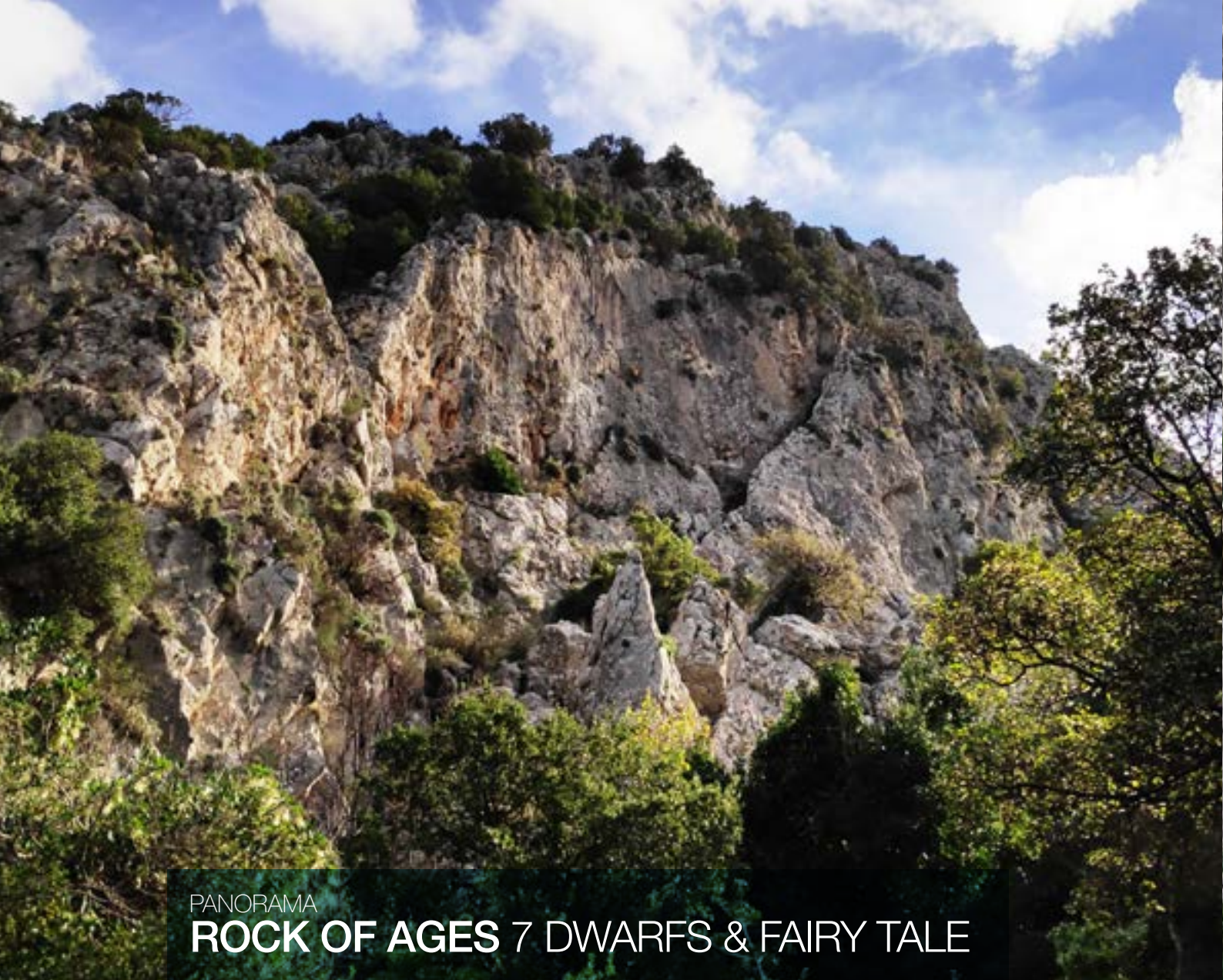
#	Name	Grade	M.	✓
01.	Pull of the Sun	6a+	15 m.	
02.	Maxx	5c	17 m.	
03.	Hail	5b+	18 m.	
04.	Showtime	5b+	17 m.	
05.	Quetschi	6a+	19 m.	
06.	Simple Start	5b+	18 m.	
07.	Easy mover	5b+	22 m.	
08.	Superfine	6a	22 m.	
09.	Teamwork	5c	22 m.	
10.	Quergang	6a+	22 m.	

#	Name	Grade	M.	✓
11.	150%	5c	24 m.	
12.	Hope	6a+	24 m.	
13.	Roof	6a+	22 m.	
14.	Fridge	5b+	22 m.	

Good to know

Pull of the Sun (6a+) starts inside the slab. So you wil first need to abseil down behind the slab in order to climb this wicked route.

From the dark depths of the slab to the Sun!



PANORAMA
ROCK OF AGES 7 DWARFS & FAIRY TALE



Olympus Mountaineering on
Showtime



Olympus Mountaineering on
Simple Start

#	Name	Grade	M.	✓
01.	Happy	5a	8 m.	
02.	Grampy	5b	8 m.	
03.	Bashful	6c	8 m.	
04.	Sneezy	6b+	8 m.	
05.	Dopy	7a	8 m.	
06.	Dozy	6b	8 m.	
07.	Doc	7a	8 m.	

#	Name	Grade	M.	✓
01.	Snow White	5a	10 m.	
02.	Black Witch	5b	15 m.	
03.	Hobbit	6c	12 m.	
04.	Dance w. Monsters	6b+	12 m.	
05.	Heave	7a	14 m.	
06.	Fairy Tale	6b	15 m.	
07.	Grab	7a	14 m.	

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68 routes ★★★★★☆
DIDYMA

Crag Location: 37.475354, 23.212150
Best Season: All year

DIDYMA

68 Routes ★★★★★☆ Mt. Didimo, Ermionida

Crag location: 37.475354, 23.2121502

Season: All year | **Walk in:** 5 minutes

General information

Oros Didimon, or “**Didyma**”, is a major crag of Argolis. Excellent access, superb rock, good orientation and magnificent views add up to one of the best sport climbing venues in Greece.

Climbs for every level of ability and perfect access to the top for setting up top ropes. There is also a more technical climbing area, on steep gray walls.

Crag development so far has focused on the first 250 m. of the cliff (sector “summertime”),

producing around **70 routes in the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th grades** with potential for several more in the higher grades.

A good family cliff with some beginner routes with some extra bolts on specific routes.

Didyma crag is certainly one of the best crags in the Ermionida region.

In a Nutshell

Exposure: South - South/West

Best Season: All year

Sun: From 08.00 to sunset

Walk in: 5 minutes

Water: No

Family Friendly: Yes

Pet Friendly: Yes

Camping: At the parking lot

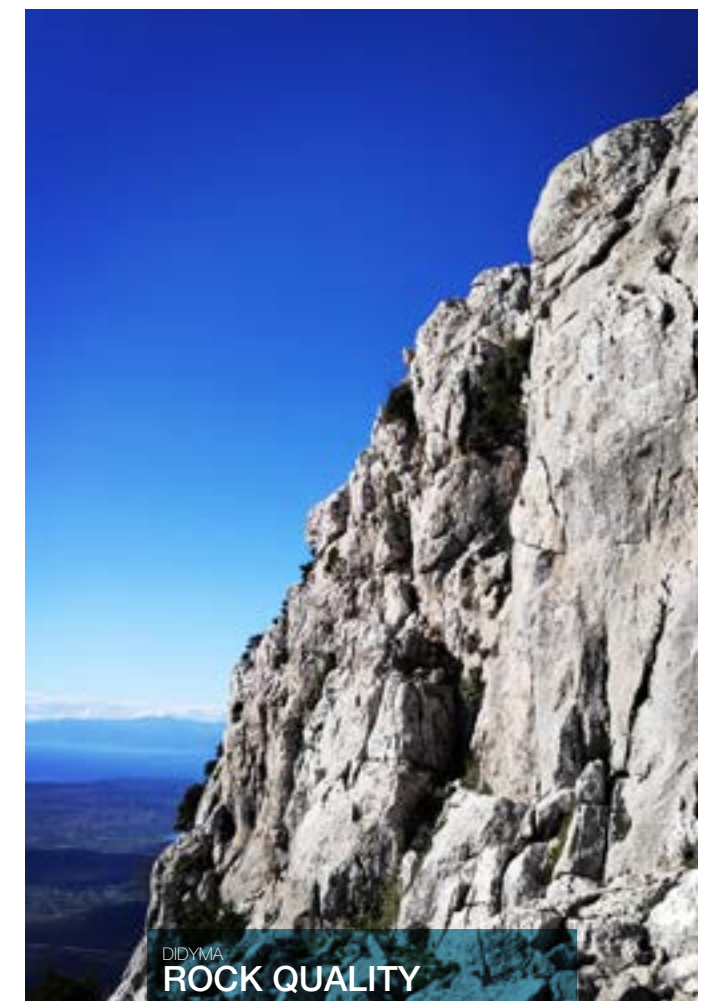
Gear: 70 m. rope, 14 quickdraws

Equipped by: J. Titt, I. Zaczek, K. Oelze, H. Weninger



DIDYMA
Fear of goats

Climber: Giannis Lianos



DIDYMA
ROCK QUALITY

View towards the village of Didyma



ERMIONI - DIDYMA ACCESS TO THE CRAG

Access from Ermioni towards the crag of DIDYMA

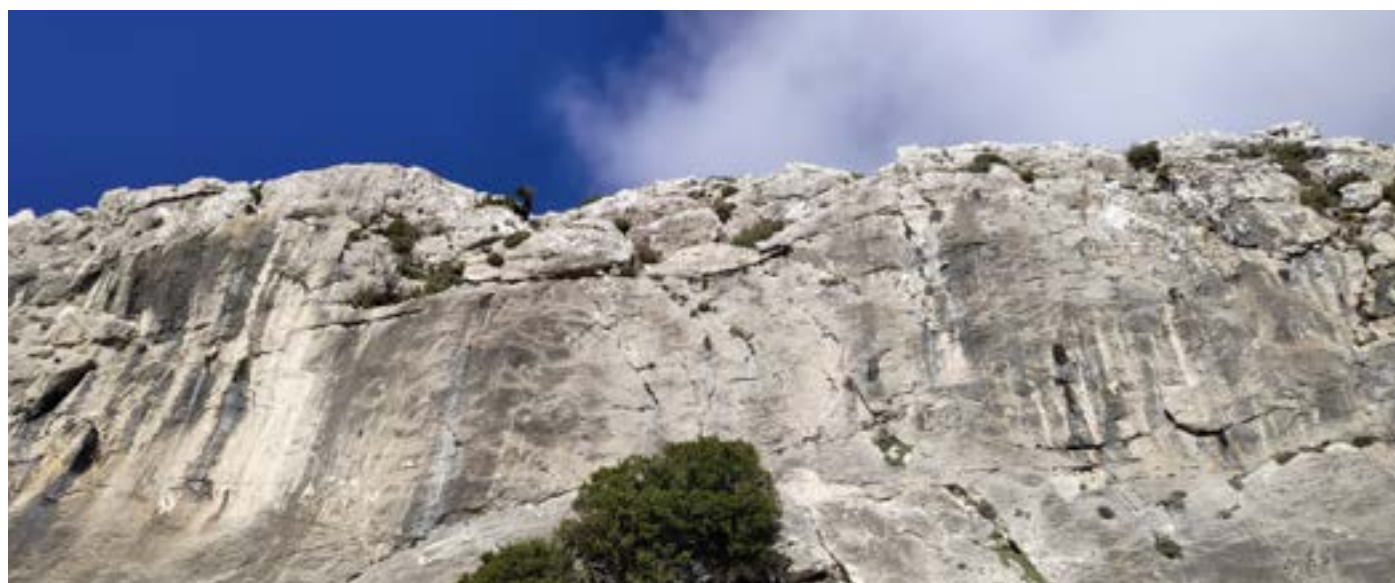
Access

Driving from Ermioni, after about 20 km. (37.500984, 23.190837), turn right on the saddle on the highest passage that leads to Mt. Didimo.

Follow the bumpy tarmac road that will lead you towards the peak of **Mt. Didimo**.

At point **37.476086, 23.212998** right before the antennas, you can park your car safely.

By now, you should be able to see the rock cairns and a goat trail that will lead you to the crag. The views while approaching the crag are stunning.



DIDYMA Prankster (6b)

Climber: Andreas Mpregkoula



#	Name	Grade	M.	✓
01.	Huggy Bear	6a	14 m.	
02.	Little Wall	6b	14 m.	
03.	Little Chimney	4b	14 m.	
04.	Jump	6a	14 m.	
05.	Hole	6b	14 m.	
06.	Little Crack	6a+	14 m.	

Good to know

These are the first routes of **Didyma crag**, that are of medium grade.

These first routes are rather short and the climbing style resembles more to bouldering than anything else.

The rest of the crag offers longer routes, up to **20 meters** high and of higher grades up to **8a**.



#	Name	Grade	M.	✓
01.	Ginger	4b	15 m.	
02.	Teen Dream	5c	15 m.	
03.	A Funny Turn	5c	15 m.	
04.	Direct	6a	15 m.	
05.	A Good Crack	5a	15 m.	
06.	Here Comes The Weekend	5a	15 m.	
07.	First Corner	4c	15 m.	
08.	First Arete	4c	15 m.	

Good to know

The routes **First Arete**, **First Corner**, **Here Comes the Weekend** and **A Good Crack** are all using extra bolts suitable for beginners and/or kids.

ATTENTION on the loose rock in the middle of the route **Here Comes the Weekend**. It is a very dangerous large block, so if you climb this route, do not use it.

ROUTES

DIDYMA MAIN WALL

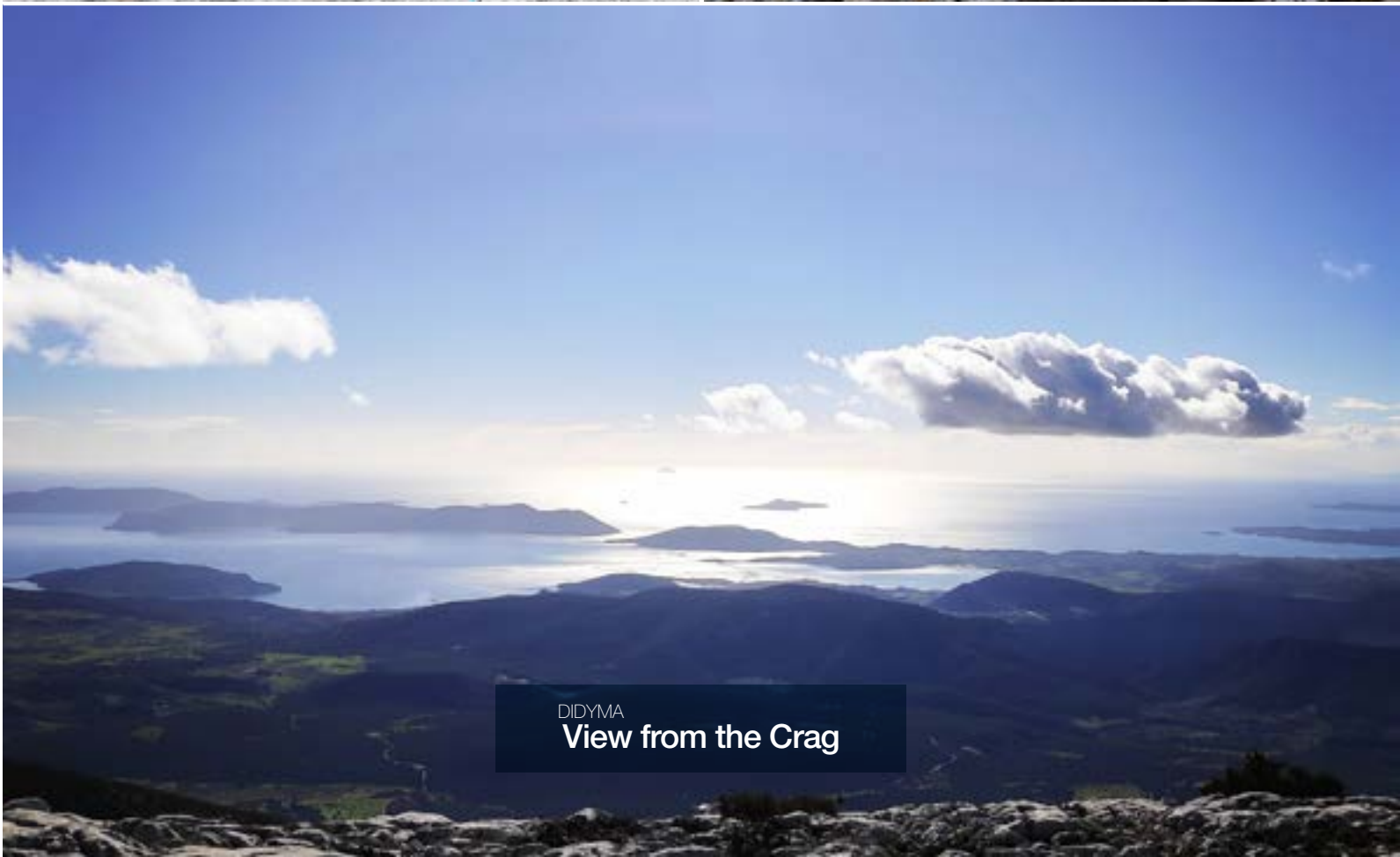
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01.	Bad Beer	5b	15 m.		31.	James Jaunt	6b	18 m.	
02.	Drilling In The Rain	5c	15 m.		32.	Wonderhold	5c	18 m.	
03.	Trouble	6a	15 m.		33.	Girls Do It Differently	5b	18 m.	
04.	Fear Of Goats	6a	15 m.		34.	Slant Eyes	5a	18 m.	
05.	Teamwork	6a+	15 m.		35.	Buckshot	8a	20 m.	
06.	J&J	6a+	15 m.		36.	Summer Madness	6c+	20 m.	
07.	Powerline	6b	15 m.		37.	Spring Thing	7a	20 m.	
08.	Inge's Fingers	5b+	18 m.		38.	Burn	6a	20 m.	
09.	Cave	6b	18 m.		39.	Jills Route	5c+	20 m.	
10.	Wave	7c	18 m.		40.	Sam's Route	5b	20 m.	
11.	Funhouse	7a	18 m.		41.	Diversion	6a+	10 m.	
12.	Funtime	5a	18 m.		42.	Sidewalk	6c	10 m.	
13.	Prankster	6b	18 m.		43.	Black Attack	6c+	14 m.	
14.	Free Project	8a	18 m.		44.	Big Girls	6a	18 m.	
15.	Great White Way	6a	18 m.		45.	Elevation	5c	18 m.	
16.	Massive Attack	6c+	18 m.		46.	Sun Parade	6a	18 m.	
17.	Ektonisi	7b+	18 m.		47.	Tuesday Afternoon	5c+	18 m.	
18.	Black Diamond	7c	18 m.		48.	Scorpion	5c	18 m.	
19.	Crystal Voyager	7b	18 m.		49.	Quicky	6a	20 m.	
20.	The Hots	6c+	18 m.		50.	Fallen Angel	6b	20 m.	
21.	Lightning	5c+	18 m.		51.	Pain Is Love	6b+	16 m.	
22.	Thunder Wall	5c	18 m.		52.	England	6a	16 m.	
23.	Cool Move	6a	18 m.		53.	Popeye	6c	14 m.	
24.	Nice Suprise	5c	18 m.		54.	Cavròn	6c+	35 m.	
25.	Smile	5a	18 m.						
26.	Thursdays Child	5a	18 m.						
27.	Little Lizard	6b	18 m.						
28.	Sweet Sixty	6b	18 m.						
29.	Children Of Mycenae	6c	18 m.						
30.	Perfect Acoustics	7c	18 m.						



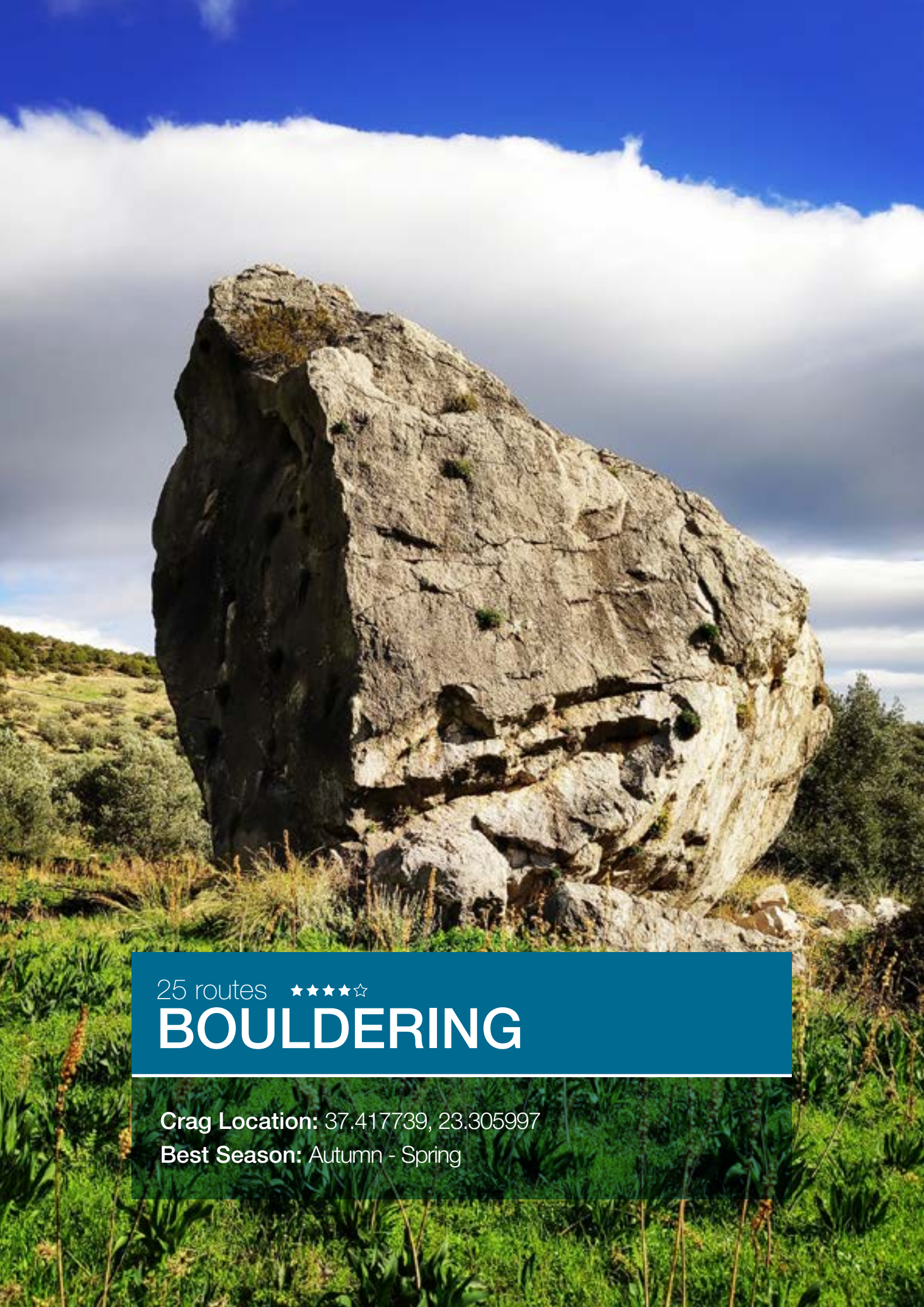
Giannis Lianon on
Powerline



P. Paraskevopoulos on
First Corner



DIDYMA
View from the Crag



25 routes ★★★★★☆

BOULDERING

Crag Location: 37.417739, 23.305997

Best Season: Autumn - Spring

BOULDERING

25 Routes ★★★★★☆ Thermisia, Ermionida

Crag location: 37.417739, 23.305997

Season: All year | **Walk in:** 5 minutes

General information

Few hundred meters below the remarkable **Castle Thermisia crag**, there is a field full of olive groves and some magnificent boulders.

There are about **10 major boulders** and several smaller that offer plenty of bouldering opportunities.

The access to the bouldering field is rather easy and the **walk-in is less than 5 minutes**.

In addition, this bouldering field is right in the middle of the various crags of the area, so you can give it a shot and try some problems or simply take a break from climbing and take a moment to relax, while moving from one crag to another.

The area is **family and pet friendly**, offers great views towards **Hydra** and **Dokos** islands.

In a Nutshell

Exposure: South

Best Season: Autumn - Spring

Sun: From 10.00 to sunset

Walk in: 2 minutes

Water: No

Family Friendly: Yes

Pet Friendly: Yes

Camping: At the beach of Thermisia

Gear: Bouldering mat

Equipped by: Unknown



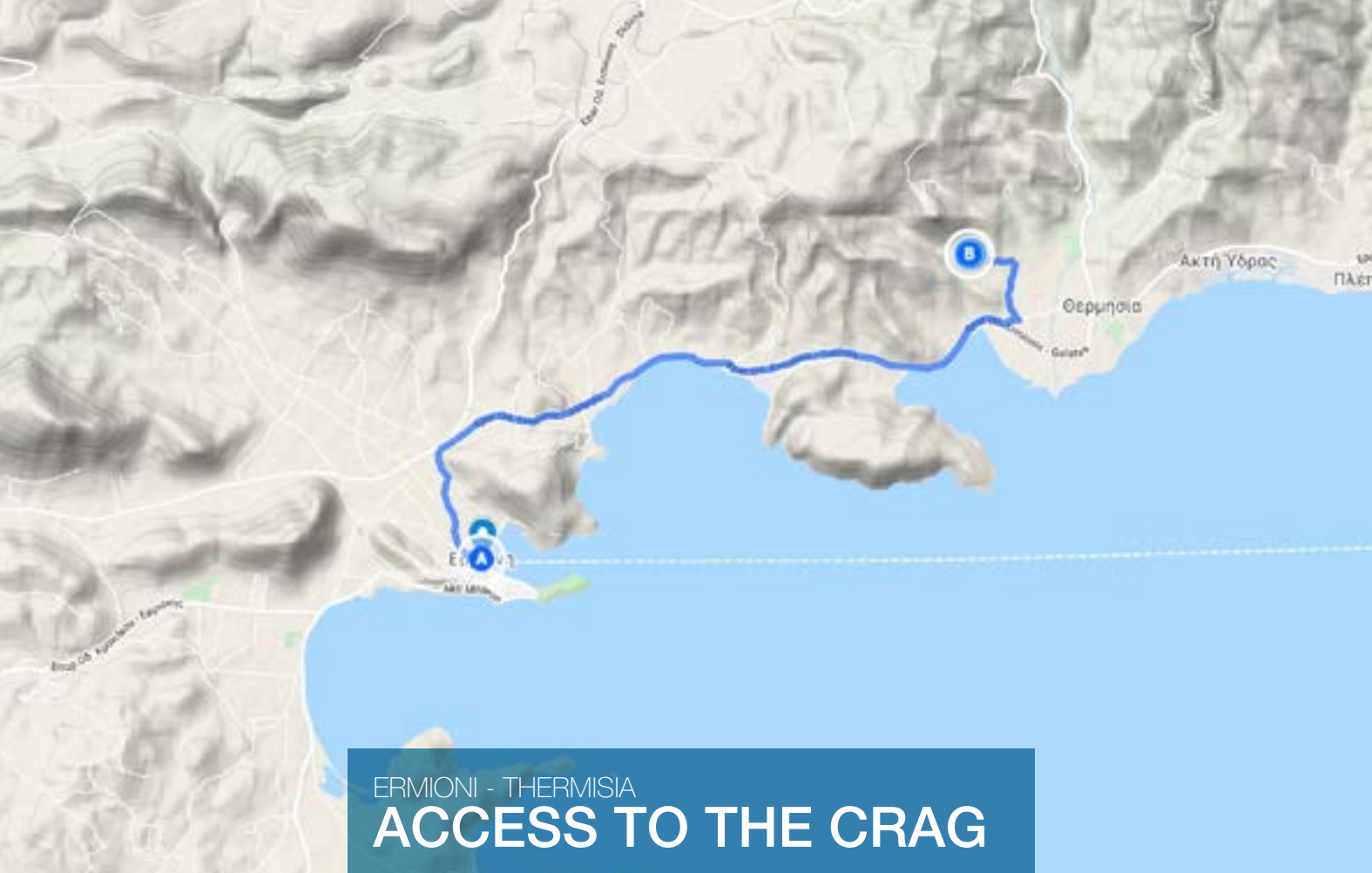
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ROCK QUALITY

View towards Dokos island



ERMIONI - THERMISIA

ACCESS TO THE CRAG

Access from Ermioni towards THERMISIA

Access

Driving from **Ermioni towards Galatas** along the coastal road, you will be able to identify the remarkable rock of **Castle Thermisia** (alt. Lizard Rock).

Right before Thermisia, at point **37.410227, 23.311890** turn left and on the first side road

turn again left. Follow the paved road until you see a small chapel. At that point (37.416066, 23.313374) turn left again and drive up to the tarmac road.

You can park your car here: **37.417428, 23.307794**



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THERMISIA BOULDERING DEVELOPMENT

Bouldering area needs further development

Development

This **Bouldering area** needs further development and we address an open invitation to all interested parties to join us in order to explore all major boulders, to identify all possible routes and to grade them.

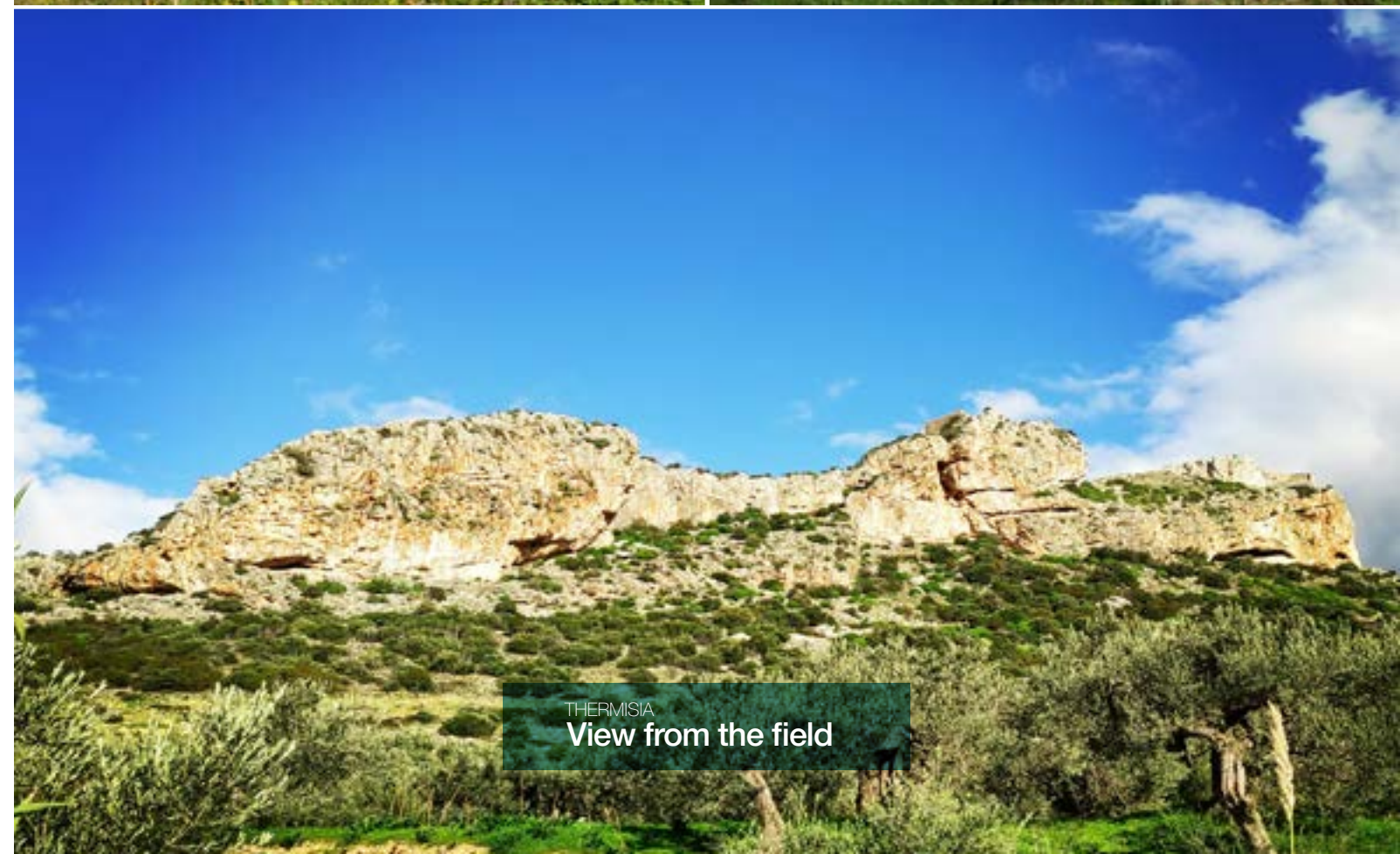
Is bouldering one of your favourite climbing disciplines and you wish to participate in the further development of this bouldering area? Feel free to get in contact with us via the following email address: **olympusmountaineering@gmail.com**



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