# Waveney Ramblers  Paphos 0  Rural Rambles - Paphos, Cyprus

Track:  GPX for SatNav  Various Miles  Updated: 2023

2023 Revision: This is a guide for ramblers covering the Paphos, Episkopi, Coral Bay and Agios Georgios areas. Buses are used to get into the hills and there are walks down to the sea. Several routes include sections of the E4 Trans-Europe path. The original guide was written in 2019 and now revised in 2023 with an excellent new route added.

DISCLAIMER:
When writing this guide, I tried to avoid private land and unsafe areas. There is no guarantee that these walks are safe or legal. Please use your own judgement and use this guide as a starting point to design your own routes. Several of the walks involved stream bed crossings. In good weather these are likely to be completely dry. In flash flood conditions, the water could be over two metres deep and flowing fast, as happened in January 2019.

GOALS:
1) Use only public transport:  https://www.pafosbuses.com/
2) Use footpaths. These are rare in this area.
3) Use unsurfaced tracks. These are much more common.
4) Use minor roads with very light traffic.
5) Keep to the more rural areas as far as possible.
6) Avoid main roads whenever possible.

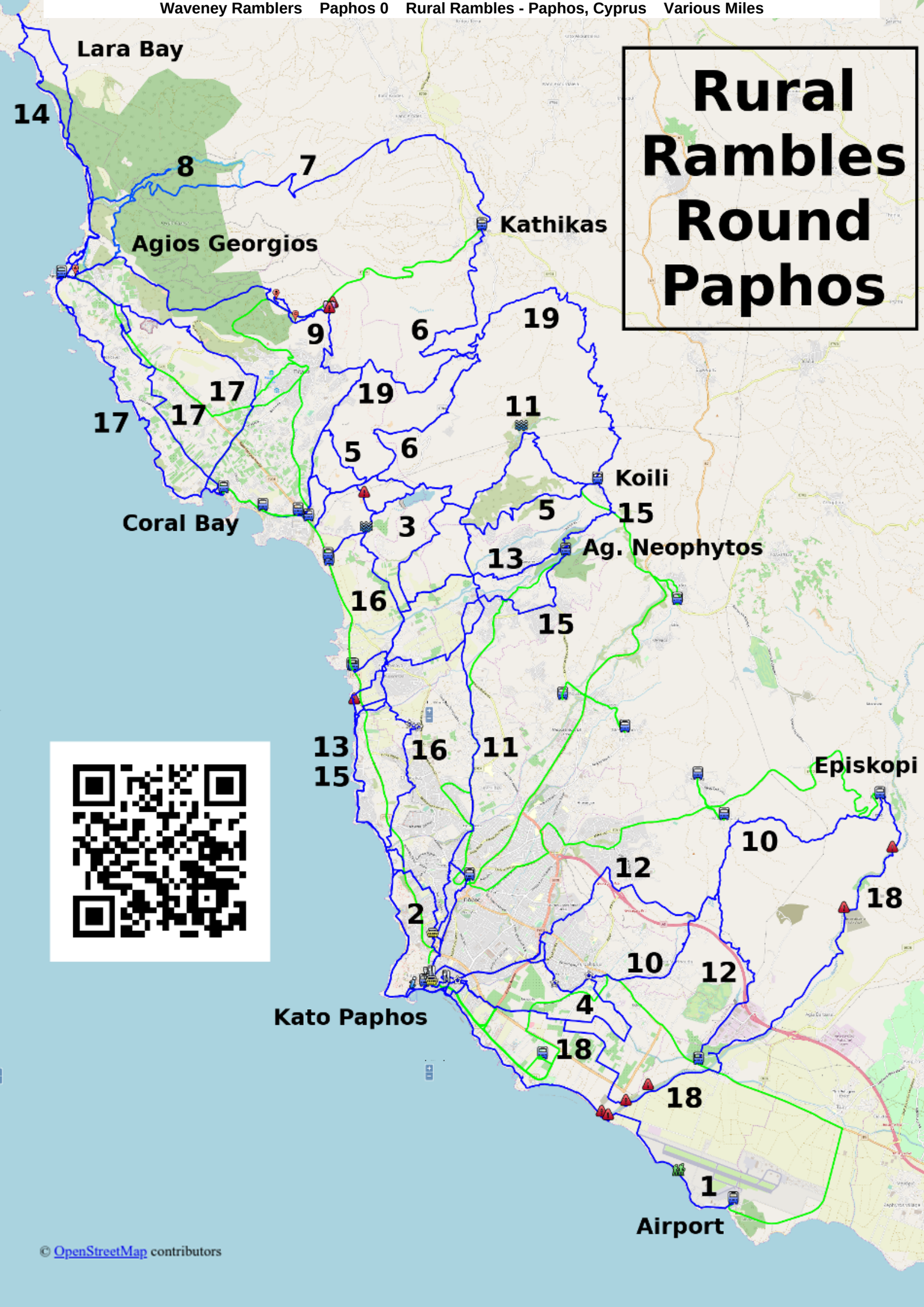
WEATHER:
In high summer it will be too hot for most walkers. The best months are from November to May. There is good climate data at the bottom of this web page:
https://www.cyprus-weather.org/paphos-weather-forecast/
It's rare for a whole day to be wet. In three weeks in January 2019, one of the wettest months, I only lost one day to wet weather although there were showers and thunderstorms quite often. The forecasts on the website above were useful for dodging the worst of the weather. The more mountainous areas are best avoided in wet conditions. Hail and very cold strong winds are possible during thunderstorms which can blow up in under 30 minutes. Go properly equipped!

SATNAV:
I'd highly recommend the hand-held Garmin eTrex 20 series. In some areas there are many small tracks and getting on the wrong one could lead to a strenuous dead end up a mountainous valley. Each walk comes with a download suitable for this device. If you deviate from the correct route, it shows on the screen within 20 metres or so. The walk routes can be shown on top of the Cyprus map. It's possible to make zero-cost Garmin compatible maps for anywhere in the world. There is a bit of a learning curve using this device. If you are happy with smartphones, you'll get the hang of this device easily enough. The device has paid for itself many times over through not needing local maps which are frequently useless for walkers.

Smartphone navigation is likely to fail in the hills when network connectivity is poor. The Garmin device is better in this respect and its batteries last two or three days (25 hours). These walks have been uploaded to Wikiloc and their app for iPhone and Android works well.

The eTrex comes in "10", "20" and "30" series. The "10" lacks the feature to add your own maps. I selected the "20". The "30" model adds a barometric altimeter and you can view altitude profiles and get your maximum altitude. This is useful until you want to know your altitude on a commercial flight. It'll give the cabin pressure altitude - not so useful. I have avoided touch-screen models. I doubt their ability to work well with rain on the screen. The battery life of the eTrex 20 is so much better too.

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Agios Georgios
Kathikas
Coral Bay
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Ag. Neophytos
Episkopi
Kato Paphos
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