Waveney Ramblers Paphos 16 Coral Bay to Kato Paphos

Track: **GPX for SatNav** 11.6 Miles Updated: 2019-02-03

Catch the 615 bus from Kato Paphos Harbour to Coral Bay. Get off the bus in Coral Bay at the first stop when the bus leaves the main coast road at a roundabout.

You'd think there would be a good coast path between Paphos and Coral Bay. Sadly, near Coral Bay the coastal walking is not good. There are blockages that force you to walk on the main road and for one leg, the road is right next to the sea. So a more inland route was needed. Parts of this walk are a delight. Most of the road walking is on quieter roads. For much of the route the track follows the top of a ridge with excellent sea views between the houses.

Head west, then north out of Coral Bay. Cut through a small olive grove to drop to the lower road and continue north. Turn right and drop down into a ravine. Cross the bridged stream and head up the other side, SE. Join a wide road that leads to Akoursos and head roughly east. This road carries little traffic. Turn right, south onto a farm track. Head past the farm. There were a lot of free running dogs and barking but no agression. Drop down to the road the leads to Mavrokolympos Dam. Head back towards the coast for a while.

Turn left off the tarmac and head towards banana plantations. Ford the stream and expect wet feet in the rainier seasons. In flash flood conditions this could be impassable so abort the walk and return to the coast road.

The trail leads to a zone used by trial bikers. Find a way up and across the these hillocks. At the top, join a contour path with a concrete irrigation channel running parallel. Bear left and head through farm land and orchards. Join a tarmac road with little traffic. After a kilometre turn right and head towards Kissonerga.

After Kissonerga, decide whether to follow the coast path or to stay inland. The inland route is more urban but you get a rare footpath which leads to a pleasant park. There were fallen branches so a bit of limbo dancing might be needed to get through the footpath. In Lempa there is some "ART" which is interesting and eccentric!

After Lempa, the route is mostly urban but keeps to the ridge edge with occasional excellent views.

