Waveney Ramblers Paphos 3 Mavrokolympos Dam

OS Map: Track: **GPX for SatNav** 7.5 Miles Updated: 2023

2023 Revision: The Mavrokolympos Dam walk is on the 615 bus route. There are bus stops, north and south, close to the junction with the road up to the dam. The dam is well signposted.

Head NW up the road towards the dam. The road follows the valley all the way. There are good views of the spillway on the opposite side of the valley. You'll pass banana plantations. After the dam, the tarmac and concrete ends and the track becomes stony or muddy.

At the top of the reservoir, cross the Mavrokolympos stream. In 2019, there was a very muddy patch, deep enough to over-top boots. Sandals are better because they wash off so easily in the stream above the mud. In 2023, it was fairly dry and a small heath fire enabled bypassing the muddy area.

Climb the hill south of the stream. Head back towards the sea passing orchards and fields. Soon the road heads roughly south.

Just before a field of solar panels, you could make a 100 metre diversion, left, to see a Dragon Fruit orchard. This was quite a surprise. Cacti had been trained like vines or hops to climb a framework of wires. The fruits form on the ends of the cactus branches.

Now head back down to the sea. As this is one of the shorter walks, you could delay your descent and head through Kissonerga. This is an attractive village and the route down afterwards is good.

