Waveney Ramblers Paphos 6 **Kathikas and Akoursos**

OS Map: Track: **GPX for SatNav** 9 Miles Updated: 2023

Updated 2023: This walk uses the 648 bus from Coral Bay Bus Station to Kathikas and Polis. This bus leaves at 10 am. The times can be checked here ...

http://www.pafosbuses.com/

Get out at Kathikas centre. This is the highest point on the bus route so there are fine views, its cooler and it can be windy. There is a lovely shop, cafe and church.

The walk descends nearly 700 metres with only 82 metres of climbing.

The walk heads SE out of the village soon turning SW, then south. The first 3 km are almost level at over 600 metres. Then the descent begins. If the conditions are bad, you could divert to the wide tarmac road. This carries little traffic. In fine weather, the smaller tracks are nicer.

The trail bends almost west and follows a ridge, potentially windy. The trail alternates between the north and south sides of the ridge giving a lot of variety in the views. Eventually it doubles back, east, and drops down to the little village of Akoursos with a nice little square.

Here we rejoin the wide but quiet road for a while. Look for a branch left up a narrow lane. This bypasses about a kilometer and is well worth the effort.

Rejoin the main road for another kilometer before branching west on another narrow lane. This dwindles to a 4x4 trail. At ramshackle farm buildings the road bends back and heads SE. For a while its very attractive but eventually you get to quarrying and a fly-tipping zone, full of rubbish. This does not last long though.

Rejoin the wide road and follow it down to the coast road. Turn right, NW, and the first bus stop is at a roadside lay-by and stall 250 metres along this much busier road. This is the 615 bus route from Coral Bay to Paphos.

