

# Walk 2 – Evangelistra to Mandraki

Nisyros



START POINT: Evangelistra monastery

GRADE Easy

TIME: 1 hour

This is not generally regarded as a walk in itself but is the completion of a number of other walks to take you back down to Mandraki and is an attractive alternative to walking back down the road. The views are dramatic down to the harbour and across to Yiali and Kos. On an old kalderimi, it is very varied with sections reminiscent of 'sunken ways' in Britain but cut into high banks of pumice, and other sections meandering between ancient walls of terraced fields.

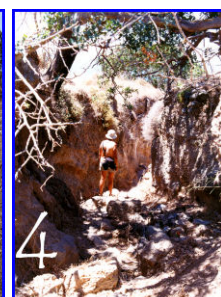
- Leaving the shade of the tree at Evangelistra follow the concrete road until the first sharp bend to the right<sup>ref</sup> (1)

N 36° 36' 17.7"  
E 27° 08' 43.4"



- Straight ahead is the start of a series footpaths which cut off the bends and lead to Mandraki avoiding the road. At this point the path drops steeply down to the left, and goes into a 'sunken way' on loose pumice. (2)

- After a short distance it emerges into an open area where another, broader path crosses at right-angles. (3) Continue straight ahead and drop down between vertical pumice banks 3-4 metres high. (4)

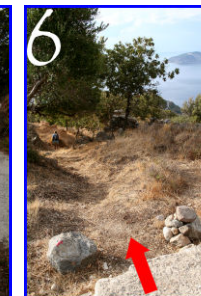


- Rejoin the road again at another sharp bend to the right<sup>ref</sup> (5) and go straight across the bend to the next section of path which leaves the road at a level (6)

N 36° 36' 18.6"  
E 27° 08' 40.6"

- Follow the path a short way to rejoin the road<sup>ref</sup>. The next section of path begins at the point of a hairpin bend. The path turns right (7) and runs parallel to the road for a few yards before dropping away to the left over a rocky outcrop (8) and then becomes a rough-paved path between stone walls.

N 36° 36' 21.5"  
E 27° 08' 36.4"

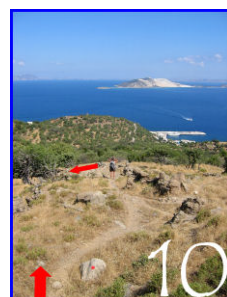


- The path soon reaches a broad stone-paved access to a gated agricultural enclosure and then the road<sup>ref</sup>.

N 36° 36' 23.9"  
E 27° 08' 30.3"



- Go straight across onto path which turns right (9) and runs level and parallel to the road for about 200 metres before dropping away sharply to the left (10) soon to run between stone walls. This is a long section of path, running between terraced

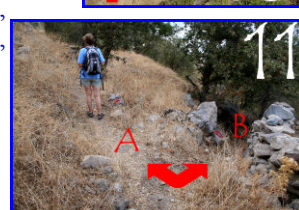


- Eventually reach a fork in the path<sup>ref</sup> (11), marked by red spots, where there is a choice, either

N 36° 36' 34.7"  
E 27° 08' 23.7"

A go right to come out by the harbour or

B go left to come out in the centre of Mandraki



⊕ **A** to get to the harbour

At the fork in the path go steeply down to the right into a small valley overhung with trees. Follow it down a short distance until it comes out at a hairpin bend in the road. Turn right and go downhill until it joins the main coast road just behind the harbour.

⊕ **B** to get to the centre of Mandraki

At the fork in the path take the straight ahead/left hand option, continuing on a level, and follow the path between stone walls. Just after a renovated stone building come to another fork in the path<sup>ref(12)</sup>.

N 36° 36' 36.3"  
E 27° 08' 18.0"



⊕ At the fork don't go straight ahead, but turn sharply to the right on a section of path elevated above the adjoining fields. Continue on the path as it meanders between the fields, some with ancient walls made of large rounded volcanic stones, in places overhung by huge prickly pear cacti.

⊕ The final section of the path goes past large houses at the 'suburban' edge of Mandraki on the right, with a stone wall on the left, before it rejoins the road<sup>ref</sup>.

N 36° 36' 32.4"  
E 27° 08' 01.4"



⊕ At the road turn right and follow it as it bears around to the right. Just after the bend is a school on the left. Immediately after this, turn left down a steep urban-paved foot-path. At the T junction at the bottom turn left to go into the main town square, or right to go the the Hotel Porfirys and past that to 'Heroes' Square on the seafront.

## Notes of caution: Evangelistra – Mandraki

The walk is entirely downhill with significant parts in the shade of trees. However, at the end of a longer walk and with little by way of breeze, like all walks in Greece, in the height of summer it can be tiring and cause dehydration. It is therefore important to set a comfortable pace and to keep enough water in reserve for your needs.

Be careful not to be attacked by the prickly pear cacti on the lower section of the path, both overhead and underfoot

Though most of the walk is fairly easy-going under-foot, some of it on loose pumice with a couple of short steep scrambles. Most people would therefore choose to wear boots or walking shoes. However, it can be done comfortably and safely in walking sandals such as Teva or Merrell. Urban sandals, flip-flops and slip-on shoes are NOT suitable footwear.

GPS references are given using the common GPS default datum WGS 84 (World Geodetic System 1984) – degrees, minutes and seconds. The final digit is included for completeness but is shown in grey to indicate that it cannot be relied upon as accurate due to the degrading of the satellite data.

### Walks via Evangelistra

Walk 1: Emborios to Mandraki via bubble

Walk 3: Nikia to Mandraki via caldera

Walk 4: Emborios to Mandraki via caldera

Walk 5: Mandraki to Oros Diavatis

Walk Option 1: to Nifios

..... additional to Walk 3

Walk Option 2- to Oros Diavatis

..... additional to Walks 1, 3 and 4



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