

FOOTPATHS OF THE HOLY MOUNTAIN



FROM VATOPEDI TO THE SKETE OF AGIOS DIMITRIOS

Distance: 2.4 km Journey Time: ¾ hour

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At the beginning this pleasant journey passes through the gardens and orchards of *Vatopedi Monastery*. Then the path (partly *kalderimi*) continues through forest following the courses of streams.

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Abbreviations: L = Left; R = Right; KSO = Keep straight on;
FP = Footpath; K = *Kalderimi* (stone-paved FP or track)

Transliterations: ΒΛ ΤΟΠΑΙΔΙΟΥ = *Vatopedi*;
ΑΓΙΟΥ ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΥ = *Agios Dimitrios*
ΓΕΝΝΗΣΕΩΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ = *Genniseos Theotokou*

Description of Route:

Walk (m) And then . . .

- 30** Leave gate of ***Vatopedi Monastery*** and turn L along paved road, with monastery on L.
- 100 **29** After covered well on L, take R fork down road, initially K. Ignore track that forks to R after 30m.
- 350 **28** Another road joins from back R. KSO, now with orchard on L, close to river bank.
- 220 **31** After end of orchard and just before road crosses watercourse, turn L onto FP (signed).
- 120 **32** FP emerges at track. Turn R along track (signed).
- 80 **33** At junction of tracks fork L uphill, (signed).
- 260 **34** At junction, fork L onto track, uphill (signed *Genniseos Theotokou*).

- 160 **35** Track ends at field. KSO through gate and across bottom of field with fence on R.
- 180 **36** Leave field through gate and KSO on FP into woods.
- 300 **37** Immediately after crossing watercourse between two arches, turn hard L, uphill, and then hard R opposite arch across watercourse (on L).
- 300 **38** Arrive at ***Kellion Genniseos Theotokou*** (“the Birth of the Mother of God”). After passing *Kellion* (on L) and garden (on R), cross water system and bear R on FP downhill.
- 80 **39** Cross watercourse and ascend on *K*.
- 260 **40** Arrive at the ***Skete of Agios Dimitrios*** (under restoration in 2017).

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