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The picture clip is fun to watch and visualizing the walk will make the following directions even easier.

Don't forget sunblock, a hat and your camera! Enjoy! The map is on the 2nd page.

Directions Walk 8 by Beautiful Plakias (<https://beautifulplakias.com>)

Have a look around at the beautiful Preveli Bridge and the river – coming from the bridge you walk 300 meters up the road to the ruins of Preveli Monastery (Kato) – enjoy this beautifully renovated old monastery – walk back towards the bridge but turn right onto a wide dirt road just before it – walk alongside the river and stay on this dirt road – enjoy the magnificent views on the way – you will walk towards a little church – if you're lucky it's open and you can look at the old frescoes on the walls inside – after the church the wide dirt road turns into a small path leading you along the stunning Kourtaliotiko Gorge – when you see a wooden fence on your left hand get off the path and walk towards it for some spectacular views inside the gorge – walk back to the path and continue – the sudden breath taking views towards the sea, Preveli Beach and Palm Forest invite to take amazing pictures – when the path splits take the path that bends to the right (you can go left for some stunning views into the gorge and walk back) – after some climbing you will reach a big parking on your right – cross the parking till you see the path down to Preveli Beach, Lagoon and Palm Forest on your left – after 150 meters the 450 steps down start – just after a turn to the right you can go left to a viewpoint which gives you great views over the gorge, the beach and the palm forest – when you've reached Preveli Beach pass the tavern (or enjoy a drink first) and 50 meters further, on your left, is the entrance to the Palm Forest – enjoy the indigenous Cretan Date Palms (Phoenix Theophrasti) and the lagoon – back on the beach you cross the river –

here you have the option, if you came by bus and are done walking, to take the boat back to Plakias

- walk to the steps on the east side of the beach and go up – right after you go through the fence there is a path up the mountain on your left hand – sometimes the path is hard to follow, just stay close to the fence on your left hand – once you've reached the top there are 2 options: you can keep going left and up towards the radio mast and follow the path alongside the gorge or turn right and make a loop around which will connect you with the path alongside the gorge – I personally prefer the second option because of some of the views and the views into the gorge are better from the other side anyway – after you pass an old house the path connects with a wide dirt road where you turn left – continue on this dirt road – after 450 meters you cross a small old stone bridge and turn left – you will walk straight back to Preveli Bridge

You can get to Preveli Bridge and back to Plakias by car or by bus. There is sufficient parking space. When you choose to go by bus ask the driver to drop you off at "Gefira" (Greek for bridge) and on the way back just wave for the bus to stop.



PREVELI PALM FOREST

TIP

At the end of the path on the left side of the river keep going for another 300 meters, climb some rocks and enjoy little waterfalls, lagoons and, if you are lucky, fresh water turtles.

