

1. Supermarket Flora	N 36°05.462 • E 28°04.869	4. Shed of corrugated material	N 36°05.736 • E 28°03.233
2. Narrow path near cairn	N 36°05.248 • E 28°04.547	5. Asphalt road	N 36°06.297 • E 28°03.765
3. Rocks & olive trees	N 36°05.144 • E 28°03.514	6. Path in the dir. of church	N 36°06.176 • E 28°04.507
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DISTANCE: 9.0 km TYPE: tour TIME: ca 3 hours DIFFICULTY: 2 (climbing/descending)

LINDOS Across Marmari mountains

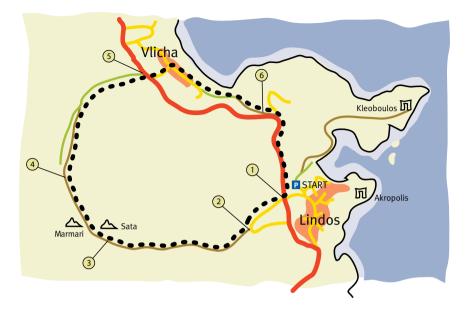


GETTING THERE

Take the southern coastal road between Rhodes City and Lindos. Near the exit Lindos there is a large car park and a few shops. Park your car somewhere in the area of the Flora supermarket. Lindos can also be reached by bus.

WHY?

The Acropolis of Lindos is, after that of Athens, the most famous in Greece. The white town of Lindos is one of the main attractions on Rhodes. Each day Lindos is visited by many tourists who are most probably not aware of the fact that the mountains around this lovely town are excellent for hiking. You will regularly have stunning views of the coast and the Acropolis. This walk can be combined with a visit to Lindos and can also be extended with walk 8. The walk goes across rough and dry slopes. There are hardly any paths but fortunately the route is regularly marked with cairns (see page 11) and some red paint here and there. The last part of the walk goes along Vlicha beach where you can go for a swim and have something to eat and drink. Tip: go walking first and visit Lindos after 3 p.m., when most tourists have left.



THE WALK

Facing the Flora supermarket (GPS1) you go to the back of the car park. In the left corner of the car park you take the asphalt road which goes up slightly, alongside a house. At the first Y-crossing you keep left and at the next Y-crossing you take the left road again. Near the last holiday resort the road goes into a U-turn. Exactly halfway into the bend you take a path on the right side, near a cairn, which goes up the hill (GPS2). Pay attention to the cairns that mark the path, which first goes up steeply and further on becomes flatter. You will pass a little wall of piled up rocks and a little further on you will have to do some climbing. When you've reached the top you will see a large cairn and continue along the flat path that runs along the slope. To the left is a deep abyss. Further on, the path bends away from the abyss and then goes into a valley, between large boulders and olive trees (GPS3). Keep following the path through the broad and flat valley. You cannot always see the path, so you will have to keep an eye on the cairns that mark the route. The path mostly runs along the left side of the valley and further on it starts to go down. Every now and then you can see groups of olive trees. Where the path becomes steeper, you can see a cave on your right. You will reach a shed of corrugated material (GPS4). Follow the path that goes straight on, between the fences. Near a second shed you take the narrow path which goes straight on and runs parallel with a sand road (left). After reaching the sand road make sure to keep

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right. A little further on you will pass a fence. Keep following the semi-paved road and ignore any exits until you reach the asphalt road (GPSs). Cross this and then go right and after about 30 metres take a road to the left which goes down towards the coast between some newly-built houses. The road leads to an asphalt road, just beyond the beach. To continue the route take a right turn here and follow the road along the coast. Ignore an ascending asphalt road to the right. The road is made of concrete here and goes up further on. At a T-crossing before a hotel turn left, on to a gravel road. At a Y-crossing keep left, going on to the slightly descending path. At the lowest point, just before a bend to the right, you go right on to a narrow path (GPS6), in the direction of the rock plateau and a little cave church. Follow the narrow path and go in the direction of the little church. Take the narrow path that goes up further on, left of the church. Here too, you must follow the trail of the cairns and find your way up, in the direction of the higher situated asphalt road. Climb over the crash barrier and turn left on the road. After circa 250 metres you will reach a car park by the side of the road. From here you have an excellent view of Lindos and the Acropolis. Continue along the asphalt road until, after more than 1 km, you will reach the car park of the Flora supermarket (GPS1).

