FOOTPATHS OF THE HOLY MOUNTAIN



FROM KONSTAMONITOU TO ZOGRAPHOU

Distance: 3.6 km Journey Time: 2 hours

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A well shaded walk most of the way, with three uphill followed by downhill sections with good scenery and a view of *Zographou* monastery at the end.

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Abbreviations: L = Left; R = Right; KSO = Keep straight on;

FP = Footpath; K = *Kalderimi* (stone-paved FP or track)

Description of Route:

Walk (m) And then . . .

- Turn L out of the Konstamonitou Monastery and follow the wall of the monastery around to the left.
- 300 On arrival at empty area at bottom of FP, turn L at signpost.
 - 70 Cross stream bed on R. FP starts to climb.
- 950 Arrive at open area with view to the sea.
- 250 Cross stream bed.
- 320 FP (K in parts) starts long descent.
- At bottom of descent, emerge onto track (crossing a fence) and turn R along it. After about 20m, turn L off track onto FP (crossing another fence) at cairn/signpost.
 - 60 Descend to cross stream. The FP then goes uphill and passes above an attractive chapel down below in the valley on the L.
- 500 Emerge onto track. Turn L, ignoring FP straight on.
- 480 Turn L (signed) off track onto descending FP (soon *K*). View of **Zographou** soon appears.
- 200 Ignore FP (K) from L. KSO.
- 200 Arrive at entrance to **Zographou Monastery**.

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