

Kyparissi

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Kyparissi, named after the cypress trees whose distinctive elongated silhouettes dot the landscape, is a beautiful traditional village set between the mountains and sea on the serene southeastern coast of the Peloponnese peninsula. Surrounded by limestone of outstanding quality, the potential for sport routes of all levels—but particularly phenomenal for hard grades—has only just begun to be tapped into. Thanks to a bolting project funded by local benefactors and the local municipality, more than 100 routes have been put up in Kyparissi over the last year. This mini-guide is compiled by Aris Theodoropoulos, the Greek mountain guide who oversees the Kyparissi project, and it includes all routes bolted in Kyparissi until November 2015. More routes are to come in 2016, and updates will be posted online on climbgreece.com as details become available.

Climbing: On grey, red, yellow and grey/blue limestone of excellent quality, with more than 100 routes spread across six crags. To mention a few, **Kastraki** is a crag inside the village with very well-protected easy routes on grey rock; **Watermill**, also near the village, features bulletproof red limestone and a variety of grades, mostly harder; and **Babala** is likely to be the very best hard sport crag in Greece, with yellow/grey slightly overhanging rock laced with divine solid tufa pipes.

Conditions: Best for spring, summer and autumn. The sun/shade varies by crag, but there are crags suitable for both morning and afternoon climbing in Kyparissi.

Approach A: Athens to Kyparissi (approximately 300km, or 4-4.5 hours to drive). The quickest way to get to Kyparissi from Athens is via **Sparta** (or Sparti). From Athens drive to Sparta (about 2.5 hours, most of which is on a very good motorway); from Sparta, continue to Kyparissi on mostly narrow country roads via the villages Geraki, Agios Dimitrios, and Harakas.

Approach B: Leonidio to Kyparissi (approx. an hour's drive from **Leonidio**). There are two options: The longer route (97km) is via a paved road, while the shorter route (64km) is via a relatively smooth dirt road which does not necessarily require a 4x4 car. The longer route (paved) goes via Kosmas-Geraki-Agios Dimitrios-Kremasti-Lampokampos-Harakas to Kyparissi. The shorter route (unpaved) goes via Poulithra-Pelata-Harakas to Kyparissi. It is best to avoid the shorter route during winter, as it may be icy and slippery. (Note: A new and very scenic coastal road connecting Leonidio to Kyparissi (30-35km) is currently under construction, with estimated date of completion sometime in 2016. It will be part of the new Argos-Leonidio-Fokianos-Kyparissi coastal road.)

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Sector Kastraki

(36.969963, 22.991085)

Kastraki is the easiest crag in Kyparissi, with routes as easy as 5a. **Kastraki** is in the middle section of the village, above the church and not far from the beach, in lush surroundings with beautiful views. It has all the makings of a popular crag: very good quality limestone, low to mid-grades (5a-6c), a "central" location and a very easy approach.

Equippers: The routes at **Kastraki** were equipped by Aris Theodoropoulos and Claude Idoux (who came all the way from Kalymnos to help). Yiannis Metaxotos from Leonidio also did a very thorough job of cleaning and gardening, on and off the rock. Most route names are local nicknames paying tribute to old seamen or other past residents of this part of the village.

Climbing: On the left (**Kastraki**) a quality grey wall, somewhat sharp but with great variety of features and moves. On the right (**Kastraki Upper**), an overhanging red wall with tufas, big holds, and gym-style routes. All routes are very well-protected; go for the onsight!

Gear: 70m rope; 15 quickdraws (QD) for routes up to 30m, 20 QD for routes longer than 30m.

Conditions: Best for spring and fall climbing, but summer climbing is also possible in the mornings.

Shade: In the morning and early afternoon. The sun comes at 13:30 (lower) or 14:00 (upper).

Exposure: SW

Approach: Go to the middle part of the village (called *Paralia*), on the SE side of Kyparissi. You will see the church and cemetery on the right as you drive down to the beach. Park either near the church or across the road (in a plot with olive trees used as a parking area; there is a sign). Cross the little bridge leading to the cemetery entrance and walk around the cemetery wall to the right. You will see the clear path going up to the cliff; there are also red marks. **Walking time:** 5 min.

Angy Eiter on "Mougaras" 6a+.
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- 1 Pipis** 2★ 5a 10m
A good training route for beginners.
- 2 Koles** 2★ 5b 10m
Another good warm-up.
- 3 Tsitos** 1★ 5c+ 15m
Inconsistent. A hard start, then much easier.
- 4 Koufos** 3★ 5c 10m
A short but steep wall with good holds.
- 5 Sirmas** 3★ 6a 25m
A very technical corner to start; the upper part is easier.
- 6 Kotsipetros** 6a+ 25m
A great, smooth slab with good holds when you need them.
- 7 Batarolos** 3★ 5c 22m
A pleasant wall with a couple of moves on steeper terrain.
- 8 Rozos** 3★ 6a 25m
A grey wall with a short technical crack and an exceptional steep finale.
- 9 Mantrakoukos** 3★ 6b 25m
A steep wall with good variety and a comp-like finish on brown rock.
- 10 Kolios** 3★ 6a+ 25m
A stiff intro, but hidden holds are a pleasant surprise. The enjoyment comes at the end!
- 11 Zafiris** 3★ 6a+ 25m
A nice start with big holds leads to a technical upper wall.
- 12 Kakaras** 2★ 6a 30m
Long and satisfying with a pleasing slab on the 2nd half.
- 13 Kastraki** 3★ 5b 20m
Good holds just keep coming.

- 14 Kastraki Ext** 6a+ 35m
A quality grey wall and amazing steep finish up the pillar.
- 15 Mougaras** 3★ 6a+ 30m
Another beautiful and photogenic pillar.
- 16 Kepas** 3★ 6b+ 28m
Starts with a very technical bulge and challenging footwork. Easier, but continuously interesting, after that.
- 17 Bouras** 3★ 6a 28m
A wall full of good hidden holds!
- 18 Pontikos** 2★ 6b 18m
Hard start, easier upper part.
- 19 Monimos** 3★ 6c+ 18m
Three cruxes and a hard final clip.
- 20 Frydias** 6c 18m
Stellar moves from hole to hole!
- 21 Tzambas** 3★ 7a 18m
Great climbing on tufa terrain with three intriguing bulges.
- 22 Gandemis** 3★ 6c 18m
Easier tufa climbing plus an interesting overhanging corner with plenty of rest opportunities.
- 23 Jumping Fish** 6c+ 18m
An exceptional steep climb and beautiful moves.
- 24 Krinos** 2★ 6c 18m
A white technical line with big but sharp holds at the end.
- 25 Tantra** 3★ 6a+ 18m
A slab, a bulge with good holds/long moves, then slab again.
- 26 Panotsis** 2★ 5c+ 18m
A hard but interesting bulge leads to steady climbing with no further surprises.

Sector Watermill

(36.957351, 22.986013)

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Watermill is the main crag of Kyparissi. It features an impressive length of excellent-quality red limestone with stalactites, just above a distinctive bend in the road, not far from the village. There's a story associated with the Watermill cliff: according to mythology, Atalanta, one of goddess Artemis's huntresses, was out hunting near these cliffs when she was overcome by thirst. Cotton-mouthed and desperate, she pounded her spear against the rock. And, suddenly... Whoosh! Fresh, cold water gushed out! Atalanta was happily rehydrated, and they say the carvings in the small caves at the foot of the cliff are remnants of ancient water basins used for dedications to the gods. It is also said that the water here was so plentiful until the 1960s that it flowed freely down the cliffs in small waterfalls. If in doubt, there are ruins of 3-4 old stone watermills in the area to prove it.

Climbing: On bulletproof red limestone decorated with loads of stalactites and tufa snakes. There is potential for several new top-notch sport routes.

Conditions: Climbing is best on spring and fall afternoons when the cliffs are in the shade. Conditions are fair on breezy summer afternoons also, especially after 17.00.

Shade: After 13.00. **Exposure:** NE

Approach: As you approach Kyparissi, the crag overlooks a distinctive big bend in the road. It is about 700m before you get to Vrysi, the village's first 'district' (36.957351, 22.986013). Park on the side of the road and follow the path to the chapel. When you get to about the same level as the cliffs, walk rightwards.

Walking time: 0-5 min.

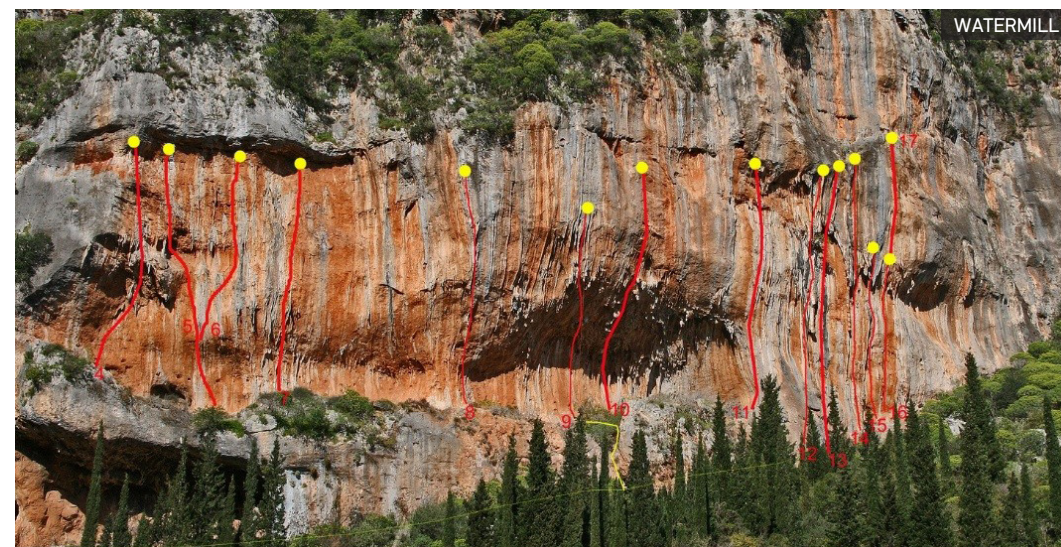


Angy Eiter on "Thanks George" 7a (above) and on the classic "Jerome the Gangster" 7c+ (below).
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- 1 **Tiris** 3★ 6a 20m
A quality slab just above the road.
- 2 **Welcome to Kyparissi** 3★ 6a 20m
A crack and slab.
- 3 **Welcome to Kyparissi Ext** 3★ 6c 35m
Wall and amazing tufa finish; hard to clip the chain.

- 4 **Vryl** 3★ 7c 20m
A strange start on underclings then steep and continuous.
- 5 **Pita 4-Ever** 3★ 7a+ 25m
A tufa climb left of the long big overhang.
- 6 **Kalimeralex** 3★ 7a+ 25m
Tufas and a steep overhang. Starts together with #5.
- 7 **Esterattitude** 3★ 7b 25m
More tufas and steep overhangs.
- 8 **Neromylos** 3★ 8? 30m
A single tufa line.
- 9 **Zarax** 8a 25m
Tufas in the middle of the cave's roof.
- 10 **Medusa's Blood** 8b 30m
A "king" line with steep start on big tufas then a devious headwall. FA Angy Eiter, 2015
- 11 **Asclepius** 3★ 7c+ 25m
Technical wall and small tufas.
- 12 **Thanks George** 7a 30m
Long big tufas and athletic climbing.
- 13 **Myros** 7b 30m
Excellent steep tufa climbing.
- 14 **Jerome the Gangster** 7c+ 25m
Steep, between the twin tufas.
- 15 **Kyparissi** 3★ 7a 20m
An impressive single tufa.



WATERMILL



- 16 Stelios House** 3★ 7b+ 20m
Tufas and bouldery moves.
- 17 Stelios House Ext** 3★ ? 35m
- 18 Kyfanta** 2★ 7b+? 25m
- 19 Tetoros** 1★ 6a 18m
The slab and groove. A bit slippery.
- 20 Smoke on the Water** 3★ 6b+ 30m
Slab and wall, with a late crux.
- 21 Sidiropoulos** 3★ 6c 30m
Again, wall climbing with a cruxy end.
- 22 Krikos** 2★ 7a+ 27m
Tricky wall with hard footwork and tufas in the mid-section.
- 23 Kiafa** 2★ 6c 20m
A tough, short tufa start, then eases off.
- 24 Skourkos** 2★ 6a+ 20m
A steep start, then technical.
- 25 Gelis** 3★ 6b 20m
An easy start, then two short problems.
- 26 Giouzelis** 3★ 6c+ 30m
A technical grey wall. The footwork isn't easy either.

- 27 Trypes** 2★ 7a+ 20m
A short wall with a couple of "mono" moves.
- 28 Trypes Ext** 2★ 7b+ 36m
3pa. Wall and overhang.
- 29 Koumara** 3★ 6c 20m
Still on the short wall, but with tufas this time.
- 30 Koumara Ext** 2★ 7a+ 36m
2pa. Wall, overhang and tufas.
- 31 Kyparidiso** 2★ 7a 36m
Wall, overhang and tufas.
- 32 Cave Man** 1★ 6c 33m
A technical wall; not very homogeneous, and still dirty.



Watching climbers try the routes at Sector Watermill during the 1st Kyparissi Festival in October 2015.
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Angy Eiter on the first ascent of "Medusa's Blood" 8b. CHRIS BOUKOROS



Katerina Touriki climbs the superb "Myros" 7b.
NIKOS KRIKELIS

Sector Babala

[36.949399, 22.995906]

Sector **Babala** is a world-class crag for very hard climbing. Situated high above the village of Kyparissi (45 min to walk up via a very good old path) and with beautiful village and sea views, the entire expanse of **Babala** (the name of an abandoned hamlet on the plateau above Kyparissi) has immense potential for many new hard routes.

Climbing: On steep and very solid tufas, as well as a few slabs. Kalymnos-style colonettes and stalactites but very hard footwork. Yiannis Torelli recently added about 20 hard routes on incredible tufas, and Bernie Ruech + Angy Eiter put up 3 more routes, while Angy also did the first free ascent of an 8c route. Angy Eiter and Aristos Thanopoulos, one of the strongest Greek climbers who climbed with Angy during the Kyparissi Festival, both concur that Babala is the best crag for hard routes (7c and above) in Greece, and one of the best worldwide. Some climbers describe it as another Céüse but with endless vertical tufas!

Conditions: Best for spring and autumn climbing.

Shade: In the afternoon, after about 13:00.

Exposure: NE

Approach: Exit Kyparissi and drive approx. 3.2km. When the road levels off, park on the side of the road 150m after the shine "Welcome to Kyparissi", [36.949399, 22.995906], where a short dirt road start to the right. Walk up the meandering old path to the long belt of cliffs. **Walking time:** 45-50min.

Angy Eiter onsights the incredible "Leodokardos" 8a.
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BABALA

- 1 Gloom of Triumph** 3★ 8c 30m
Starts on pretty tough tufas. The middle consists of some small crimps before it ends on a perfect tufa all the way to the top. FA Angy Eiter, 2015. A Eiter, B Ruech, 2015
- 2 Mythos** 3★ 8b/+ 30m
Starts together with #1 but then traverses to the right. Big underclings and quite good holds lead to a big tufa. The very upper part is quite tough and tricky. FA Angy Eiter, 2015. A Eiter, B Ruech, 2015
- 3 Carpe Diem (1st Part)** 8a+ 25m
Steep, athletic climbing on perfect tufas. A Eiter, B Ruech, 2015
- 4 Carpe Diem** 8b+ 35m
Continues up a big tufa with a tricky finish on hard moves. FA Angy Eiter, 2015. A Eiter, B Ruech, 2015
- 5 Mea Culpa** 3★ ? 30m
Steep on big tufas!
- 6 Gerobabalis** 3★ ? 30m
Another great tufa line.
- 7 Wood 'N Metal** 3★ ? 35m
A low-angle pillar leads to the amazing single tufa.
- 8 Aima kai Sperma** 3★ ? 25m
Excellent steep tufas and well-spaced holes and jugs.
- 9 Father of Lies** 3★ ? 20m
- 10 Tiresias** 3★ 7c+ 20m
Excellent tufa climbing and a delicate, balancy finish.
- 11 Leodokardos** 8a 30m
The nest of all the tufa snakes! Worth traveling to Kyparissi for this route alone.
- 12 Skiros Theos** 3★ ? 30m
- 13 Stokos** 2★ 6b+ 15m
A short bulge and very technical slab.
- 14 Ntinos** 2★ 6b+ 20m
A tricky start leads to a smooth slab.
- 15 Mitsaras** 2★ 6c 25m
Smooth slab and a hard bulge at the finale.
- 16 Magnum Opus** 3★ 7b+ 25m
A bouldery tufa-blob start and classic tufa climbing with a tricky exit.
- 17 Magnum Opus Ext** 3★ 7b+ 45m
Easier (7b) than the first part up a natural overhanging tufa groove.
- 18 Lefko Pnevma** 3★ ? 25m
Intermittent tufa climbing.
- 19 Streptokokcus** 8a 25m
Steep black tufas lead to a stunning single white tufa.
- 20 Advocatus Diaboli** 8a+ 30m
A smooth wall and stellar black-and-white twin tufas.
- 21 TCHAO Wild Goat (Part 1)** 2★ 6a+ 15m
A crack with balancy climbing and well-spaced jugs.
- 22 TCHAO Wild Goat** 3★ 7c 30m
A technical wall.
- 23 I Am a Don Key** 3★ 7c? 30m
Starts with "Tchao" then goes right. Climb on the lip of the roof and above.
- 24 Octo Plus** 3★ 8a+ 30m
Great rock with tufas and spaced jugs.
- 25 Marion** 3★ 8b+? 30m
Tufas and underclings lead to a juggy crack system.

Sector Psilovrachos

[36.949399, 22.995906]

Sector **Psilovrachos** is a recent creation by Yiannis Torelli. It is an almost roadside crag about 1km from Harakas village, near the top of the scenic road which descends towards Kyparissi. All routes were equipped by Yiannis Torelli in spring/summer 2015 for the Kyparissi project.

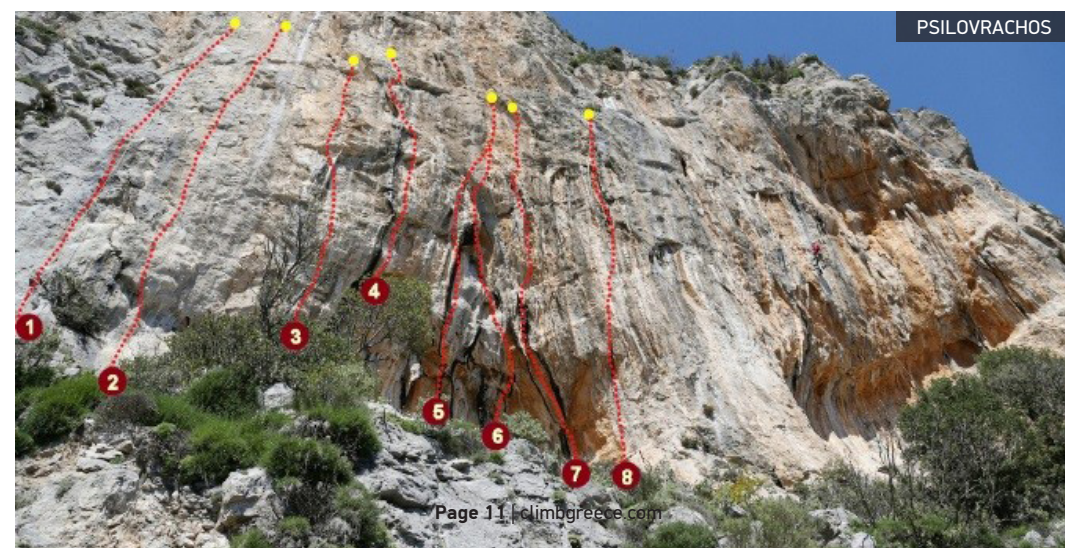
Climbing: Hard routes between 7a-8b on limestone of excellent quality. The left side features a vertical grey wall; the right is full of colonettes + very overhanging rock.

Conditions: Best for climbing in autumn and spring, as well as on summer afternoons.

Shade: In the afternoon after about 14:30. **Exposure:** E

Approach: From Kyparissi, drive towards Harakas village. When you get to "Stavros" (shortly before entering Harakas village) make a U-turn at the parking area just in front of the little church. From there, drive back towards Kyparissi for about 1km. Park at a small parking area off to the right near a telephone pole [36.921739, 23.007973]. The crag is diagonally across the road. Use the fixed rope to go up.

Walking time: 2 min



Yiannis Torelli at the 1st Kyparissi Climbing Festival in October. CHRIS BOUKOROS



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| <p>1 Thalassoplagtos 2★ 7a 25m
Pocketed grey slab.</p> <p>2 Aoratos Roz Monokeros 2★ 7b 30m
Technical wall.</p> <p>3 Ploes 2★ 7c+ 25m
A super-technical wall.</p> <p>4 Syneidito Afti 3★ 8a+ 25m
Technical with a very long reach.</p> <p>5 Poisonous ? 25m
A hard single tufa climb.</p> <p>6 Bona Fortuna 3★ 7c+ 25m</p> <p>7 Siderenia Fterna ? 7c+ 25m
Fantastic tufa snakes and then very technical.</p> <p>8 Manifesto 3★ 8a 25m
A hard first part leads to continuous technical climbing.</p> <p>9 Rush 2★ ? 25m
A technical wall climb.</p> | <p>10 Parapola 2★ 7b+ 25m
Again, a technical wall.</p> <p>11 Astropeleki 3★ 7c 25m
Nice tufa snakes and a technical wall.</p> <p>12 Falkonera 3★ ? 25m</p> <p>13 Blue 3★ 6c+ 25m
Juggy and athletic climbing.</p> <p>14 Blue Ext 3★ ? 35m</p> <p>15 S. Rovatsos 3★ 6c+ 20m
Big holds when you need them.</p> <p>16 Ektos Edras 2★ 7b 25m
Steep tufa climbing.</p> <p>17 Ektos Edras Ext 2★ ? 35m</p> |
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Sector Jerome's House

[36.915641, 23.003433]

Jerome's House is a few km outside Kyparissi. It is closer to the village of **Harakas**, at the point where the road starts to descend the mountain towards Kyparissi. The crag is just below the road, but you cannot see it from the road. It is a very compact mostly grey wall. At the base of the cliff is a small cave and a wide flat strip of land. The crag's name was inspired by the house of John "Blackjack" Jerome, a lone structure visible at the far end of the gorge down by the sea (pictured). Jerome was a mobster and strikebreaker originally from Kyparissi; he lived in California in the early 20th century. He had big plans for that house (including installing a cable car/teleferic to connect the house to the col!) but, alas, got himself killed before his plans could come to fruition. **Jerome's House** was equipped primarily by Claude + Christine Remy (routes 5-15) with the contribution of Aris Theodoropoulos + Yiannis Metaxotos (1-4, 16, 17).

Climbing: On well-protected routes up a quality grey wall with good hidden holds. Unusual, prominent features in the middle section of the crag. The rock in the lower part of the routes looks awkward, but the climbing is impressive. Ideal for grades from 6a to 7a+. Routes are quite new and need some traffic to clean up.

Gear: 70m rope minimum; 15 quickdraws (QD) for routes up to 30m, 20 QD for routes longer than 30m.

Conditions: Breezy and cool, as the crag is near the col. Best for climbing in autumn, spring, summer afternoons.

Shade: All afternoon starting at 12 o'clock noon.

Exposure: NE

Approach: From Kyparissi, drive to Harakas village. Park at an obvious parking area on the left near a chapel, shortly before the entrance to Harakas [36.915641, 23.003433]. Then walk back towards Kyparissi for 150m and down a steep hard path to the right starting opposite a small shrine [36.917377, 23.003299] following red marks and cairns. The path goes through discarded rubbish, but a cleanup and improvement of the path is planned for next spring. **Walking time:** 15 min.



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JEROME'S HOUSE

1 Pinkerton 2★ 6b+ 30m
A tough start followed by easier climbing.

2 Bay Area 2★ 6b+ 30m
Similar to "Pinkerton".

3 Kalderimi 3★ 6c 30m
Wall climbing with good holds.

4 Black Jack 3★ 6c 30m
More wall climbing with holes and very enjoyable moves.

5 Epitirisi kai Timoria 3★ 6b+ 20m
A wall and small bulge. Name inspired by the famous Verdon route with the same name in French, which in turn is inspired by the book *Surveiller et Punir* by Michel Foucault.

6 Epitirisi kai Timoria Ext 1 3★ 7a 30m
Wall climbing.

7 Epitirisi kai Timoria Ext 2 3★ 7b 38m
More wall climbing on small holds. 20 QDs.

8 Out of System 3★ 6c 25m
A wall and small bulge with small holds.

9 Piliza 3★ 6a 20m
A wall, corner and small roof.

10 Piliza Ext 3★ 7a+ 30m
A wall with small holds.

11 Hospitality 3★ 6b+ 30m
A wall with good holds when you need them!

12 Choco Heaven 3★ 6b+ 30m
More wall climbing with good holds.

13 Bangsters 3★ 6c 30m
...and more wall climbing with good holds.

14 Bangsters Ext 7a+ 38m
Keep climbing up the wall but the holds get smaller. 20 QD.

15 The Crazy World 2★ 6c 30m
A big overhang, crack and wall.

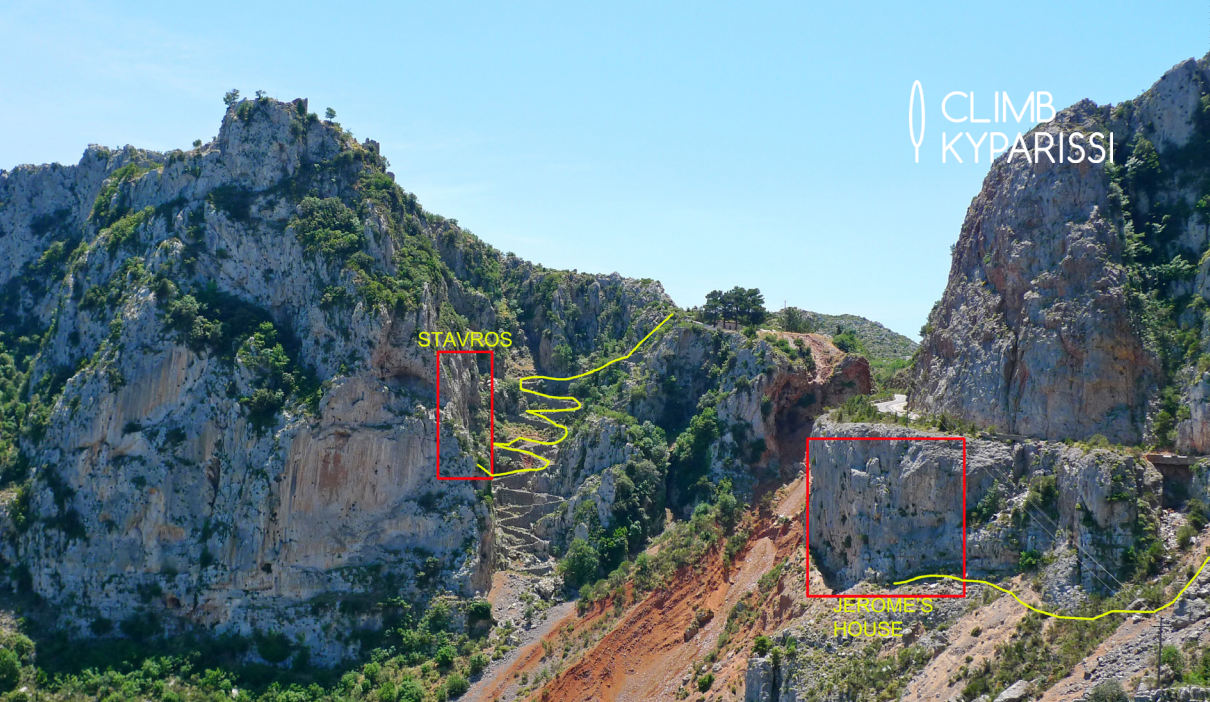
16 The Crazy World Ext 2★ 7a+ 35m
A crack. 20 QD.

17 Of Arthur Brown 6b 20m
Overhanging with big holds.

18 Of Arthur Brown Ext 3★ 6b+ 30m
Wall and crack climbing.

19 Catalavenis? 2★ 7b 25m
Wall, overhang and monos.

20 Catalavenis? Ext 3★ 7c 50m
Five meters up a smooth wall, 7c. Then, the wall continues with good holds, about 6c. You can also aid the 5m hard part then go up the nice 6c wall. 20 QD.



- 21 Kidoni** 2★ 6a+ 20m
A wall and crack.
- 22 Low Cost** 2★ 6a+ 20m
A wall, crack and smooth slab.

- 23 Strikebreaker** 2★ 5c 25m
A good warm-up for this sector.
- 24 Teleferic** 2★ 5c 25m
An interesting corner climb.



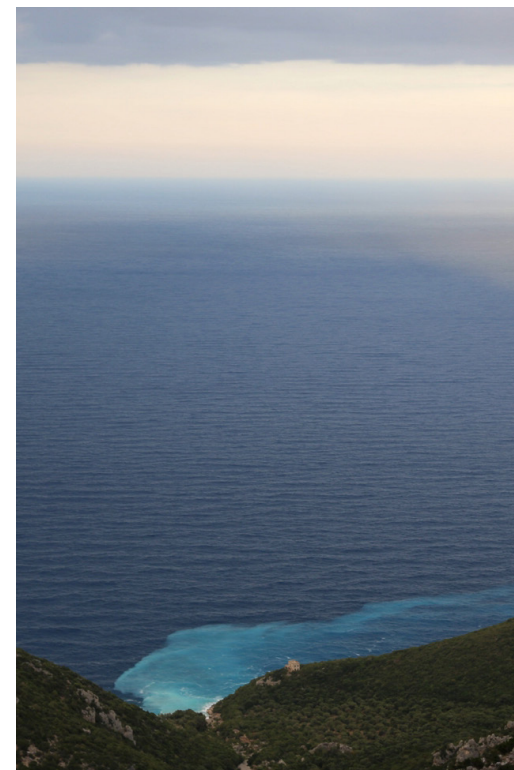
Here, Yiannis Torelli is climbing "Catalavenis?" 7b. K. ROUSSOU



Above, a lovely lady in the village of Harakas who let us into her home to charge our drill battery whilst bolting routes at sector Stavros, and treated us to sweet figs from her garden and cold water while we waited. The ultimate hospitality! ARIS THEODOROPoulos

Left, a view of the Myrtoan Sea and the abandoned house from sector "Jerome's House". K ROUSSOU

Below, the small beach beneath the abandoned house of John "Blackjack" Jerome. The entire coastline around Kyparissi is dotted with pretty beaches and clear water. CHRISTINE REMY



Sector Stavros

[36.915641, 23.003433]

Sector **Stavros** is a sport crag with a distinct mountain character in a beautiful setting. The crag is next to an old and very impressive zigzag cobblestone path called *Gyres*, which leads down to Pyliza and the abandoned house of Jerome the Gangster. *Gyres* is a rare sample of the hardships local residents had to endure until the road connected them to the rest of the world, but it is also proof of the mastery and craftsmanship of the locals. It is a connection to the past and in dire need of maintenance to avoid it collapsing, and it would be a real shame if it was lost along with so many other remarkable paths like this all over Greece.

Sector **Stavros** was created by Aris Theodoropoulos, Yiannis Torelli and Yiannis Metaxotos in September 2015. Route #1 was first bolted in 2008 by N Kostopoulos + D Mavropoulos, but it was cleaned and rebolted in 2015.

Climbing: On vertical-to-slightly-overhanging mountain-style grey limestone full of hidden holds. The start of routes #4-#7 is easy but the rock is not very good; climb with care. **Helmets necessary.**

Conditions: The crag is near the col, so it is very cool and breezy. Best for morning climbing in summer, spring and fall. Not good on windy or cold days!

Shade: Until 14:30 **Exposure:** N

Approach: From Kyparissi, drive to Harakas village. Park at an obvious parking area on the left near the small chapel, shortly before the entrance to the village [36.915641, 23.003433]. Then walk down the old stone path for 3-4 min. The crag is to the right of the path as you descend, on a pretty limestone balcony. **Walking time:** 3-4 min.



STAVROS

- 1 Paliochora** **3★ 6b+ 35m**
A pocketed bulge then pleasant grey wall. First bolted in 2008 by N. Kostopoulos, D Mavropoulos. Rebolted/cleaned in 2015.
- 2 Alonaki** **3★ 6c+ 35m**
Slightly overhanging start on good pockets, then an easier but interesting thin wall.
- 3 Ymettia** **3★ 7a 25m**
Intense pocketed climbing on a slightly overhanging wall.
- 4 Moma (Pyliza)** **2★ 6b 30m**
A hard start leads to an easy groove.
- 5 Zastano** **2★ 6a 30m**
A well-featured wall climb.
- 6 Vigliza** **3★ 6c 32m**
A poor groovy start then several amazing juggy bulges.
- 7 Gyres** **2★ 6c 40m**
A poor start again, only for experienced climbers. Then, overhangs with well-spaced big holds.



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Left, Spiros Anatolianos climbing at sector Kastraki during the festival's "Climbing Marathon". With grades from 5c-7a and very well-protected routes, sector Kastraki is, understandably, quite popular. CHRIS BOUKOROS

Below left, our local friend Nikos, one of many people from Kyparissi who proudly helped with the details in preparation for the festival. ARIS THEODOROPOULOS

Below right, one of the undeniable highlights of the Kyparissi festival: The dinner buffet! Look at all the food on those plates. ARIS THEODOROPOULOS

