

You will pass a neighbourhood with new houses and a building materials yard. After 5 minutes downhill, you will find a crossroads. Turn left and keep on walking downhill on the main road. On your right it is the national highway. Pass under the highway, turn left and walk towards the gas station. You can catch a town bus for the city in Perivolia, or walk on the right to get to the beach road. You can enjoy the seaside views, as well as the historic centre of Rethymno.

We hope you enjoy this pleasant walk!



Thank you for respecting the environment!!!



MILI GORGE



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Distance: 4km-1h 30 min

Grade: straightforward gorge walk

Equipment: walking trainers, sun hat, casual cloths, water

How to get there: Taxi or Bus to Mili or Chrononastiri

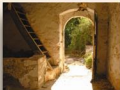
To return: Town bus on the coastal road to Pervolia

The Mili Gorge, one of the most idyllic landscapes in the area of Rethymno, combines a rich natural beauty with important pre industrial agricultural processing units, water mills, which were active from Venetian times to the 70's and which are part of Rethymnon's cultural heritage.

There was a time when the mills fed stone aqueducts which where spread throughout the Gorge.

Besides the pre industrial heritage, the visitors have the opportunity to see the great variety of flowers, trees and other rare plants and to listen to relaxing and harmonious sounds made by water and birds.

Once you get into the way, you can enjoy the beauty of the wild nature during a hot day and feel like being in a green forest.



Getting into the Mili Gorge

Start the walk just below the modern village of Mili, at the entrance of the Gorge (the steps lead down to the Gorge). Pass the church of St. Ioannis, built into the rock on the right, and cross the bridge, which is on the left side of a picnic area.

Now on left side we have Pano (upper) Mili, where there is a pleasant tavern. There you can pick up some information about the Gorge, its history, flora and fauna.

Follow the path which heads towards the sea.

After about 200m (up on the right) you will pass the church of Pende Parthenes.

After 150m you will see a restored water mill on the right used as a museum. Follow the route to the bottom of the Mili Gorge (15min), where there are many waterfalls and ruined mills.

The path crosses to the other side of the stream at Kato (lower) Mili. On the right you can find the small church of Agia Paraskevi, which you can reach by crossing the stream. Along your walk you can stop and enjoy the wildness of the landscape and visit several churches. In 1h you will be out of the main part of the Gorge. Follow the left part of the path, where you cross the riverbed again. Walk 15 minutes and you will be on the main road.