



# Free mini-guide: Lykógremono & Kotróni

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# New in Zobolo: Lykógremono & Kotróni

GPS | 36.440791, 23.130848

ROUTES / GRADES

10 • up to 5c+

24 • 6a to 6b+

21 • 6c to 7a+

26 • 7b and up



We are very excited and immensely proud to introduce two new climbing sectors in Zobolo: **Lykógremono** and **Kotróni**. Located at the southeast tip of the Peloponnese peninsula and commonly known as Cavo Maléas, Zobolo is, as per our friend Carl, “a strange end-of-the-world landscape; a very wild place, lots of ocean, plus a petrified forest!” The climbing area faces the gorgeous blue waters of the Myrtoan Sea (the part of the Aegean Sea between the Cyclades islands and the Peloponnese). Cape Maleas—*Cavomaliás* to most Greeks—is a steep promontory with an iconic lighthouse dating back to the late 19th century and fully restored in 2010. The area is windswept and dramatic, and its waters notoriously rough.

More info at [kavomalias-climbing.gr](http://kavomalias-climbing.gr) and [climbgreece.com/zobolo](http://climbgreece.com/zobolo).

## Climbing

Development of the new sectors was completed in November 2021. It was made possible through an EU LEADER program—a European Union initiative for rural development which supports both private enterprise and community groups in delivering projects aimed at improving the quality of life in rural areas and encouraging the diversification of economic activity in rural areas.

Funding through the EU as granted to the Agios Nikolaos Cultural Association. (Agios Nikolaos is the tranquil village closest to the cliffs.) In charge of the development guidelines and drilling was our own Aris Theodoropoulos, who worked alongside the following highly experienced Climb Greece team: Dimitris Titopoulos (both Aris and Dimitris are Greek mountain guides), George Aliferis, Dimitra Klaoudatou, and Yiannis Delakovias.

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When it came time to climb and grade the new routes, Kostas Grafanakis, Tiia Porri, and Maciej Zapecki joined the team.

The two new sectors, Lykógrema and Kotróni, sit atop the rocky spine of the promontory. Views are beautiful and panoramic. The sectors face each other, so you can climb in the shade or sun all day by selecting the appropriate sector for the weather and time of day. Furthermore, the fact that the cliffs face in several different directions may offer some protected areas on days with strong winds, which are not infrequent. Both sectors are excellent for climbing in the summer, even on very hot days.

In total, 81 new routes were bolted with grades across the spectrum:

- Routes up to 5c+: 10
- Routes 6a to 6b+: 24
- Routes 6c to 7a+: 21
- Routes 7b and up: 26

Most routes are relatively densely bolted with glue-in bolts using HILTI epoxy resin. The lower-offs are clippable with two stainless steel carabiners. Route

names are fixed at the base of each route on small discreet stainless steel plaquettes.

### Approach

From Athens you will have to drive 354km to Neapoli, the town closest to the cliffs. (The crags are then a further 15km away.) A significant portion of the drive is non-motorway, so allow a minimum of five hours from Athens.

From Athens, the route is as follows: Korinthos > Tripoli > Sparti > Molai > Neapoli. When you arrive at the beach of Neapoli, follow the signs to Agios Nikolaos (8km further). After 8km, you will come to the village of Agios Nikolaos and a fork in the road. Turn right and continue following the signs to Profitis Ilias. After 5.3km, turn off left onto a dirt road following the sign to Agia Marina, Fossil Forest, Kavο Maleas Monastery, Climbing Park. A freshly paved road starts here. After 1.8km, turn left towards an obvious clearing. Park there. In total, the crag/parking area is 6.2km from Agios Nikolaos.



ZOBOLO MAIN PARKING

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# Zobolo

## Lykógremono

SHADE | After 11:00 (north sector) or until 14:00 (west sector)



A very impressive new sector that resembles a sharp mountain peak in miniature, Lykógremono sits on the narrow spine of the Maléas peninsula. The surroundings are a 360-degree view, sounds and aromas of nature, and...not much else. According to the locals, it is a cliff only for wolves—and that is exactly what the name means.

### Climbing

On high-quality, very compact and solid limestone in vertical or slightly overhanging angles with distinct cruxes. At the north section, shorter routes often on cliffs with white moss.

In total, there are 41 routes with grades ranging between 5b and 8a+.

### Conditions

Good for year-round climbing. On warm days in spring, fall, and even summer, climb the west face in the morning and the north face in the afternoon. In winter, when the wind is not too bad, climb the west sector in the afternoons. On very windy days, the north sector is relatively protected.

### Exposure

N, W

### Shade

After 11:00 (north sector); until 14:00 (west sector)

### Gear

A single 60m rope; 12 QDs (routes up to 20m); or 16 QDs (routes up to 25m)

### Kids

The path is short and good. Add to that the good, even areas under the cliffs, and the sector is fairly good for kids and families.

### Approach (walking time: 5–8 minutes)

From the main parking area of Zobolo (previous page) turn left onto a new concrete road. Drive 1.1km along this road until it ends at the chapel of Agia Marina (36.439798, 23.139740). At the chapel, turn left again onto a fairly smooth dirt road for 4km headed NE and up to the mountain. At the hairpin turn 4km further, park on the right side of the road. Walk on the path following cairns onto the hillside to the west sector (5 min). To get to the north sector, continue along the base of the cliffs for another 3 min (8 min from parking).



LYKOGREMO PARKING

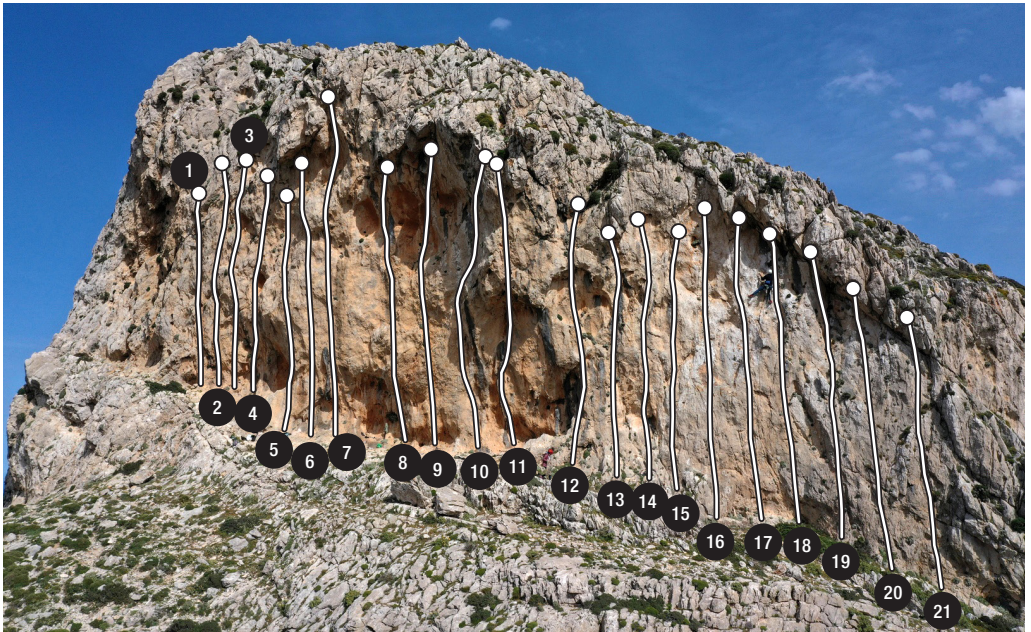


1	PLYTRA	2★	6b	22m
2	SOURTOUKO	2★	6a	18m
3	TSIPOURAKI & FETOULA	2★	7a+	15m
4	AFTI I NICHTA	2★	6c+	18m
5	GENEIOFOROS	2★	7a+	20m
6	PSYCHOTHEAPEIA	2★	7a	20m
7	TRITO MATI	2★	6c	18m
8	TAXIDIARA PSYCHI	2★	6c+	15m
9	EPOMENI KINISI	2★	7c+	18m

10	YPOTHETO	2★	7c+?	16m
11	CHARYVDI	2★	7c+/8a	17m
12	PYRINOS	2★	7a	18m



12	KYMVALO	2★	6c+	18m
13	KAFI ANASA	2★	6c	16m
14	TO PROXENEIO	2★	6a+	16m
15	XANTHOPSIRA	2★	6a+/6b	16m
16	OLA EINAI DROMOS	2★	5c	17m
17	I PARIZIANA	3★	5b	15m
18	VATISTAS	2★	6a	16m
19	REVANS	2★	6a+	16m



1	APAISIOTATOS	1★	6b+	18m	12	PETRINA CHRONIA	2★	7b?	20m
2	XYPOLITOS PRIGIPAS	2★	6c+	20m	13	O TELEFTAIOS PEIRASMOS	2★	7b	18m
3	OSO PATAEI I GATA	2★	7c?	20m	14	PETROULIANOS	2★	6c+	18m
4	XAFNIKOS EROTAS	2★	7c?	20m	15	ALLA KOLPA	2★	6c	18m
5	AGELASTOS PETRA	2★	7b+?	20m	16	GORGONES	2★	6b+	18m
6	GYMNI APOLAFSI	2★	7c+?	20m	17	KORAKAS	2★	6c	18m
7	OROS TIS APHRODITIS	2★	7c	25m	18	POLITIKI KOUZINA	2★	6a	18m
8	MEGALEXANDROS	2★	7b+?	20m	19	KAFTA FILIA	2★	5c	18m
9	O DRAKOS	2★	7b+?	20m	20	ELEFTHERI SCHESI	2★	5b+	18m
10	SKYLLA	2★	8a+?	22m	21	LATERNA	2★	5b+	18m
11	UNPAIKTABLE	2★	8a?	22m					

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## 02 Zobolo Kotróni

SHADE | After 14:00 (on the left side, after 15:00)

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Conveniently located on a hilltop opposite Lykógremo is Kotróni, with afternoon shade and views that are, you guessed it, stunning.

### Climbing

Even better cliffs here: Prominent features on slabs, walls, cracks, and small caves make for nicely varied climbing. To the right, there are several easier training routes on low-angle rock. In total there are 40 routes with grades ranging from 5b to 8b.

### Conditions

Suitable for year-round climbing. Winter mornings: climb in the sun; warmer days: climb in the afternoon shade.

### Exposure

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### Shade

After 14:00. On the left side, after 15:00.

### Gear

A single 60m rope; 12 QDs (routes up to 20m); or 16 QDs (routes up to 25m)

### Kids

Good. An easy, short, slightly uphill path.

### Approach (walking time: 6 minutes)

Follow directions to the parking of Lykógremo (p. 4). Drive 750m past it. Park at the end of the road, on a 180-degree turn with enough space. Follow the obvious cairns up the good path for about 5 minutes to the right side of the sector.



KOTRONI PARKING





1	FOTIA & LAVRA	2★	8b?	17m
2	ANATHEMA	3★	8a?	22m
3	ANTE GEIA	3★	7a+	25m
4	VROMIKO KOLPO	2★	6a	25m
5	KOUMOUTSAKOS	2★	6a+	25m
6	TAXIDI STA KYTHIRA	2★	6a+	30m



7	BALAMOS	2★	5c	20m
8	XYNI	2★	6a+	20m
9	LOUFA & PARALLAGI	2★	6a	16m
10	PARAGGELIA!	2★	6a+	16m
11	KRAVGI	2★	8a	16m
12	ATITHASOS	2★	7b+	15m
13	DOSE PONO	2★	8b?	17m
14	YVRIS	2★	8a+?	22m
15	TELETI	2★	6c	22m

16	VOMOS	2★	6a+	22m
17	APARTO	2★	6c	20m
18	APOKALYPSI	2★	7c	20m
19	KYNODONTAS	2★	7b	22m
20	STA PATOMATA!	2★	6a+	20m
21	SEILINOS	2★	6c+?	15m
22	GOVA STILETTO	2★	7b?	16m
23	DAKTYLOS	2★	7b+?	20m
24	ASTROLAVOS	2★	6c	20m
25	SPIRTOKOUTO	2★	6a+	25m



26	AMARTIA	2★	6b+	23m
27	ASTERIAS	2★	5c	15m
28	KARAMELA	2★	5b	15m
29	KORITSIA STON ILIO	2★	6a	17m
30	TOXIKO ARSENIKO	2★	5b	15m
31	DASOCOMMANDO	2★	5c	15m
32	THALASSOTARACHI	2★	7a+?	15m
33	GLYKIA SYMMORIA	2★	6b	15m
34	VARDIA	2★	7b+?	15m

35	MARIONETTA	2★	7b?	15m
36	NAVAGIO	2★	7a+?	18m
37	POUTHENADES	2★	7a?	18m
38	FANTASMENOS	2★	6b+	15m
39	MAGKES	2★	6a+	25m
40	VELANIDIA	2★	6b	30m