Gria Vathra

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Country: Ελλάδα / Greece **Region:** Περιφέρεια Ανατολικής Μακεδονίας και Θράκης / Eastern Macedonia and Thrace **Subregion:** Νομός Έβρου / Evros Prefecture **Town:** Samothraki		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v4 a3 III	**Total time:** 8h50
Approachtime: 2h30	**Tourtime:** 6h	**Returntime:** 20min
Altitude entry: 860m	**Altitude exit:** 160m	**Delta Altitude:** 700m
Canyon length: 2700m	**Highest rapell:** 50m	**Amount rapells:** 37
Transport: Car required	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: May - August	**Orientation:**	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4.1 (6)	**Info:** ★ 2 (1)	**Belay:** ★ 2.3 (6)

Specialities:

Gear:

Summary:
One of the best canyons on the island. Many good abseils and slides.
Gria Vathra can be divided into Superior, Intermedio, and Inferiore. See "Access"

Hydrology:

Access:
Park at Therma. Follow either the direct path, or walk up the rough road then on the path. It may be possible to save some walking by driving up the rough road from Therma with a suitable car, in which case a car shuffle is required (or someone walks up to fetch the car while the others drink at the restaurant).
It is also possible to park at 40.486058, 25.618228 and follow the road then a path to the top of inferior at 40.481917, 25.60910, then a further path to the top of intermedio at 40.476932, 25.605152 (path marked with red dots). However, the path is somewhat unpleasant and undulating, and for the effort the walk into superior is far more pleasant.

Approach:
See GPX on https://ropewiki.com/Gria_Vathra
The walk to the top of Gria Vathra Superiore is pleasant through the forests, and follow a clear path until the short final traverse into the canyon.

Tour:

Return:
Find the path marked with large painted red dots. Use your map app to return to the car. If you parked at 40.486058, 25.618228, follow the paths and old canal to cross the river at a very small dam at 40.489480 25.614173, then follow a vague path (not marked on map apps June 2025) to regain the road to walk to the car.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 40.4732 25.5985
Parking at Exit 40.4975 25.6034
Parking lot Alternative access 40.4914 25.5913
Canyon End 40.4878 25.6124
Alternative Canyon Start 40.4769 25.6052
Intermediate Canyon Exit 40.4819 25.6091

Reports:

2025-09-29 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Gria Vathra We followed Bina's description, which worked very well. Anchors ok. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21593/observations.html)

2025-07-10 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
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2025-07-08 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
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2025-07-02 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
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2025-06-20 | David Mason | |🕮 |⚓ | | 👎 Not done
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2025-06-17 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Gria Vathra Fait en intégral, beau canyon. Supers tobs au depart, pas mal de désescalades et beaux rappels. Sortis à la prise d'eau, à droite, retour au monastère en 10mn (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21593/observations.html)

2025-06-08 | Jeanne Picart | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Equipment ok. Intermediate and Lower done in 2h30. No shuttle bus, we parked at Cristos church, which is fine. 1h15 approach, 15 min exit (machine translated)

2025-06-06 | Wolfgang Streicher | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Gria Vathra inferiore: One rappel from a tree. Entry alternatively with slide or jump. After the last rappel a tiring run out (machine translated)

2024-08-06 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
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2024-08-06 | Rok | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Because it was so beautiful, once again with the children. Simply great and fun. Everything tip top. (machine translated)

2024-08-06 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Gria Vathra All Installations ok. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21593/observations.html)

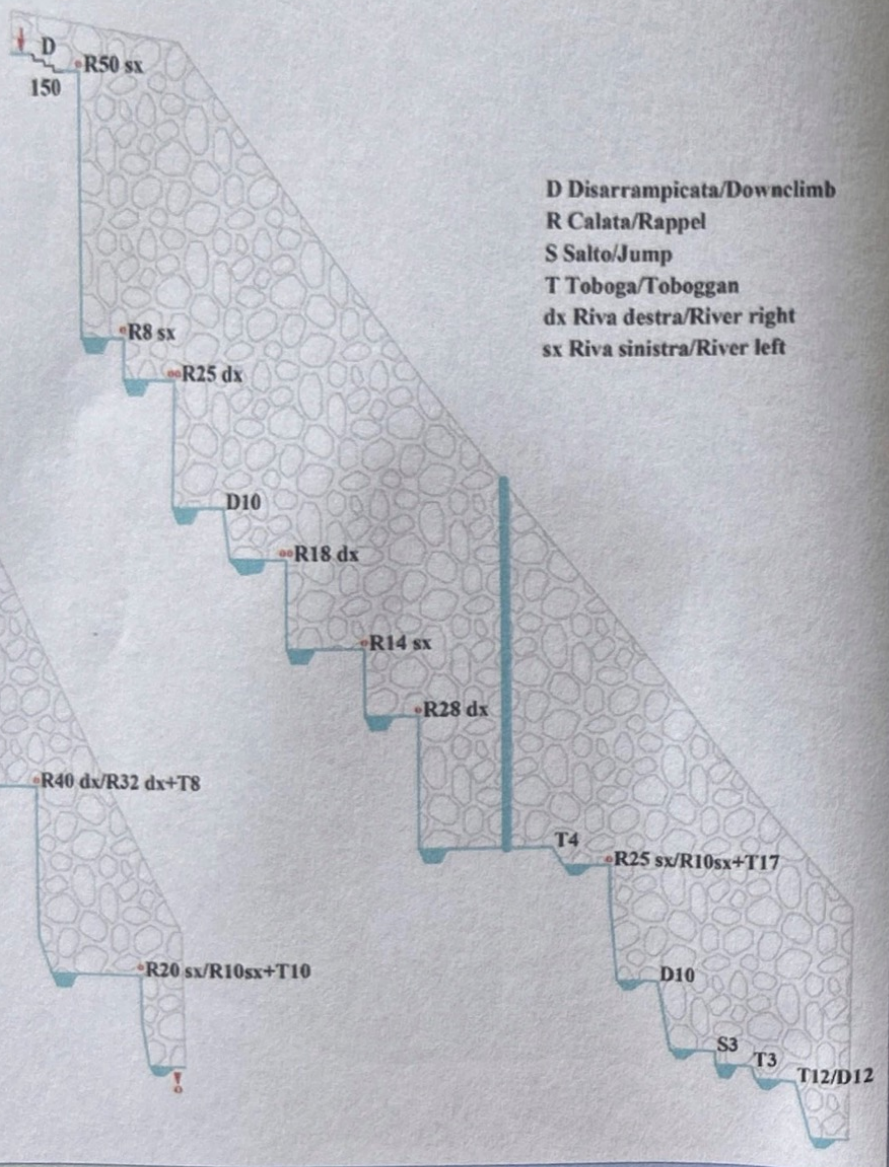
2024-07-30 | Rok | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Everything tip top. An incredible and great fun gorge (slides and jumps, partly repeatable) at the beginning, then a bit more technical and only rappel at the exit. Please study Bina's ascent on 25.5.2024 and do it exactly the same way (thanks Bina). The highlight for me. There were 12 of us (including 2 children) and in about 9 hours by car (with many repetitions of some places and extensive breaks). (machine translated)

2024-07-14 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Gria Vathra Parking monastère Saint Christ , on poursuit à pied la piste puis ça se transforme en chemin très bien balisé ????.Partie haute superbe digne de la purcarracia . La suite c’est beau mais plus classique. La fin est envahi de nudistes. Fait en 6h pause comprises a 8 dont 4 enfants entre 11 et 14 ans . (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/21593/observations.html)

2024-07-06 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Gria Vathra Accès : Après s'être garer au

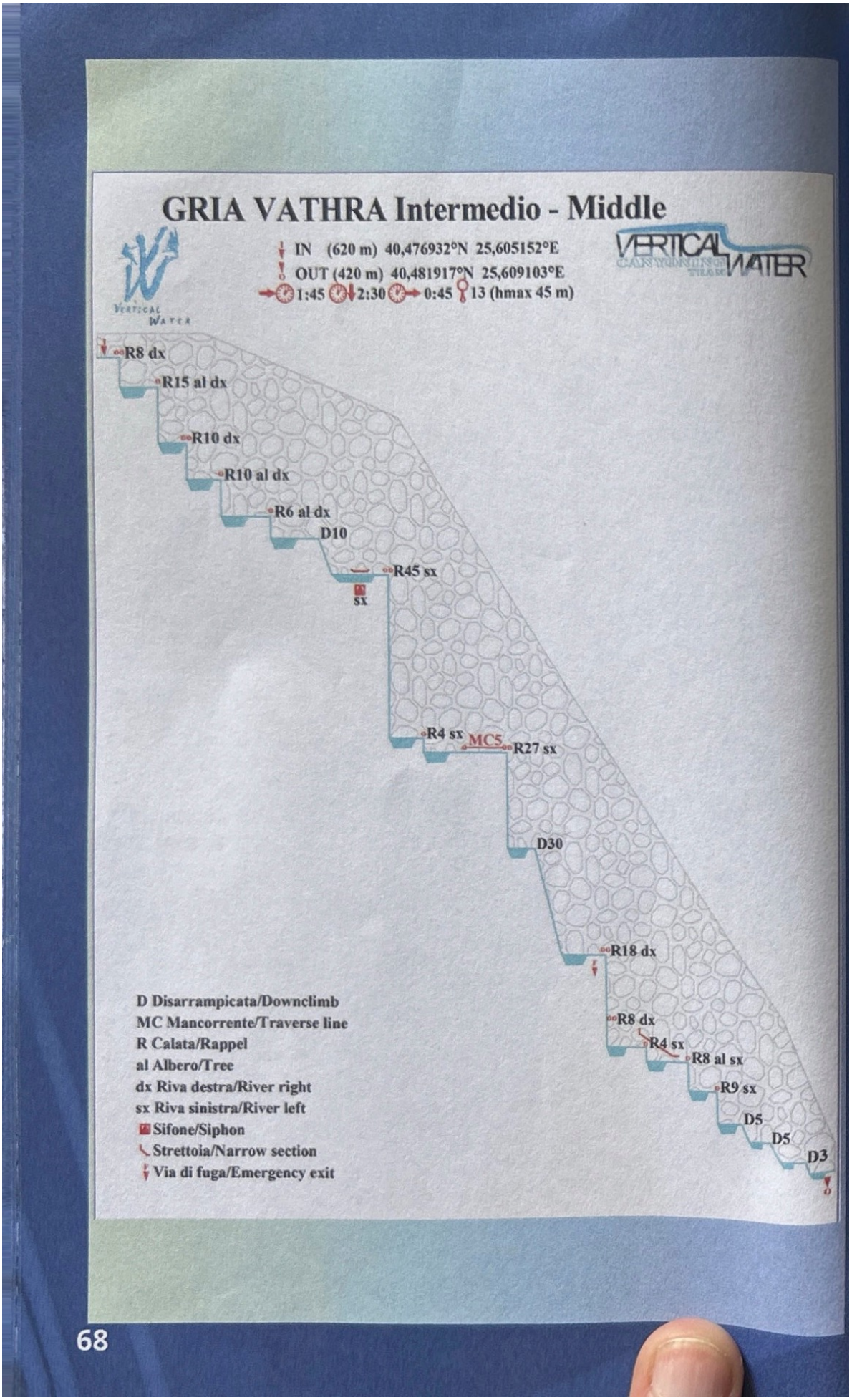
GRIA VATHRA Superiore - Upper

IN (840 m) 40,472977°N 25,598217°E
OUT (620 m) 40,476932°N 25,605152°E
4:15 2:30 1:00 9 (hmax 50 m)



D Disarrampicata/Downclimb
R Calata/Rappel
S Salto/Jump
T Toboga/Toboggan
dx Riva destra/River right
sx Riva sinistra/River left

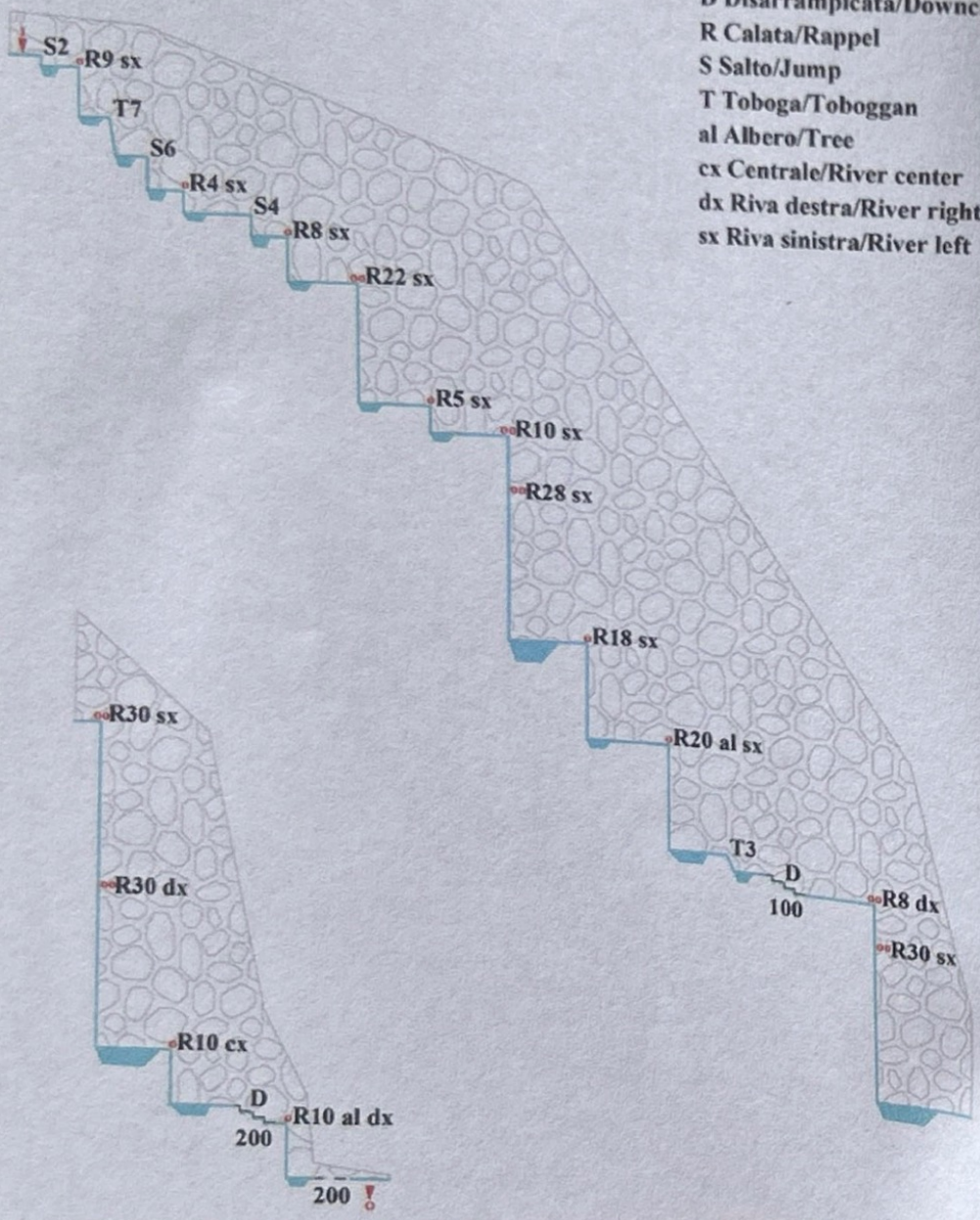
Superiore



Intermediate

GRIA VATHRA Inferiore - Lower

IN (420 m) 40,481917°N 25,609103°E
OUT (160 m) 40,487717°N 25,612352°E
1:00 3:00 0:30 15 (hmax 30 m)



D Disarrampicata/Downclimb
R Calata/Rappel
S Salto/Jump
T Toboga/Toboggan
al Albero/Tree
cx Centrale/River center
dx Riva destra/River right
sx Riva sinistra/River left

Inferiore