

**Informationen zur Umwelt und für Naturreisende auf Kreta:**  
Information about the Environment and for travellers in Crete:**Jeep-Tour from Preveli to Agios Pavlos:**

19 miles through a stunning mountain- and coastal area in the south of Crete

About *Preveli*, our starting point, we have already reported with an info leaflet; therefore see our homepage at [[http://www.kreta-umweltforum.de/Merkblaetter\\_en/055-04E.pdf](http://www.kreta-umweltforum.de/Merkblaetter_en/055-04E.pdf)]; the same applies for the end point, therefore see at [[http://www.kreta-umweltforum.de/Merkblaetter\\_en/101-05E.pdf](http://www.kreta-umweltforum.de/Merkblaetter_en/101-05E.pdf)]. With this leaflet we now report about the “connecting piece”, which in May 2010 consisted of around 12 miles of asphalt route through an impressive mountain scenery and 7 miles gravel road along the sea.

To get into the "mood" we visited again the parking lot across the Bay of *Preveli* (see fig.); coordinates: N 35.15 399°, E 24.47 109°, altitude 134 m. The starting point for our tour was then over the "Venetian bridge" (see fig.), before we (coming from the parking lot across the Bay of *Preveli* right) came, over the *Magalopotamos* tributary, to the first section (gravel road) of our tour.



The picture left shows a view over the bay of *Preveli*, in the upper left corner is a part of the road to *Agios Pavlos* to see. The preceding mountains will be bypassed. The picture right shows the "Venetian bridge" (build in the style of Venetian architecture) whose approaches are paved with stones.

After approx 3 miles of gravel road and passing the canyon creek within the Swallows-Canyon you reach after another 500 yards the beach again (with a small tavern on the sea) Further along the coast towards East you see after around 1.5 mile first houses and the beginning of an asphalt road; towards Agios Pavlos – Agia Galini). After 8.7 miles asphalt road follow again 1.2 miles gravel road on the last stretch, always along the coast. This section is especially recommended for a bath stop on a forlorn and very clean and sandy beach. The 3 remaining miles to Agios Pavlos are asphalted again. The following, commented pictures from this tour are impressions of individual segments.





**Fig. left:** Bridge, around 0.5 miles past the “Venetian Bridge” towards *Agios Pavlos*. **Fig. right:** route within the Swallows-Canyon.



**Fig. left:** Canyon creek crossing within Swallows-Canyon; here freshwater crayfish are still common. **Fig. right:** beach area after passing the delimiting mountains of *Preveli*.



**Fig. left:** Gravel road (1.5 miles) east of Preveli towards *Agios Pavlos*. **Fig. right:** the “dream beach”, about 3 miles before *Agios Pavlos*.

**Remark:** Up to a few, small parts, which require a careful driving, its possible to take the tour with a normal car.