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ing in between limestone boulders and tussocks of gorse. Over the low pass, it descends a narrow valley to a dry stream bed and Deveçikaralan, a tiny inlet.

The narrow path rises L/E weaving between limestone boulders, olives and scrub, then climbs slightly into pine forest where it passes the remains of charcoal makers' camps - circular clearings of bright green grass. Approaching the sea, bear L/NE on a difficult G1 path which traverses a steep slope before climbing - for about 20m you may have to use your hands. At a clearer G2 path, keep R, climbing gently to a junction then turn R and descend to a headland and another circular clearing. Bear L/N here and continue on a G2 red-streaked path along the cliffs, with the sea about 30m below/ R to the beach of Üzümlü İskelesi / Grape Harbour - a long beach backed by olives and scrub, with a solitary palm tree growing out of the sloping rock slabs. Our path runs just above the beach, rises between boulders round a rocky headland then descends slightly, close to the sea, into the next bay. On the hillside ahead, the Roman tower at Dinek Tepe looks like the grey wings of a huge butterfly folded over the forest. The path, with a long stone wall topped with thorns on the L, runs along the beach to a clump of olives and a large carob tree overhanging another charcoal patch.

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Follow the seaside path towards the next hill and, about 200 m after the carob tree, branch L onto a rising G1 path. Climb 30m to a clearer G2-3 path and turn L; it climbs around the hill and hairpins across the top of a barrel-roofed cistern. The G3 path is partly walled; soon it crosses a stream bed, turns R and arrives at the lowest point of some olive terraces. The tower is on your R in thick scrub. The G1 route climbs NW/up olive terraces criss-crossed with goat tracks to a well-worn area around goat pens. It merges with a G5 tractor track; turn R and follow this upwards towards the second tower on Kale Tepesi / Castle Hill. Turn R onto a walled G3 path which leads to a well reported to have water all year (you may find the bucket in the nearest bush), a tomb with a square doorway and several broken parts of tombs.

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Follow the G5 track L/N/uphill from the well for 100m then branch R through a stone wall on a G2 path which climbs R/NE for 300m to a G4 walled path, in places damaged by work on the new track. Turn R and follow the G5 track then path along the upper side of the wall. Follow a G2 path NE/up through undergrowth and across bare rock then up hairpins towards a domed cistern. 50m past here turn R on a G5 track with telegraph posts; descend gently to meet a new G6 village road. Turn L and walk for 2 km towards the village of Boğazcık.

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Boğazcık is a small farming village, mainly inhabited during winter, spread out on level ground around several pools for watering animals. You can obtain water at the new mosque on the N of the village. There is no shop, but you may be invited to stay; Kılıçlı also has village house accommodation. There is no dolmuş service, but you could walk to the main road via Kılıçlı and hitch a lift.

Route from Boğazcık to Aperla

Today's route is short and no water. It runs around Azanlı Tepe. It turns through scattered ruins of the Hot Peninsula. A camel team can be seen. A short level walk across the boathouse where you could also see a hill and then along the coast to

From Boğazcık, return 500m to follow a broad G4 path rising on the slope following a G2 path through boulders, at the base of Kale Tepesi. Turn R onto the acropolis hill.

Apollonia is on the summit of Kale Tepesi

on the Hellenistic fortifications. The church and beyond is an unexplained acropolis with a circular outer wall and a path diagonally R from the church. From here, the route continues to the next day's as well.

The real find is to the NW of the site: the stones are tightly fitted into each other, the gaps between them. A window shows a characteristic Lycian arch. The site is dated to c. 300 BC. Behind this building you may find the remains of late Byzantine or early Selçuk cisterns. The necropolis is mainly on the NE of the site, with a few finely decorated late Roman sarcophagi. The burials are decorated with terracotta berances on the lid and many sarcophagi have similar to that at Kabak still mounted above a house tomb. A cistern is also visible. The whole shows a pattern

Walk down from Kale Tepesi to the acropolis. The path descends to a G5 tractor track. Turn L onto a G2 path which passes L of the cistern. Turn R on a G2 path which passes L of the cistern leading to a dip in the ridge ahead. On the ridge ahead, turn onto G3 track and descends to a well-worn area. The route is joined by other paths on the ridge ahead. Down more hairpins to the next bay. The path curves R/SW towards the sea, through a pine grove, descends more hairpins through undergrowth. Stay R and continue downhill with a stone wall on the L. The path winds like a river through boulders and the path winds like a river through some cottages lying on the gentle slope.