

SUB-SECTOR PERICLES

Two new multi-pitch routes within a 35-minute hike from the area of Telendos. Both routes share pitches one to four, splitting left (THUCYDIDES) or continuing above (PERICLES) on pitch five.

Both routes were equipped by Francis Haden during late September/early October 2023 using Climbing Bolt Supplies twist leg glue-in anchors fixed with G&B Gebofix EPO Plus epoxy adhesive. Bolt belays and abseil stations are fitted with 8mm long-link maillons and 10mm thick rappel rings, configured in an in-line arrangement. All fixed protection items are manufactured from marine grade stainless steel 316L/A4.

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Approach

The PERICLES wall is located a short distance past the prominent pillar climbed by PROMETHEUS, approximately midway between Telendos village and the entry into sector Inspiration. Follow the approach as for sub-sector Inspiration to a large sloped area covered by scree, then up a slope into a section of large boulders. Once at the boulders/short cliff section, three blue paint dots on your right indicate the way up to the base of the routes. Approach time: 35 mins.

Descent

Your choice of walking up to the summit plateau and descending via the chapel of St Constantine, or via an efficient abseil descent line back to the base of the route.

THUCYDIDES - F6b 200M

An amenable multi-pitch outing with sufficient difficulty to require focus but not an exhausting experience either. Pitch six is particularly good. Slings are required to extend bolt runners in a few places.

P1: F5 - 25m - 12 Bolts

For the first few bolts, climb right where the rock is solid.

P2: F5 - 20m - 6 Bolts

Traverse diagonally right to climb onto a big ledge with a tree. **DO NOT traverse left** at the end of the pitch – the anchor on the left is for abseiling only.

P3: F5+ - 20m - 10 Bolts

Climb the interesting groove and corner above the belay.

P4: F3 - 20m - 8 Bolts

Climb easily above to a bolt belay amongst the trees on a ledge.

P5: F3 - 25m - 6 Bolts (The Split pitch)

Climb to the third bolt then traverse left for *Thucydides*.

P6: F6a - 25m - 14 Bolts

Big moves on jugs pulling through the cave roof.

P7: F6b - 15m - 9 Bolts (Thucydides trap pitch)

Traverse right in an exposed and cramped position to pull over the roof and blast up the wall.

P8: F6a - 25m - 12 Bolts (Crunchy biscuit pitch)

Climb the ramp to a tricky bulge then traverse left to a bolt belay.

P9: F6a - 10m - 7 Bolts

The short, overhung corner.

P10: F3 - 15m - 3 Bolts

Traverse left to summit and bolt belay set back from the edge.

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PERICLES - F6b+ 180M

The better of the two companion multi-pitch routes. *Pericles* weaves up the centre of the eye-catching, tufa-laced wall. Slings are required to extend bolt runners in a few places.

P1: F5 - 25m - 12 Bolts

For the first few bolts, climb right where the rock is solid.

P2: F5 - 20m - 6 Bolts

Traverse diagonally right to climb onto a big ledge with a tree. **DO NOT traverse left** at the end of the pitch – the anchor on the left is for abseiling only.

P3: F5+ - 20m - 10 Bolts

Climb the interesting groove and corner above the belay.

P4: F3 - 20m - 8 Bolts

Climb easily above to a bolt belay amongst the trees on a ledge.

P5: F5+ - 25m - 15 Bolts (The Split pitch)

Climb to the third bolt then continue above for *Pericles*.

P6: F6a+ - 20m - 13 Bolts (Six Year Wait pitch)

A superb pitch that climbs the series of tufas.

P7: F6b+ - 15m - 11 Bolts

Holds can be hard to find but they are there! Crux moves to pull over the bulge.

P8: F6a+ - 15m - 10 Bolts

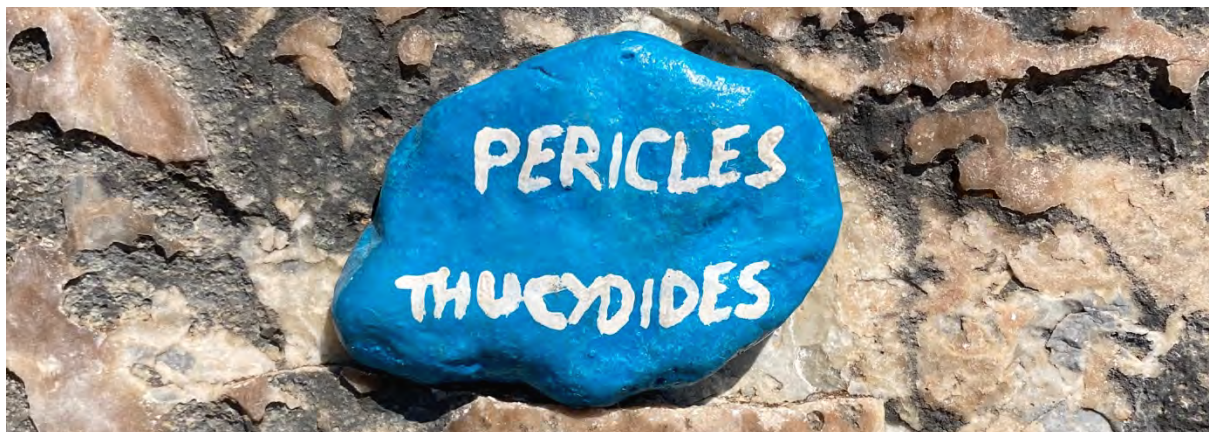
The fun overhung, technical corner.

P9: F4 - 10m - 7 Bolts

P10: F3 - 10m - 1 Bolt

Traverse left to summit and bolt belay set back from the edge.

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Thucydides F6b 10 Pitches 200m

Pericles F6b+ 10 Pitches 180m

● End of pitch bolt belay

● Abseil descent line



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