

Update: Walks and Scrambles in the Moroccan Anti Atlas (June 2019)

Route 26 and Route 29 (Day Two)

The following description relates to paragraph one on page 173 and the last paragraph on page 201. In each case only the common start of Route 26 and part two of Route 29 is affected.

As anticipated the owner of the land adjacent to the first hundred metres of the path has blocked the way. Although it is still possible to gain the original path by a short detour (see below), it is better to take a parallel line over more open ground which is described as follows.

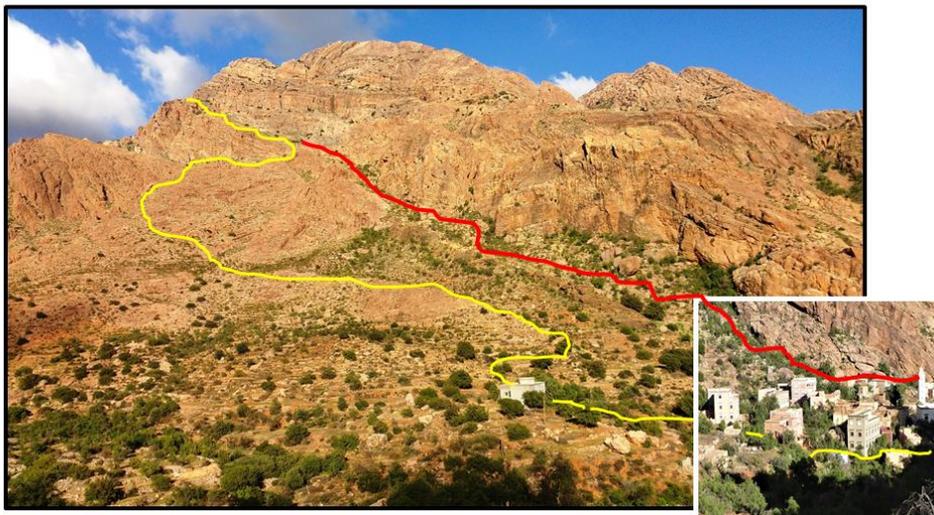
A) Recommended Start

From the door of the mosque facing outwards turn left and walk down for 50m and 10m before the stream ford turn right opposite a blue door. (Note that if you are coming from the Gite this will be a left turn 10m after crossing the ford).

Follow a path under trees between pink and grey houses following a water pipe passing a green door behind which is a neat garden. As the pipe joins another pipe at right angles turn right. Do not take the prominent path immediately to your left but stay in the direction of the shallow horizontal rocky intrusion. Turn left under trees around the base of this and follow the path until the top of the rocky platform can be gained and followed to its end.

You now need to aim for an isolated tree on the near horizon beneath which are three small trees and some isolated large boulders. From here the path trends rightwards and starts to improve as it winds up left of a rock band to the zig-zags mentioned on p173 (para 2) and p202 (para 2). Do not leave the path rightwards through the wall but stay N/NE.

Note: For those on route 29 the general direction of travel is best viewed from the last kilometre descent on the concrete road into Tagdicht, as depicted in the photo-diagram.



Routes 26 & 29. Revised approximate footpath direction (yellow) for starting route 26 and Day 2 of route 29. Photo taken on final approach to Tagdicht from Route 29. The original line is shown in red. The inset is a superimposed village view.

B) Alternative Start

Use this only as a last resort in the event that the revised recommended start proves impassable. From the door of the mosque walk up the road opposite passing right of a font and left of an oven. After 50m gain steps and a 'corridor' around a salmon coloured house. Follow this rightwards around the corner and on to a narrow faint path over discarded plastic bottles through cacti, over a water pipe, through a bush and on to the original path near the rock wall. This may become further vegetated as time passes.