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]; the same applies for the end point, therefore see at [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.