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'Across the Peloponnese: a short walk through thyme'

An illustrated talk

By Zoom Webinar

Wednesday 4 November 2020, 7pm

The League invites its members and supporters to join us for an illustrated talk by Michael Cullen on the 15-day north-south hike across the Peloponnese which he first completed in 2016 and describes in his guidebook, *Trekking in Greece: The Peloponnese and Pindos Way* (Cicerone 2018). Michael's talk will focus on the dramatic landscapes of the Peloponnese, with discursions on history, mythology, flora and fauna, and people.



Michael was born in Athens to British parents and spent as much of his childhood as the school holidays would allow exploring lesser trodden parts of Greece's mainland and islands. After graduating from Cambridge University in French and German, he headed straight back to Greece to set up a programme of adventurous hiking trips around the country, in conjunction with local operator Trekking Hellas. Six years later, armed with lots of hard-won experience, happy memories and lamentably few savings, he expanded his hiking horizons to include France, Spain, Italy and Austria, under the auspices of Oxford-based holiday operator ATG Oxford. The arrival of the dotcom boom, a wife and then a child saw Michael move strategically sideways to co-found a niche accommodation website called i-escape.com, which he still runs

to this day. Now based in Bristol, he spends his non-existent spare time singing, wild swimming and updating his two passion-project guidebooks to the Greek mountains.

This illustrated talk will take place by Zoom webinar. To gain access to the event, you must sign up well in advance on the following link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wQZBvFloRQaR-mSjj4q6UQ

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