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Leaving Nikiti, the dark green **Sithonia Woodlands** is in sight. 32% of all Greek Honey is traced back to the woodlands of Sithonia, where traditional beekeepers foster the buzzing residents of over 85.000 Kingdoms domiciled in countless wooden boxes winding in weaving lines through the natural habitat of steep Pinewoods. Guided by a local expert, one can ride through the picturesque, honey-perfumed aerial and get a peek into the sticky secrets the colorful boxes preserve.



Emerging the Forests and longing for a paved road one follows the directions to Neos Marmaras and may not know to have navigated right onto one of Greece 's most stunning Routes The winding coastal roads to Neos Marmaras bear endless spots for dreamy photographs. Just before the small city, the road turns left to the mysterious **Parthenonas Village.** 

Ascending the steep Mount Itamos towering Sithonia's olive groves one comes to a stop at the sudden curious silence lingering in the Parthenonas, the deserted Village of Sithonia. Where once the market traders shouted and the Church bells echoed through the village, the time has come to a standstill in the shadow cast by the abandoned stone houses which the villagers deserted decades ago.



Emerging from the stillness, an uphill path leads to a Folklore Museum and tavernas with a wrap-around outlook over the gulf.

From here, **Neos Marmaras** is marked on the horizon and is worth to be visited after descending from the Mount. Trailing its long shopping road, no souvenir wish remains unfulfilled. After an inevitable trip through the stores, the only wish left in the end is to drop oneself into a chair of a local tavern by and wait for a freshly caught fillet. From the sky, screeching seagulls announce the return of the fishing boats. Immediately the many cats prick up their ears and quickly assemble for a harbor patrol from where the cats alongside the seagulls, and just like oneself really, impatiently crane their necks towards the soon-to-arrive meal.