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In the wild landscape of Arcadia, near the valley of Neda, is the Temple of Apollo. It was dedicated by the Figalians to Apollo because he helped them overcome a plague epidemic. It rises imposingly and is one of the two best preserved ancient temples in Greece, the other one being the temple of "Hephaestus" in the Athens "Agora".

The temple was built in the late 5th century on the designs of the great architect of Parthenon Iktinos, by the people of ancient Figaleia, who were cultivating their fields in Vasses on the slopes of Mount Kotyilion.

The famous frieze of the internal slabs of the temple with representations of the battle of Centaurs and Amazons are now in the British Museum.

Today the temple is covered with a protective cover, nevertheless remains equally impressive and imposing.

