

Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km*

Ifonche Cairns Circular (Adeje)

Route Summary

Walking amongst some beautiful scenery, this trail ascends from Ifonche through open pine forest and takes in a section of the Barranco del Rey before returning to the Ifonche starting point.

Duration: 4 hours

*** N.B. This walk is over 10 km!**



Route Overview

Duration: About 4 hours.

Transport/Parking: Car or taxi. Parking near Tasca Taguara, Ifonche area, opposite the Ermita.

Length: 10.660 km / 6.66 mi

Height gain: 598 meter

Height loss: 598 meter

Max Height: 1391 meter

Min Height: 1000 meter

Surface: Average

Child Friendly: Yes, if used to ascent and distance.

Difficulty: Medium

Dog Friendly: Yes

Refreshments: Closest, Tasca Taguaro, or El Dornajo near the end of the route.



Description

Walking amongst some beautiful scenery, this trail at first ascends from near to the Tasca Taguara, Ifonche through open pine forest using a very indistinct path which is, however, extensively marked by stone cairns. Vineyards and other agricultural terraces are passed before the route returns into the pine forest, joining the GR-131 path network. It then descends into a section of the Barranco del Rey, and reaches its highest point after climbing out of the Barranco. The trail becomes a ridge between the del Rey and del Infierno barrancos before descending to the El Dornajo restaurant in the centre of Ifonche. To return to our starting point at the Ifonche Ermita we walk along the quiet tarred road. N.B. this walk is just over 10km.



A SIGNIFICANT SECTION OF THIS WALK INVOLVES FOLLOWING AN INDISTINCT PATH, ALTHOUGH IT IS WELL GUIDED BY NUMEROUS CAIRNS. IT IS ESSENTIAL YOU TAKE THE CORRECT TURN-OFF (WAYPOINT #4) TO FIND THIS INDISTINCT PATH AND FAITHFULLY FOLLOW THE CAIRNS FOR YOUR MAIN ASCENT! DO NOT WORRY, THE CAIRNS ARE EASY TO SEE AND FOLLOW ONCE YOU ARE ON THE CORRECT PATH!

Waypoints

(1) Start of walk

(28.12812; -16.68270)

Park your car in the open space across the road from the Ermita del Santo Hermano Pedro, which is just past the Tasca Taguara on the TF-567, about 650 m after the turn-off from the main TF-51 road to Vilaflor from Arona. After checking out the delightful Ermita, re-cross the road and take the rough road with a wooden sign for Vilaflor.



(2) Do not take this path

(28.13108; -16.68137)

After 400 m, approaching the forest, the rough road takes a significant turn to the right. There is a track on the left just as the road turns. **DO NOT TAKE THIS TRACK!** Your turn-off, also on the left, is a few metres further on. (400 m)



(3) Take this turn-off into forest

(28.13100; -16.68111)

In about 30 m, after avoiding the left turn at Waypoint #2, as the road turns, we leave it to take the path to the left. (430 m)



(4) Join path marked with cairns

(28.13123; -16.68045)

After 70 m, you will notice two small cairns, one on each side of the path. Leave the path you are on, turning sharp left, and you will soon notice that the very indistinct path can be easily followed as there are numerous cairns (see example in photo), some marked with white paint. You will follow the cairns as your main ascent route for over an hour. (500 m)

IF YOU WALK ONWARDS AND UPWARDS FROM THIS EARLY POINT IN THE WALK **BUT DO NOT SEE CAIRNS** - RE-TRACE YOUR STEPS UNTIL YOU FIND THIS VITAL TURN-OFF!



(5) Pass yellow building

(28.13502; -16.67789)

After a further 500 m walking uphill, still carefully following the cairns, we pass a yellow water irrigation utility building and carry on upwards using the cairns as a guide. (1.0 km)



(6) Isolated casa

(28.13912; -16.67210)

After a further 800 m walking uphill, and passing a threshing circle, this section of the walk on an indistinct path, signposted by cairns, is at an end. You will emerge at an isolated house with views to your right, in the direction of Vilaflor, of extensive agricultural terraces. You move on from here taking the rough access road to the house which veers downhill and to your left. (1.8 km)



(7) Abandoned finca

(28.14642; -16.67465)

After a further 1.1 km on the rough forest road you will arrive at an open area with vineyards and abandoned finca buildings where you will pass the old wine-press on your right. (2.9 km)



(8) Turn right here

(28.14733; -16.67597)

In 200 m, just after the finca, turn right at the steel gates and carry on, taking the wide forest road. (3.1 km)



(9) Leave forest road here

(28.14931; -16.67309)

After a further 600 m on the wide forest road, do not miss this turn-off (marked by a post) on your left. You start descending from here along a narrow path between the trees. (3.7 km)



(10) Join GR-131 track

(28.15493; -16.67841)

After 200 m on the narrow forest path you reach a T-junction with the GR-131 path which is ascending to Vilaflor. You will turn left here, walking gently downhill. From here you will follow the GR-131 path into, and out of, the Barranco del Rey and, eventually, down to the Restaurant El Dornajo in Ifonche. (3.9 km)



(11) Go left at Restaurant Dornajo

(28.13498; -16.68978)

In 5.2 km from Waypoint 10, you will have followed the GR-131 track back to the Restaurant Dornajo in Ifonche. Turn left to follow the tarred road for 1.6 km back to your start-point at the Ermita. Take care to walk on the correct side of the road, facing oncoming traffic. (9.1 km)



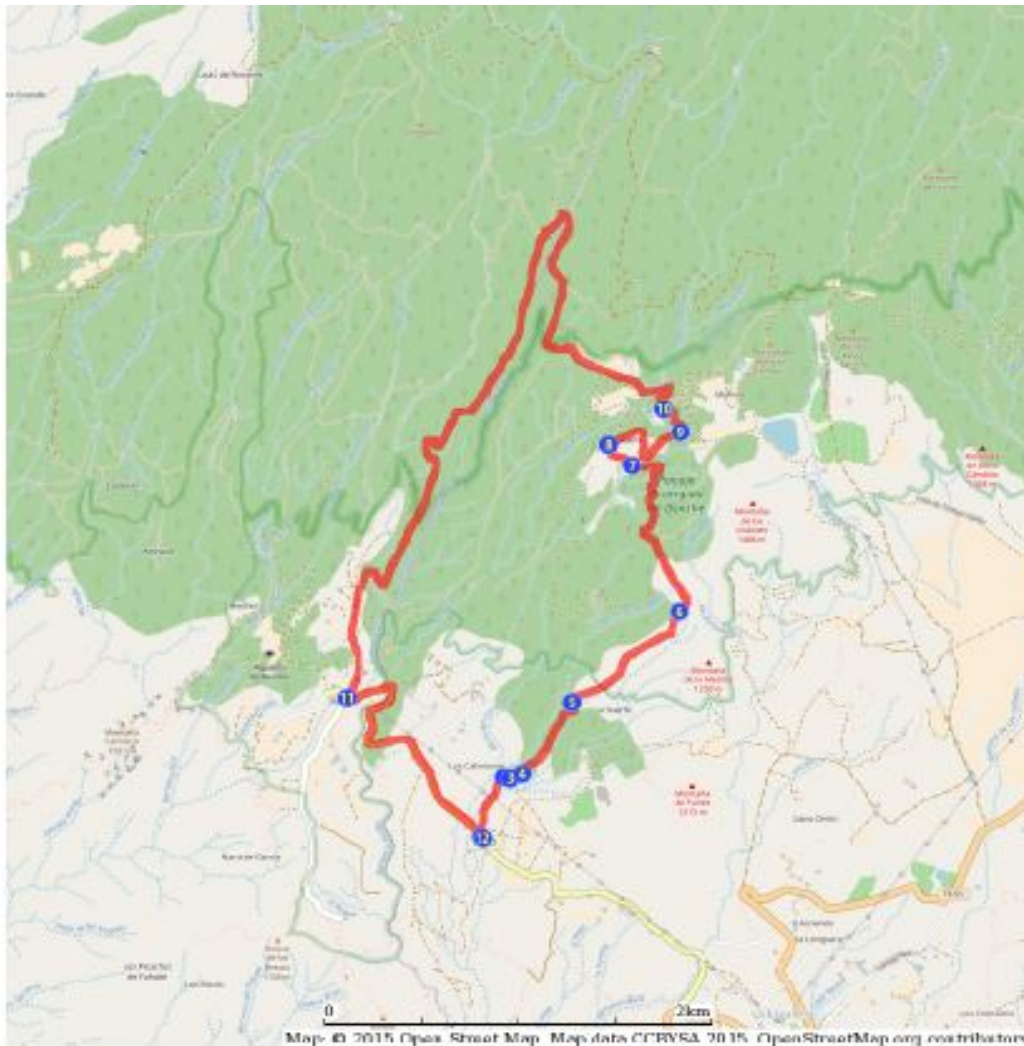
(12) End of walk at Ermita

(28.12810; -16.68296)

After 1.6 km from the Restaurant El Dornajo, walking at the side of the tarred road, you will return to your starting point at the Ermita. (10.7 km)



Route Map



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