

Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

La Quinta-Aponte-Aseradero Circular (Adeje)

Route Summary

An invigorating walk with almost 400 metres overall ascent, that takes in the rural terraces and vineyards around Taucho, high above Adeje, before entering a delightful wooded barranco, returning through the beautiful but fire-scarred pine forest near the Casa Aserradero.

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Transport/Parking: No Titsa bus service. Parking near church in La Quinta.

Length: 6.330 km / 3.96 mi

Height Gain: 372 meter

Height Loss: 372 meter

Max Height: 1157 meter

Min Height: 910 meter

Surface: Rough. The first 1.5 km is on a narrow minor roads. After that, mainly rough paths and forest tracks.

Child Friendly: Yes, but only if children are used to vigorous uphill hiking.

Difficulty: Medium.

Dog Friendly: Yes.

Refreshments: Bar Restaurante Taucho, in nearby Taucho.



Description

This highly enjoyable hike is not too long, and the ascent up the hillside behind La Quinta and Taucho is fairly gradual. In the first section, the walk passes many rural plots and vineyards, with great views forward up to the mountains, and back to the SW coast of Tenerife. The mid-point at the abandoned finca of Aponte at almost 1,200 metres high, with its traditional outbuildings and threshing circle (era) provides a great opportunity to absorb the views. From there, the walk heads east towards the pine forest between Ifonche and La Quinta, still scarred by the forest fire in 2012. The final return section, partly in open pines, around the valley under the abandoned logging finca of Aserradero is a particular delight in Springtime as the path is lined by wild flowers and grasses.



Thanks to [Sally Whymark](#), author of [‘Tenerife Nature Walks’](#), for the idea for this walk, based on her [longer trail](#) documented in Wikiloc.

Waypoints

(1) Start of walk at car-park near church

(28.14969; -16.72704)

From the car-park near the church in La Quinta, take the path signposted for El Aserradero to the left of the threshing circle (era).



(2) Left down steps

(28.15009; -16.72650)

In just 70 m, take the path to the left downhill on rough steps to the tarred road. At the road, go right and follow the road uphill. (69 m)



(3) Left up Calle La Capellania

(28.15130; -16.72750)

In about 350 m, turn right up Calle La Capellania and follow this narrow minor road as climbs out of the centre of Taucho/La Quinta. (428 m)



(4) Veer right and down

(28.15656; -16.72000)

In just over 1 km, veer right and down off the tarred road onto a rough access road. (1.5 km)



(5) Left onto marked path

(28.15637; -16.71716)

In another 300 m, take the yellow/white marked path up from the road, on your left. The path may be a little over-grown in places, as it gradually climbs uphill. A water pipe accompanies the path all the way up. (1.8 km)



(6) Right at Finca Aponte

(28.15910; -16.71187)

In 600 m walkin^h uphill, when you reach the buildings at the (presently) abandoned Finca Aponte, take a turn to the right, under the walled era (threshing circle), towards the buildings. (2.4 km)



(7) Straight on and down

(28.15864; -16.71128)

In about 100 m, as you pass through the finca buildings, carry straight on and down towards the pine trees, gradually turning towards your left to achieve the bottom of the ravine. (2.5 km)



(8) Right at tarred road

(28.15595; -16.71112)

In 600 m, on ascending out of the low wooded barranco, go right at the narrow tarred road. (3.1 km)



(9) Left and up off tarred road

(28.15502; -16.71084)

In 200 m, as the narrow tarred road starts to ascend, with a goat farm across the dip on your right, take the part-concreted track uphill on your left. (3.3 km)



(10) Veer left onto trees after crossing pipe

(28.15334; -16.71103)

In just 200 m, veer left into the trees after crossing the raised water pipe to find the, at first, indistinct path as it goes left and down into the forest. (3.5 km)



(11) Carry on downhill at signs

(28.15124; -16.71049)

In 300 m, rising out of a wooded ravine, carry straight on and downhill at the signed junction, ignoring the path going uphill to las Lajas. Soon the semi-ruined buildings of El Aserradero will appear below you on your right. (3.8 km)



(12) Right at El Aserradero signs x-roads

(28.14693; -16.71195)

In 600 m, upon reaching the walk signpost under El Aserradero, take the route to the right back in the direction of your starting point in La Quinta. (4.4 km)



(13) Straight over narrow tarred road

(28.15121; -16.72291)

In 1.4 km, go straight over the narrow tarred road as you reach a house on your right. Carry on gently downhill on the path, following the path to the left when you reach the edge of the Barranco la Quinta. (5.8 km)



(14) End of walk at church in La Quinta

(28.14968; -16.72711)

In 500 m, you will reached your start point at the car-park, by the era, near the church in La Quinta. (6.3 km)



Route Map



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