

Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

(096) La Quinta-Los Llanos Circular (Adeje)

Route Summary

The walk leaves from the church in La Quinta, ascending through the hamlet before branching off into the pine forest. The environment then changes to have a more agricultural aspect, passing farmed terraces as it descends to the old Camino de los Picos on the return leg.

Duration: 1.5 hours

See possible access issues below



Route Overview

Duration: 1.5 hours.

Transport/Parking: There is no Titsa bus service. There are parking spaces near the church at the start of the walk.

Length: 2.7 km / 1.69 mi

Height Gain: 85 meter

Height Loss: 85 meter

Max Height: 973 meter

Min Height: 908 meter

Surface: Rough.

Child Friendly: Yes, but only if children are used to hikes of this distance and overall ascent on rough paths.

Difficulty: Easy.

Dog Friendly: Yes.

Refreshments: Bar Restaurante Taucho, in nearby Taucho.



Description

It has been reported to us that a local farmer is challenging walkers in this area, indicating that the rough roads on his land are private. Please be aware of this and be prepared to deal with it. Try to keep to any "white/yellow" marked paths designated for walkers where at all possible.

This is an easy and short walk with a low level of overall ascent. Nonetheless, it has many of the components we've come to associate with walking in the hills of the south of Tenerife. For example, a fine old church, good views of Teide and the mountains at the rim of the Caldera, aromatic pine forests, disused stone threshing circles (eras), ruined fincas, stone irrigation channels, glimpses of the coastal resorts far below, terraces of potatoes and other vegetables, wild flowers, and hang gliders circling above. The route leaves from the area of the Ermita de Santa Margarita in La Quinta, near Taucho, where there is a fine example of an era, ascending through the interesting hamlet before branching off into the pine forest for a section. The environment then changes to have a more agricultural aspect, passing farm buildings and farmed terraces as it descends to the old Camino de los Picos, meandering back to the start-point, with marvellous views down to the coast and up to the hills.



Waypoints

(1) Start of walk at church in La Quinta

(28.14973; -16.72700)

Start at the walks information board near to the church in La Quinta. With your back to the info board walk up Calle la Serrería, straight ahead of you.



(2) Left and uphill to follow Calle La Serreria

(28.14942; -16.72664)

In just over 50 m, follow Calle La Serreria as it bends left and uphill. (50 m)



(3) Right and downhill onto rough path

(28.15124; -16.72293)

In another 530 m, or so, just before a house on your left, take the rough path to your right over a water pipe and downhill. (580 m)



(4) Right onto rough track and then uphill

(28.14990; -16.72142)

In about 225 m, as you follow the rough path into a dip, leave the main yellow/white marked path and go right at the base of the dip to join a path that you can see climbing the hill towards trees on your right. Follow this winding path as it enters the pine trees, eventually passing under a finca building on your left. (804 m)



(5) Right and gently downhill

(28.14583; -16.72130)

In just under 800 m you will arrive at a junction with the main access road to the finca you have recently passed above you on your left. Go right and gently downhill here, away from the finca. (1.6 km)



(6) Keep straight on here

(28.14520; -16.72247)

In 100 m, or so, at an open area, keep straight on, don't take the turning that veers right. (1.7 km)



(7) Right onto Camino de los Picos

(28.14492; -16.72284)

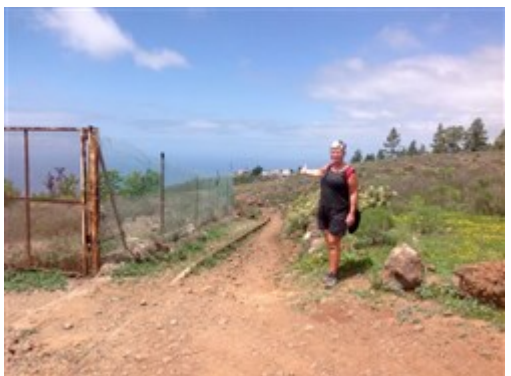
Now, in another 100 m, or so, go right at a t-junction onto Camino de los Picos, heading back in the direction of La Quinta. (1.8 km)



(8) Carry on down rough path

(28.14574; -16.72461)

In about 200 m, the rough road you are on turns left through open gates. However, you should take the rough path, marked yellow/white, that carries straight on ahead. (2.0 km)



(9) Descend to rough road then down path

(28.14600; -16.72507)

In another 100 m, or so, the rough path goes back down towards the Camino de los Picos road where you briefly turn left then go right and down to re-join the obvious yellow-white marked path. (2.1 km)



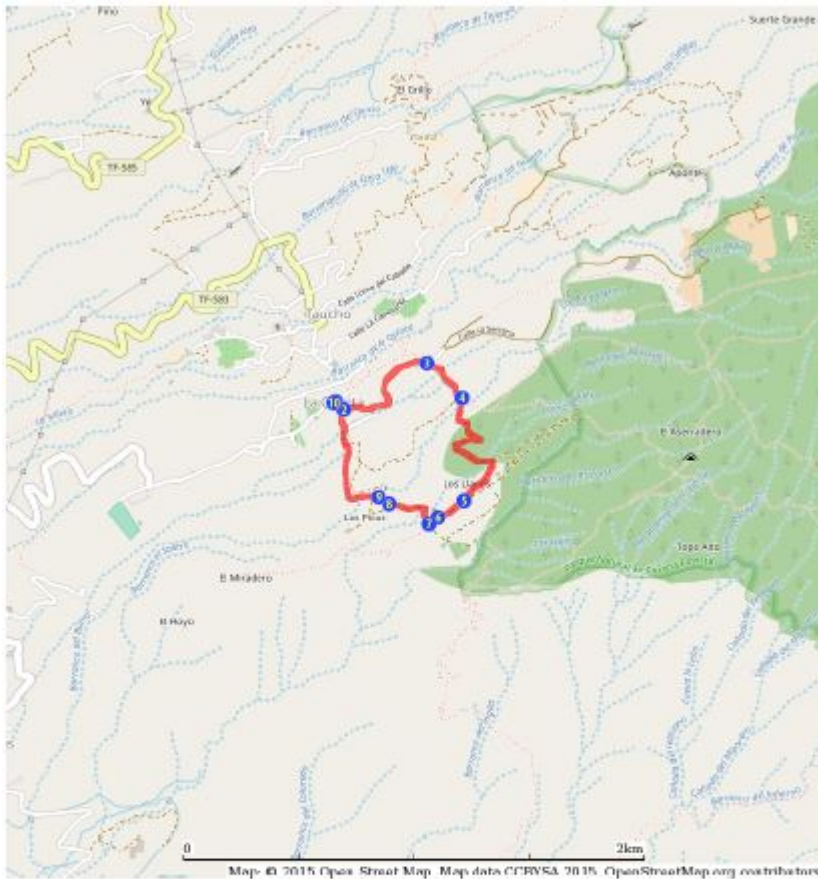
(10) End walk back at church

(28.14971; -16.72706)

For 400 m, or so, follow the old path back to the outskirts of La Quinta where you re-join the Camino de los Picos road once again, at first rough surfaced, then tarred. For another 200 m, or so, follow this road back to the church where you started the walk. (2.7 km)



Route Map



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