

Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

Taicho-Barranco de Yé-Tijoco Alto Circular (Adeje)

Route Summary

At over 9 km, with more than 500 m overall ascent, this is good half-day walk. From the pretty village of Taicho to Tijoco Alto, and back, there are a variety of attractive environments to enjoy – vineyards, rural terraces, rugged barrancos and shimmering, aromatic pine forest.

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

Length: 9.250 km / 5.78 mi

Height Gain: 518 meter

Height Loss: 518 meter

Max Height: 1142meter

Min Height: 892 meter

Surface: Significant sections on narrow tarred rural roads, other sections on rough paths and rough roads.

Child Friendly: Yes, but only if children are used to strenuous uphill hikes on rough surfaces..

Difficulty: Moderate.

Dog Friendly: Yes.

Refreshments: Bar Restaurante Taicho.



Description

This fairly strenuous walk starts and finishes in the delightful village of Taicho at almost 900 m above sea level. Strolling around, there are many pretty houses and gardens to enjoy. In the first section we discovered that some old paths shown on the OpenStreetView map are heavily overgrown and obstructed by modern roads and fenced enclosures. So, initially, there is a longer stint on tarred roads than we had intended. However these narrow rural roads are very quiet and offer some spectacular views, before and after crossing the rugged Barranco de Yé. Reaching the quiet main road to Tijoco Alto the walk then starts to ascend through rough ground to the edge of the pine forest, with great views to the mountains high above. Then, there are great, open views to the west coast on the way to Tijoco Alto, before traversing up through the forest, then crossing old terraces and barrancos on the return leg, looking down and across to faraway Costa Adeje and Las Americas.



Waypoints

(1) Start at church in Taucho

(28.15243; -16.72947)

Start the walk at the church on Calle Virgen del Coromoto in Taucho. With your back to the church doors, turn left, walking uphill as the street winds its way towards the main road in Taucho.



(2) After passing this house turn left onto main street

(28.15267; -16.72825)

In 130 m, as you approach the main road through Taucho you will pass a house on your left with a plaque dedicated to a respected local figure, Don Roman Alvarez Fraga. Soon after passing this house, turn left onto the main street and continue walking through the village for about 600 m. (130 m)



(3) Turn right onto Barranco de Ye road

(28.15598; -16.72976)

In 600 m, turn right onto a minor road signposted for Barranco de Ye and Tijoco Alto. (737 m)



(4) Follow road veering left and down into Barranco de Ye

(28.15869; -16.73039)

In 350 m, arriving at the Barranco de Ye, take the road veering left and down into the barranco. Continue following this road into and out of the barranco for about 1 km. (1.1 km)



(5) Right onto main Tijoco Alto road

(28.16030; -16.73387)

After about 1 km, turn right off the minor Barranco de Ye road onto the main road for Tijoco Alto for a short distance. (2.1 km)



(6) Right up this access road

(28.16098; -16.73449)

In about 100 m, rounding the bend on the road, go right up a 'dead-end' access road. (2.2 km)



(7) Continue up past Villa Morales Vargas onto rough path

(28.16162; -16.73236)

In 200 m, or so, passing a house signed as 'Villa Morales Vargas' on your left, leave the tarred road and continue on ahead onto the rough track going upwards and inland, with a high fence on your right-hand side. Continue following the rough road after the fencing ends, eventually veering upwards and to the right. (2.4 km)



(8) Left up indistinct path before rough road ends

(28.16371; -16.72802)

In 600 m, near where the rough road ends, turn left up an indistinct path. There should be some cairns to help you keep to the path. The path winds its way up, in just over 100 m, to a fast flowing water channel, the 'Bajante de Fyffes'. When you arrive at the water channel, follow it uphill for around 300 m, into the edge of the pine forest. (3.0 km)



(9) Left through gap in stone wall

(28.16621; -16.72619)

In 400 m, and soon after entering the pine trees, go left through a gap in the dry stone wall and follow the increasingly clear-cut path. Follow this path, which becomes steep in places, as you progress by the edge of the forest to the outskirts of Tijoco Alto, crossing the Barranco de Tijoco Arriba in the final section. (3.4 km)



(10) Sharp right and up

(28.17050; -16.73034)

In 800 m, emerging out of the Barranco de Tijoco Arriba at the drinking water reservoir (deposito), go sharp right and up the narrow tarred road, passing the bigger and newer deposito on your left. Continue on this road into the trees as it becomes a rough forest road after passing around a red and white gate. (4.2 km)



(11) Left off road before sharp corner and take path up

(28.17235; -16.72631)

In 500 m, go left off road before a sharp corner and take the path going uphill. You will be veering right at a y-junction very soon. (4.7 km)



(12) Take path veering slightly right

(28.17240; -16.72618)

In just 15 m, or so, where the path splits into a y-junction take the fork veering slightly to your right, ascending gently into the forest. Follow this path as it turns right and left, winding its way up through the trees. (4.7 km)



(13) Right towards wooden house

(28.17109; -16.72599)

In 400 m ascent through the pine trees, turn right towards an abandoned wooden house ('La Casilla'). Continue on the path past the house. (5.1 km)



(14) Veer right and down on rough road

(28.16989; -16.72522)

In 200 m, at a x-roads, veer right and downhill on the rough forest road. (5.3 km)



(15) Turn off road veering left to gate over water channel

(28.16873; -16.72451)

In another 200 m, or so, turn off the forest road, veering left towards a steel gate over the Bajante de Fyffes water channel. Follow the forest road as it eventually starts to descend out of the trees into the Barranquillo de Icerce then rises out of it again. (5.5 km)



(16) Veer right and down to follow wall of old orchard

(28.16531; -16.72238)

In 900 m, just as the rough road you are following rises out of the Barranquillo de Icerce, veer right and down a little to follow the wall of the old orchard area just ahead of you. Follow the low dry stone wall around to the left and follow the indistinct path as it starts to descend to your left into the Barranco de Tejerea where the narrow path is rough and a little overgrown in places. (6.4 km)



(17) Left and down into Barranquillo de Icerce

(28.16441; -16.72258)

When you ascend out of the barranco on the other side, the path seems to disappear in an area of unused terraces. Go down towards the house just below you and turn right onto the rough road. Continue on this rough road as it winds its way in and out of Barranco del Quicio. Emerging out of the barranco the rough road becomes tarred. (6.55 km)



(18) Carry on downhill on narrow tarred road

(28.16074; -16.72403)

In 950 m on the rough road winding in and out of Barranco del Quicio, keep following the now narrow tarred road down hill to Waypoint 4 on your outward journey where you will turn left towards Taucho. (7.5 km). (7.5 km)



(19) Left onto main road to Taucho

(28.15609; -16.72971)

In 1.1 km, walking downhill, you arrive at the junction of the Barranco de Ye minor road with the main road to Taucho. Go left here to walk into the outskirts of Taucho. (8.6 km)



(20) Right down side street by bins store

(28.15405; -16.72816)

In 300 m, at the entrance to the central area of Taucho, go right and down the side street called Calle el Monigal by a rubbish bins store. (8.9 km)



(21) Left to follow path across Barranco las Galgas

(28.15346; -16.72912)

In just 100 m, or so, passing some attractive converted houses, go sharp left to follow an old path across Barranco las Galgas. When you emerge from the little barranco carry on to your starting point on Calle Virgen del Coromoto where you turn right for the church. (9.0 km)



(22) Finish walk back at Taucho church

(28.15248; -16.72951)

In 300 m you have arrived back at the church in Taucho. (9.3 km)



