

Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

Charco del Pino-El Frontón-Bco Orchilla Circular (Granadilla)

Route Summary

A moderate hike in an interesting and scenic environment, this walk provides a range of differing perspectives on rural life in the hills above the southern coastal resorts, and glimpses of the surrounding wild natural landscape.

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Transport/Parking: Titsa 416 from Los Cristianos. Plentiful on-street parking near the start/end of walk in Charco del Pino.

Length: 7.500 km / 4.69 mi

Height Gain: 378 meter

Height Loss: 378 meter

Max Height: 815 meter

Min Height: 567 meter

Surface: Mostly moderate to good. Rough in the barranco sections.

Child Friendly: Yes.

Difficulty: Medium.

Dog Friendly: Yes.

Refreshments: Cafe across from church near start of walk in Charco del Pino.



Description

This walk provides some interesting contrasts: the typical Canarian settlements of Charco del Pino and El Frontón are surrounded by productive rural farming plots that you continually pass along the way, whilst the section on the old Camino Real through the Barranco Orchilla amply illustrates the natural volcanic grandeur of Tenerife. There is a tremendous viewpoint at the little church and plaza in El Frontón, particularly of the most spectacular section of the rugged Orchilla barranco. Great views, too, up to the pine trees of the Corona Forestal National Park and down to the volcanic cones on the south-eastern coast. Good exercise in an interesting and scenic environment!



Waypoints

(1) Start at car-park outside recreational area

(28.11011; -16.59611)

Set off from the on-road parking area outside the children' play park and sports ground on the Carretera General del Sur. Walk a short distance in the San Miguel direction to the Calle Chafiras junction opposite the church.



(2) Right up Calle Chafiras

(28.10977; -16.59660)

In around 60 m, turn right up Calle Chafiras. You will follow this narrow road up past houses and plots as it joins the Camino del Espanjonal for about 1.5 km. (61 m)



(3) Through gap in rocks and down to rough road

(28.11736; -16.60538)

In around 1.4 km, the narrow tarred road passes through the gap in the rocks shown in this photo. The road then dips into a low valley, turning left as the tarred surface ends. (1.5 km)



(4) Turn right on rough road

(28.11746; -16.60657)

In 200 m from the last waypoint immediately turn right on the now rough road and ascend for a short distance. (1.7 km)



(5) Veer right up hill

(28.11808; -16.60724)

In 100 m, veer right to take the very rough track uphill. (1.8 km)



(6) Sharp right at house

(28.11863; -16.60979)

In 200 m, passing a house with gardens on your right, turn sharp right on the paved road for a very short distance. (2.0 km)



(7) Then quickly left and downhill

(28.11882; -16.60981)

In just 20 m, go left and downhill into the barranco, following the rough road as it twists and turns. (2.0 km)



(8) Sharp left around rock

(28.11991; -16.61183)

In 400 m, passing a large rocky outcrop on your left, continue to follow the road as it turns sharply left around the rock. (2.4 km)



(9) Straight on entering El Fronton

(28.11532; -16.61372)

In 700 m you will emerge out of the agricultural area associated with this section of the Barranco Orchilla into the outskirts of the village of El Frontón where you carry straight on. (3.1 km)



(10) Left and downhill into village

(28.11426; -16.61419)

In just 100 m, turn left at the t-junction and go down the street, Calle de Fermin Pérez. (3.2 km)



(11) Left and downhill to church

(28.11133; -16.61044)

In another 500 m, walking downhill, as the road swings to the right, go straight ahead and down to the church. (3.8 km)



(12) El Fronton church plaza

(28.11090; -16.61004)

In 100 m, at the church plaza and viewpoint terraces, take in the marvellous views to the coast, and of Barranco Orchilla before re-tracing your steps uphill to the main street where you turned down at the previous waypoint. (3.9 km)



(13) Left and down main street

(28.11131; -16.61050)

In 100 m from the church plaza, having re-traced your steps to the main street, turn left and downhill. (4.0 km)



(14) Left and down main road

(28.11070; -16.61419)

In 400 m, arriving at the junction with Vilaflor main road, turn left and continue walking downhill. (4.4 km)



(15) Veer left down old path

(28.10780; -16.61376)

After walking down the side of the wynding main road for 500 m, veer left onto the old downhill path at a right-hand bend. (4.9 km)



(16) Cross road and up path

(28.10560; -16.61024)

Continue walking on the rough old track as it passes another right hand bend in the road until you reach the Carretera General del Sur road. Taking due care, cross the road and ascend the rough path on the other side. Veer left over some waste ground to join the tarred minor road going gently downhill. (5.3 km)



(17) Sharp left onto Camino Real

(28.10459; -16.60869)

In just 200 m from the main road, turn left onto a wide unpaved road, actually a section of the old Camino Real between Granadilla and San Miguel. (5.5 km)



(18) Right towards plots

(28.10637; -16.60660)

After 300 m, rising up to a t-junction on the rough road, go right, following the road through past horticultural plots. (5.8 km)



(19) Left past goat farm

(28.10531; -16.60443)

After 300 m, passing a goat farm, turn sharp left onto the old path down into the barranco. (6.1 km)



(20) Bend sharp left at info board

(28.10580; -16.60327)

In 300 m, emerging from the Barranco de Orchilla, turn sharp left as you pass the information board. (6.4 km)



(21) After emerging from path - right then left

(28.10851; -16.59968)

In 600 m, emerging out of the Barranco El Ancón, turn right onto an area of waste ground then almost immediately go left, following the old path again. (7.0 km)



(22) Cross main road-right and up

(28.10972; -16.59815)

In 200 m, taking care, cross the main road and follow the path up a gentle incline, soon turning left and uphill, then right past houses. (7.2 km)



(23) Right and downhill briefly

(28.11025; -16.59686)

In another 200 m, turn right and downhill a short distance on Calle Chafiras. (7.4 km)



(24) Left along lane

(28.11011; -16.59676)

In just 20 m, turn left along the lane a short way. (7.42 km)



(25) Right down path

(28.11026; -16.59661)

In another 30 m, turn right down the path towards the main road, passing a children's play park. (7.45 km)



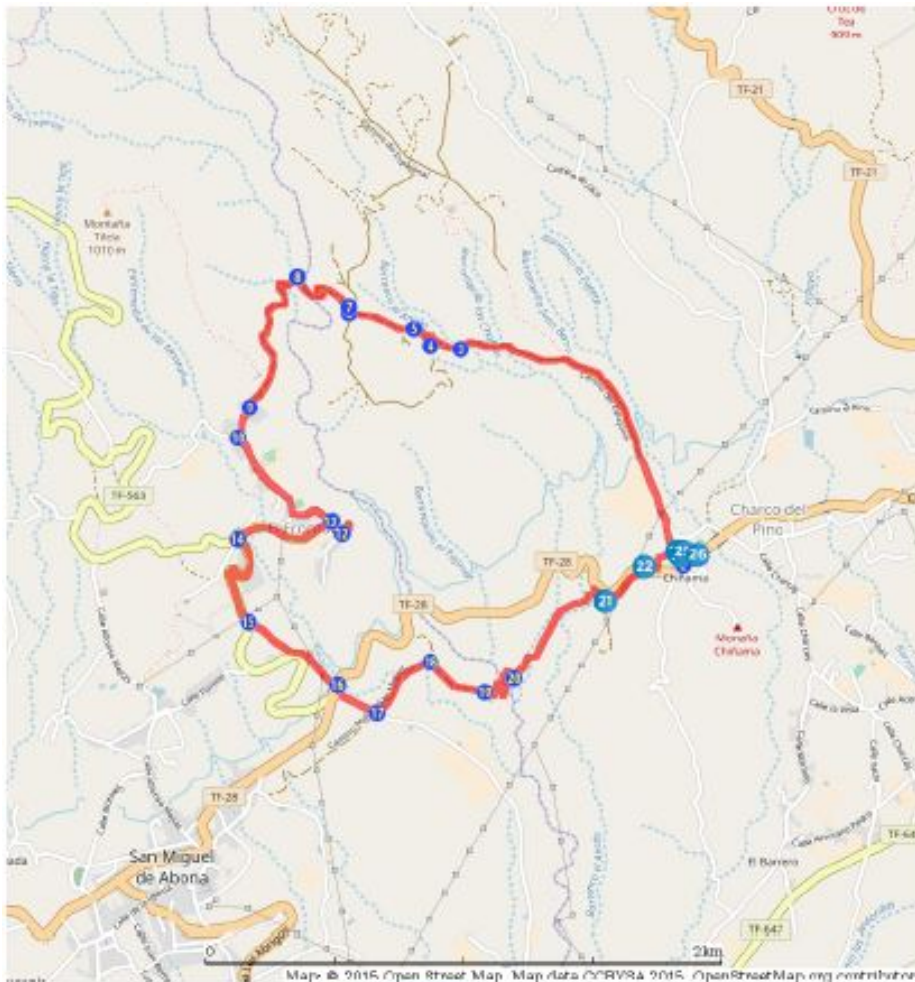
(26) Finish at recreational area

(28.11013; -16.59603)

In 50 m you have arrived back at your start point on the Carretera General de Sur. (7.5 km)



Route Map



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