

# Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

## Montana Roja Circular (Granadilla)

### Route Summary

A short but energetic walk from La Tejita beach to the peak of Montana Roja. Lots of fresh air and great views!

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### Route Overview

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Transport/Parking: Titsa 470 from Los Cristianos to La Tejita. Parking at beach car-park.

Length: 5.980 km / 3.74 mi

Height gain: 200 meter

Height loss: 200 meter

Max Height: 171 meter

Min Height: sea level

Surface: Rough (in places)

Child Friendly: Yes

Difficulty: Medium

Dog Friendly: Yes

Refreshments: We recommend Chiringuito Pirata at the beach in La Tejita.



### Description

The walk kicks off at the La Tejita beach car-park about 300 m east of La Tejita itself. The beach has golden brown sand and is long and wide. It is used by naturists, especially the secluded small cove under Montana Roja. Leaving the beach, you traverse the shoulder of Montana Roja before embarking on the steep climb to the summit (optional!). The path to the top is loose and slippery in places, particularly noticeable on your descent. Great views all around from the top. We descend to the sea-front on the eastern side where we ascend the much lower Montana Bocinegro where there is an information board describing the geological and volcanic history of the area. Marvellous coastal views, especially towards the water sport mecca of El Medano. We then pass a 2nd WW bunker and salt-lake before reaching our point of return, close to El Medano. The return walk, on level ground, takes us through the protected area of Montana Roja, with further information boards, back to the La Tejita car-park where we started our walk.



## Waypoints

### (1) Start of walk - leaving car-park

(28.03261; -16.55970)

The entrance to the car-park is about 300 m to the east of the roundabout in La Tejita. From the car-park walk towards the sign-posts on the beach path. From there, head straight for the beach and make your way along it towards Montana Roja.



### (2) Approaching Montana Roja

(28.02999; -16.55215)

At about 820 m, you are nearing the end of the main beach and will aim to ascend the smooth rocky path that takes you to the small secluded beach under Montana Roja. (820 m)



### (3) Ascend left here

(28.02959; -16.55145)

Before descending to the small cove and beach, much used by naturists, turn left here onto a sandy path that rises up ahead of you towards an old WW2 bunker with a brown stony roof. (900 m)



### (4) Right to above bunker

(28.02973; -16.55116)

After just another 35 m, or so, turn right at the bunker for a few metres, rising behind it, then veer left onto the narrow path as it gently ascends onto the shoulder of Montana Roja. Do not be tempted to make a free-form climb to the summit from here! (933 m)



### (5) Turn right onto main uphill path

(28.03046; -16.54545)

After about 570 m, with the sea ahead of you, you will reach a x-roads of paths. Veer right and uphill here to take the short but steep main path to the summit. The surface of the path has many sections of loose gravel. Try to find a firm stony foothold, especially on the later descent. If you don't fancy the climb, carry straight on to Waypoint 7 which is just a few metres away, closer to the sea-shore, on the eastern side of Montana Roja. (1.5 km)



### (6) Nearing the summit

(28.02765; -16.54878)

The climb to the summit (171 m above sea level) is about 550 m from Waypoint 5. Take care when clambering about the summit area as the drops are quite precipitous! (2 km)



### (7) Veer right on path towards sea

(28.03012; -16.54522)

On descending from the summit you reach the area where you started your ascent at Waypoint 5. Veer to the right here to take the path that winds down to the sea-shore on the eastern side of Montana Roja. (2.6 km)



### (8) Turn right for top of Montana Bocinegro

(28.03014; -16.54224)

After descending to the low clifftop area beneath Montana Roja, take the obvious path that starts to ascend towards the top of Montana Bocinegro, and turn right at this signpost. (3.1 km)





## (9) Montana Bocinegro

(28.03089; -16.54123)

After just 100 m from the sign you will have arrived at the trig point and information board on the summit of little Montana Bocinegro, a good spot for a little break to take in the views. (3.2 km)



## (10) Pass bunker and information board

(28.03242; -16.54074)

When you are ready, follow the path downhill in the direction of El Medano, passing this WW2 bunker and explanatory signpost. Continue walking along the sea-front and make your way to the low dunes that protect a small salt-lake much used by migratory and nesting birds. The area is protected and you should not attempt to enter it. (3.4 km)



## (11) Check out salt lake

(28.03676; -16.54361)

At this point, after about 600 m, at the end of the low sand dunes protecting the salt-lake you can get a good view of this special environment, but don't venture towards it, of course! Now head towards the information board and signpost slightly away from and higher than the beach, in the direction of El Medano. (4 km)



## (12) Turning point for return journey

(28.03830; -16.54401)

When you reach the information board above the beach, after a further 200 m, you have reached the turning point on the walk, where you will head back in a westerly direction to the La Tejita beach area. This is a special environment and protected area. There are a number of information boards along the route. (4.2 km)



### (13) Getting there!

(28.03264; -16.55330)

After traversing along the lower skirt of Montana Roja for about 1.2 km you will have reached the beach area again. Of course, you can head for the beach (!), or continue straight ahead towards your starting point near the car-park. (5.4 km)



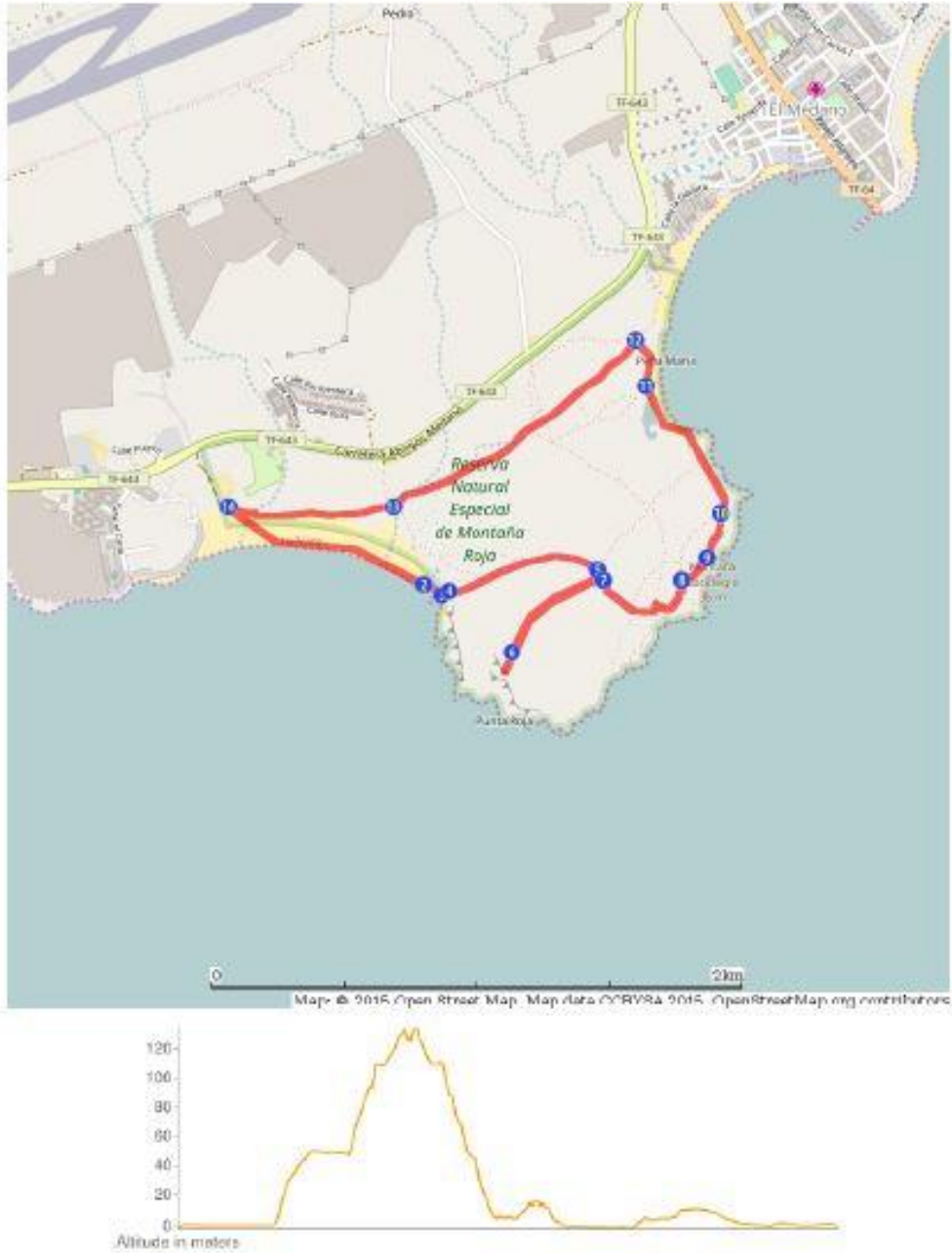
### (14) End of walk

(28.03263; -16.55961)

The end point of the walk, where you started. To extend the walk, you can carry on and make your way to Chiringuito Pirata along the coastal path (about 500 m) if you wish. (6 km)



# Route Map



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