

Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

El Jaral-El Choro Circular (Guia de Isora)

Route Summary

A short but strenuous hill-walk, high up in the municipality of Guia de Isora, enjoying a variety of wonderful rural surroundings. Great views all around – from sea to mountain tops.

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Transport/Parking: No bus service. Private car or taxi only. You will likely get parked close to the start-point in El Jaral.

Length: 4.360 km / 2.73 mi

Height Gain: 380 meter

Height Loss: 380 meter

Max Height: 1014 meter

Min Height: 754 meter

Surface: Mostly rough. There is a particularly tough, difficult, and at times exposed, section ascending the east side of Barranco Achacay.

Child Friendly: No - see above regarding surface.

Difficulty: Moderate, to hard in places.

Dog Friendly: Yes, if agile and obedient

Refreshments: Traditional guachinche "Ventorrillo El Jaral", if open, or cafes in Tejina or Guia de Isora.



Description

This short walk provides a contrasting experience: leaving from the pretty hill village of El Jaral, high above Playa de San Juan in Guia de Isora, we enter the wild and spectacularly beautiful landscape of the upper Barranco Achacay, before emerging at the agricultural area known as El Choro with its lush vineyards and orderly plots. Here, too, we have great views of Montana Tejina and the abandoned farming hamlet of Las Fuentes across the chasm of Barranco Guaria. In the first kilometre there is a very tough section, with a steep ascent, rising up the eastern side of Barranco Achacay, that may not suit all walkers. If tackling strenuous walks at this level (750 m to 1,000 m) in the summer, we recommend setting off early to beat the sun. If there is a Calima, temperatures are likely to be much higher than at sea level, so re-schedule to another day!



Waypoints

(1) Start walk at information board

(28.20393; -16.75535)

Start the walk at the walks information board at the top of Calle Santiago Apostol, near the junction with Calle Niagara. Looking at the board, turn to your right, in an eastern direction, and follow the street down, past vines on your left, as it starts to descend a little.



(2) Turn left at Las Escuelas

(28.20339; -16.75579)

Soon, in just about 75 m, turn left into Calle Las Escuelas. Follow this street down, then up, as it passes the church/community centre and the guachinche restaurant "Ventorrillo El Jaral". Continue walking past houses as the tarred road becomes a rough access track. As you pass the final house on your left, painted a distinctive red colour, the track becomes an old stony camino ascending steeply uphill and past an era (threshing circle) and old abandoned building. Continue following this path as it, firstly, descends then ascends into the Barranco Achacay. After about 700 m, the path descends to the base of the barranco and you are faced with a steep ascent up the eastern side of the ravine. (75 m)



(3) Veer right here

(28.20094; -16.74540)

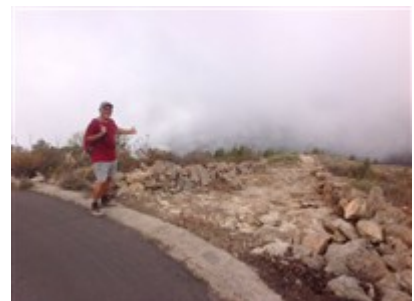
In 1.2 km from the last waypoint at Calle las Escuelas, having descended into, then ascended out of, the Barranco Achacay on the other (eastern) side, veer right at an indistinct y-junction as you negotiate the shallow Barranco Chimenque, taking the path that soon will turn sharply to your right, taking you out of the barranco in the direction of the El Choro agricultural area. Then, having passed some vineyards on your left, the path you are taking will eventually meet a rough road where you turn right and follow the road through the El Choro agricultural area. (1.3 km)



(4) Left to follow old camino

(28.19726; -16.75132)

In 1.3 km, as you start to leave the El Choro area in a downhill direction, leave the tarred road and take the old rocky camino which is signed with white/yellow painted markings. The old rocky camino will cross the tarred road a number of times as you descent from El Choro. (2.6 km)



(5) Right off tarred road

(28.19995; -16.75784)

In 700 m descent, crossing the tarred road for the last time, turn right to follow the old camino that will take you back into Barranco Achacay, as the path descends to the base of the barranco underneath the village of El Jaral where you started the walk. (3.3 km)



(6) Left and uphill from base of barranco

(28.20142; -16.75490)

In 500 m, at the base of the barranco, turn left where the white/yellow painted signs indicate, to take the steep path back up to El Jaral. (3.8 km)



(7) Turn right out of Calle Isla de Cuba

(28.20327; -16.75612)

In 500 m, having ascended the path out of the barranco into the village of El Jaral, turn right out of Calle Isla de Cuba back onto Calle Santiago Apostol as it ascends to the top of the village where you started the walk. (4.3 km)



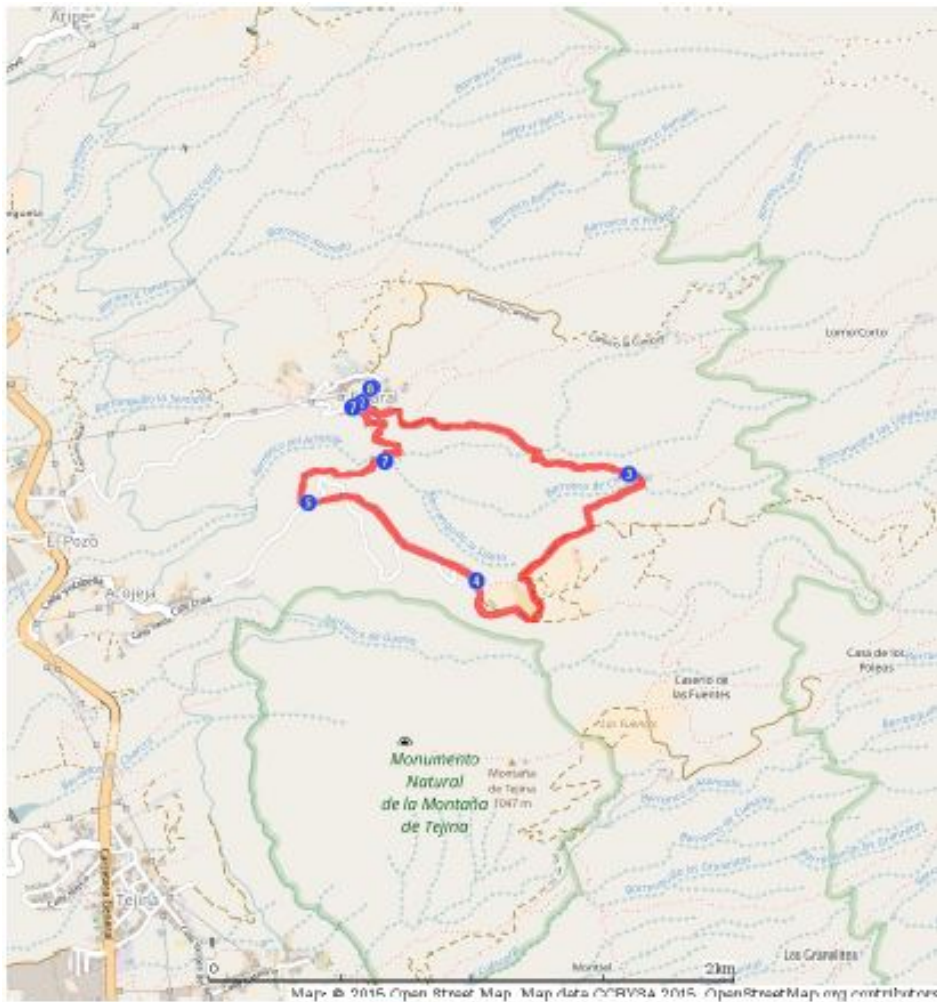
(8) End of walk back at information board

(28.20389; -16.75544)

In just 100 m you will have arrived back at your start point at the hiking information board near Calle Niagara. (4.4 km)



Route Map



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