

Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

Cho Pancho-La Cascara Circular (San Miguel/Vilafior)

Route Summary

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Transport/Parking: There is no Titsa bus service close to Cho Pancho. The signposted turnoff for Cho Pancho is about 7.5 km from San Miguel on the TF-563 to Vilafior. There is good parking at the Cho Pancho recreational area. It will be busier at the weekends.

Length: 4.200 km / 2.63 mi

Height Gain: 175 meter

Height Loss: 175 meter

Max Height: 1110 meter

Min Height: 961 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: Options in San Miguel or Vilafior.



Description

This is a relatively short walk with a very manageable overall ascent of 175 m. The Cho Pancho (or Monte Cho Pancho) recreational area is a popular spot, particularly at weekends, for family and friends to gather for a picnic or barbecue (there are toilets, benches and grills). At around, 1,100 m above sea level there are opportunities for sweeping views down to the SE coast and upwards to the forests and mountains at the rim of the Teide Caldera. The route firstly descends on the path to El Roque through the mature pines that shade the picnic area before leaving that path to ascend through terraced farmland, open scrub and pine trees. There are old farm buildings, some abandoned, on the route. From the return point, the path opens up to great views of the coast at Montaña Roja, El Médano and the new Port of Granadilla where you are likely to spot oil rigs, resting between assignments. Overall, an undemanding hike that offers variety and closeness to nature over a short distance.



Waypoints

(1) Follow marked path down into trees

(28.11884; -16.63572)

From the car-park at the Cho Pancho recreational area, follow the marked path (for El Roque) down into trees past the picnic benches and barbecue grills. Continue following the path downhill towards the end of the pine trees.



(2) Go left after emerging from trees

(28.11770; -16.63387)

In about 270 m, as the path emerges out of the pine trees onto a rough road, turn left and follow the road as it bends uphill. You will soon pass an era (threshing circle) on your right (about 30 m off the path). Here there are great views down to the coast. Then you will pass an abandoned finca on your right close by the path as you continue to walk gently uphill. (269 m)



(3) Carry on uphill here

(28.11965; -16.63256)

In about 340 m from exiting the pine trees ignore a rough road on your right and carry straight on uphill. (608 m)



(4) Right after passing through gate

(28.12112; -16.63256)

In another 170 m you will arrive at a closed set of gates. Here, you will easily walk through the large gap in the wire fencing that covers the gates. Now turn right onto the tarred Cho Pancho access road, walking away from the recreational area. (778 m)



(5) Left and uphill onto rough road

(28.12187; -16.63218)

Very soon, in just under 100 m, go left and uphill onto a rough road, passing around a steel barrier (if it is closed). (874 m)



(6) Sharp left and uphill

(28.12316; -16.63337)

In about 225 m, walking uphill past tiers of large terraces on your left, go sharp left and uphill into the trees. (1.1 km)



(7) Divert to ruined finca

(28.12226; -16.63441)

In just over 100 m, divert to your right to check out a ruined finca and outbuildings. There are good views down to the coast from the front of the old house. When you are ready, return to the rough road that you diverted from, turning left and continuing to follow the rough road through the trees and scrub. (1.2 km)



(8) Right at sharp v-bend

(28.12230; -16.63721)

In approximately 500 m, the road arrives at an open area with an agricultural terrace ahead of you. Here, the road takes a very sharp right, forming a sharp v-bend. Carry on gently uphill on the rough road, passing terraces and old farm buildings on your way. (1.7 km)



(9) After ascending go right at t-junction

(28.12669; -16.63936)

In about 700 m, the road ascends to a t-junction. Go right here and uphill as the road starts to bend leftwards. (2.4 km)



(10) Right and gently downhill

(28.12811; -16.63736)

In 300 m, or so, you will meet a t-junction. Go right and gently downhill here with a low barranco on your left. As you proceed downhill you will pass a very large water repository on your right and great views will open up of Montaña Roja, El Medana and the new Port of Granadilla (with "resting" oil rigs probably clearly visible). (2.7 km)



(11) Right onto tarred road back to Cho Pancho

(28.12250; -16.63187)

After a 900 m, with the road becoming rougher and rougher underfoot as you descend, you will arrive back at the tarred Cho Pancho access road. Here, you will turn right and walk back to the recreational area where you started the walk. (3.6 km)



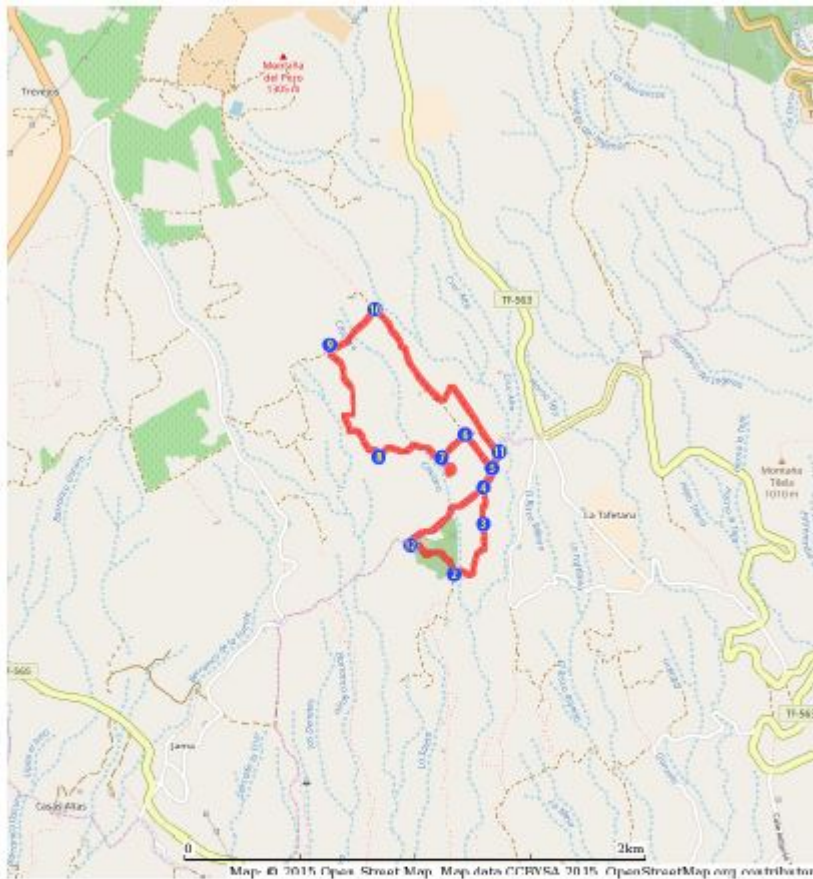
(12) End of walk at Cho Pancho car-park

(28.11884; -16.63581)

In 600 m you will have arrived back at your start point in the car-parking area at the Cho Pancho recreational area. (4.2 km)



Route Map



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