

## Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

### El Molledo-Degollada del Roque Circular (Santiago del Teide)

#### Route Summary

At around 300 m overall ascent, there is a fair bit of up and down on this walk on rocky old caminos. The distance is short, however, and the scenic value is absolutely top notch, with spectacular panoramas at every turn on the track. Highly recommended!

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#### Route Overview

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**Transport/Parking:** Titsa 461/462 from Los Gigantes/Puerto Santiago. Easy parking in El Molledo near start of walk.

**Length:** 4.540 km / 2.84 mi

**Height Gain:** 297 meter

**Height Loss:** 297 meter

**Max Height:** 879 meter

**Min Height:** 701 meter

**Surface:** Rough old caminos, mostly

**Child Friendly:** Yes, but only if children are used to hikes of this distance and overall ascent on very rough paths.

**Difficulty:** Medium.

**Dog Friendly:** Yes. On lead in El Molledo.

**Refreshments:** Cafes in Santiago del Teide or Tamaimo.



#### Description

We think this short walk offers the highest “wow factor” per kilometre of any of our walks in the south-western area of Tenerife. El Molledo is perched high on a very scenic valley descending from Santiago del Teide to the sea-front at Puerto Santiago. The initial vista, between rocky hillsides, over fertile farmed plots and terraces down to a shimmering blue sea is very satisfying. The middle section of the walk, traversing on a fairly level path across the hillside, offers great views of the valley below, the villages of El Retamar, El Molledo and Las Manchas, Montañas La Hoya and Bilma and, above all, Pico Teide and Pico Viejo. In the stretch towards the Degollada del Roque, a saddle between peaks on the southern edge of the Teno Mountain range, the views move up a gear. Here, your immediate outlook is dominated by spectacular images of the distinctive Risco Blanco rock formation and the stunning Barranco Mancha de los Díaz as it dives towards the ocean below, framing the island of La Gomera. Looking inland, to the North, the landscape is just as impressive as your eyes are drawn towards the towering peak of Montaña Cruz de Gala. Moving on and down from here, great views unfold, below, of Tamaimo, with the rocky mass of La Hoya, above, hosting the El Bicho tunnels on the extended TF-1.



## Waypoints

### (1) Start from walks info board near main road

(28.28696; -16.81261)

Start the walk by the walks information board at the the top of Calle Tagora, where it meets the TF-82 main road, by the bus-stop. Walk downhill on Calle Tagora, passing the church and plaza (worth a visit for the view down to the coast). Carry more or less straight on, downhill, past the little roundabout onto Calle la Calzada.



### (2) Right down lane off Calle la Calzada

(28.28717; -16.81505)

In about 260 m, just as Calle la Calzada takes a sharp turn to the left, go right down a lane. The lane soon becomes a rough path. Follow the path as it ascends, ignoring the first walks signpost you encounter, indicating Puerto Santiago. (261 m)



### (3) Straight on at walks sign

(28.28720; -16.81607)

In 125 m you will have ascended to a walks signpost. Carry straight on here for a very short distance. (385 m)



### (4) Veer left and down

(28.28721; -16.81617)

In less than 10 m you encounter another walks signpost. At this point, veer left and down for Degollada del Roque. (395 m)



### (5) Left and down at walks signpost

(28.27943; -16.82319)

In 1.5 km, having enjoyed spectacular views, go left and down at the walks signpost, direction El Molledo (Camino Real). (1.9 km)



### (6) Left and uphill on Camino Real

(28.27903; -16.82085)

In 500 m, after descending from the Degollad del Roque, go left and uphill on the Camino Real (for Santiago del Teide). (2.4 km)



### (7) Veer right at y-junction

(28.28576; -16.81714)

In another 1.0 km, veer right at a y-junction, leaving the Camino Real on a rough road headed for El Retamar. (3.4 km)



### (8) Left and uphill at electricity sub-station

(28.28324; -16.81474)

In 400 m, or so, you arrive at a t-junction, facing an electricity sub-station. Go left and uphill on the rough concrete road. (3.8 km)



### (9) Left and down stony camino

(28.28429; -16.81436)

In about 200 m, arriving at an open area, go left and ,initially, down a rough camino. Soon the path veers right a little and starts to ascend towards El Molledo. (4.0 km)



### (10) Right along Calle la Calzada

(28.28624; -16.81453)

In another 200 m, arriving at the edge of the village of El Molledo, go right along Calle la Calzada. (4.2 km)



### (11) Left and up Calle los Almendros

(28.28637; -16.81377)

In 100 m, or so, at the t-junction at the end of Calle la Calzada, go left and up Calle los Almendros towards the centre Of the village. (4.3 km)



### (12) Right past plaza along Calle la Tagora

(28.28710; -16.81413)

In 100 m, reaching the little roundabout at the centre of the village, go right past the plaza along Calle la Tagora, soon ascending towards your start-point. (4.4 km)



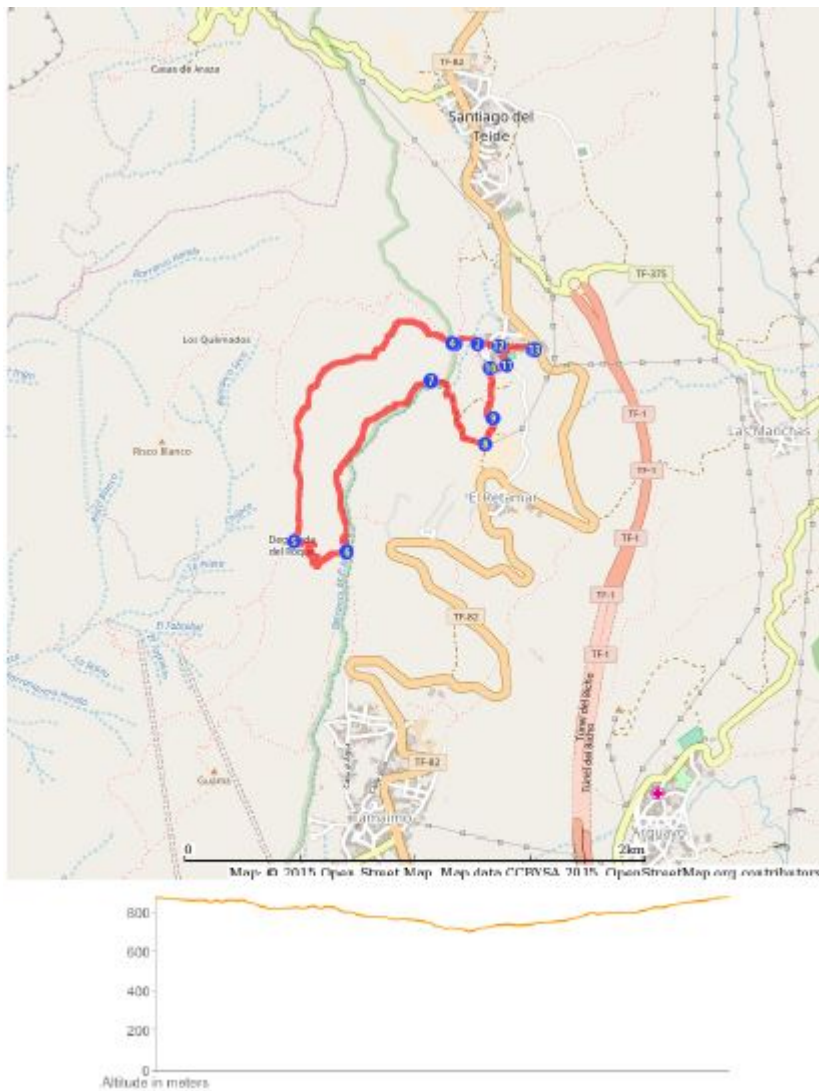
### (13) Finish walk back at start point by main road

(28.28695; -16.81253)



In another 100 m, you will have finished the walk, back at your start-point near to the TF-82 main road. (4.5 km)

## Route Map



### Links:

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