

Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

Tamaimo-El Molledo-Degollada del Roque Circular (Santago del Teide)

Route Summary

A very good half-day walk with a reasonably strenuous 435 m overall ascent on mostly very stony paths. There are great views, from very different aspects, in each section of the route. This is a highly recommended introduction to walking in the Tamaimo area!

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Transport/Parking: We suggest Titsa 473/477 from Los Cristianos to Los Gigantes, then 461/462 to Tamaimo. Parking should be straightforward, on-road near the T-junction between the TF-454 and the TF-82.

Length: 7.170 km / 4.48 mi

Height Gain: 435 meter

Height Loss: 435 meter

Max Height: 886 meter

Min Height: 567 meter

Surface: Mostly rough stony paths (caminos).

Child Friendly: Yes, but only if children are used to strenuous uphill hikes on rough surfaces..

Difficulty: Moderate.

Dog Friendly: Yes.

Refreshments: A number of choices in Tamaimo. We recommend the little cafe/bar on the right hand, north side of the T-junction between the TF-454 and the TF-82.



Description

A range of splendid views are guaranteed for any walk in the Santiago del Teide area and this walk does not disappoint in that respect. The first section of the walk ascends out of the eastern outskirts of Tamaimo and you soon feel that you are in a wild landscape, even though you cross the busy TF-82 road a couple of times and eventually even find yourself crossing the TF-1 autopista, under the village of Las Manchas, with a grand view of the El Bicho tunnels. The 1.5 km section after the village of El Molledo is on a good path that traverses the wide valley that lies before you. There are marvellous views on your left up to Las Manchas and Teide, and down to Tamaimo and Puerto Santaigo. Eventually, you will have spectacular, jaw-dropping even, views on your right too, of the unmissable Risco Blanco crag and down the indescribably rugged Barranco Mancha de los Diaz to the sea. On the final section we take the old Camino Real (Royal Road) back to the pretty church and plaza in Tamaimo.



Waypoints

(1) Start at church in Tamaimo

(28.26845; -16.82034)

From the walks signpost outside the church in Tamaimo, turn right onto Calle el Agua.



(2) Left here towards main street

(28.26785; -16.81967)

In just over 100 m, turn left onto Calle Santa Anna which takes you to the main street. Cross with care, veering slightly to your right and making for the narrow road opening on the other side. (106 m)



(3) Cross road and up Calle la Cerca

(28.26817; -16.81864)

In 120 m from Waypoint 2, having crossed the main road, go up Calle la Cerca (not named at the street end). Proceed up this narrow road taking you to the outskirts of the town. Carry on uphill when the tarred road gives way to a rough road then to an old stony path (camino). (220 m)



(4) Right and up stony path

(28.27246; -16.81601)

In 575 m from the main street, soon after going over a rise in the now stony path, go right and uphill away from Tamaimo. (795 m)



(5) Cross road and continue uphill

(28.27352; -16.81485)

In 180 m, you reach the TF-82 main road to Santiago del Teide. With great care, cross the road to re-join your upward path. (975 m)



(6) Cross road again and up

(28.27502; -16.81401)

In another 225 m, the path intersects with the TF-82 road again near a bend. Walk up the road a short distance to the bend to ensure that you can see in both directions before carefully crossing the road and re-joining your upward path. (1.2 km)



(7) Continue up past No Jeep Safari sign

(28.28009; -16.80988)

In 800 m, you again meet the TF-82 road. This time, skirt around the right edge of the bend, staying off the road. Walk up the rough road into the area of pine trees, past the sign indicating no passage for jeep safari vehicles. Continue up this rough road as it eventually bends left then right and you cross a bridge over the TF-1 autopista. (2.0 km)



(8) Left after crossing bridge

(28.28258; -16.80707)

In 400 m, having crossed the bridge over the TF-1, turn left to follow the stony camino enclosed by rough stone walls as it runs parallel to the TF-1 in the direction of Santiago del Teide. When you reach a tunnel under the main road, on your left, go through the tunnel. (2.4 km)



(9) Right and up after tunnel

(28.28534; -16.80884)

In 400 m, after emerging from the tunnel, turn right and follow the path uphill in the direction of Santiago del Teide. (2.8 km)



(10) Veer left here for El Molledo

(28.28708; -16.81067)

After 300 m, at a y-junction on the path, veer left in the direction of the houses on the outskirts of El Molledo. (3.1 km)



(11) Veer right for houses

(28.28673; -16.81148)

In just another 100 m, veer right before reaching a large electricity junction box, and follow the path towards the houses at the edge of El Molledo. (3.2 km)



(12) Cross main road and go down Calle La Tagora

(28.28706; -16.81231)

In 100 m, on reaching the main TF-82 road, cross the road with care and go down Calle La Tagora, passing the walks information board on your right. Part way down you will likely want to take in the view from the plaza opposite the church. Then, carry on downhill, on Calle la Calzada, now. (3.3 km)



(13) Right down lane at end of Calle La Calzada

(28.28717; -16.81504)

In 400 m, when you reach a t-junction on Calle la Calzada, turn down the lane on your right and follow it down to a rough area, with a goat pen ahead of you. (3.7 km)



(14) Right up path

(28.28742; -16.81526)

In just 35 m, passing the goat pen on your right, go right at the walks signs, soon turning left and uphill towards another walks signpost. (3.7 km)



(15) Continue up here

(28.28722; -16.81606)

In 100 m, continue up past the walks signpost. (3.8 km)



(16) Left and down path

(28.28730; -16.81630)

In just 15 m, or so, go left and down the path that traverses the wide valley that lies before you. There are marvellous views on your left up to Las Manchas and Mt Teide, and down to Tamaimo and Puerto Santiago. Eventually, you will have spectacular views on your right too, of the unmissable Risco Blanco crag and down the Barranco Mancha de los D;jaz to the sea. (3.8 km)



(17) Left and down

(28.27928; -16.82330)

In 1.5 km, after taking in the views from the walks signpost area at the Degollada del Roque, turn left and go downhill towards the general direction of Tamaimo on your right, following the twisting rocky path. (5.3 km)



(18) Right for Tamaimo

(28.27903; -16.82086)

In 500 m, upon reaching the Camino Real path between Puerto Santiago and Santiago del Teide, go right and downhill. A large black water pipe accompanies your trail. Do not take any paths to your left until you come to the next signed waypoint in 900 m. (5.8 km)



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(19) Left and down towards Tamaimo

(28.27139; -16.82269)

In 900 m, at the walks signpost, go left and down towards Tamaimo. (6.7 km)



(20) Straight across bed of barranco

(28.27117; -16.82254)

Almost immediately, ensure that you go straight across the bed of a low ravine, with the impressive era (threshing circle) close on your left, heading towards the walks signpost. (6.7 km)



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(21) Left to enter Tamaimo

(28.27116; -16.82200)

In 60 m, or so, when you reach the walks signpost, take the option veering left into Tamaimo. After reaching some houses, turn left briefly before turning right when you meet the Calle el Agua street that will lead you back to the church. (6.8 km)



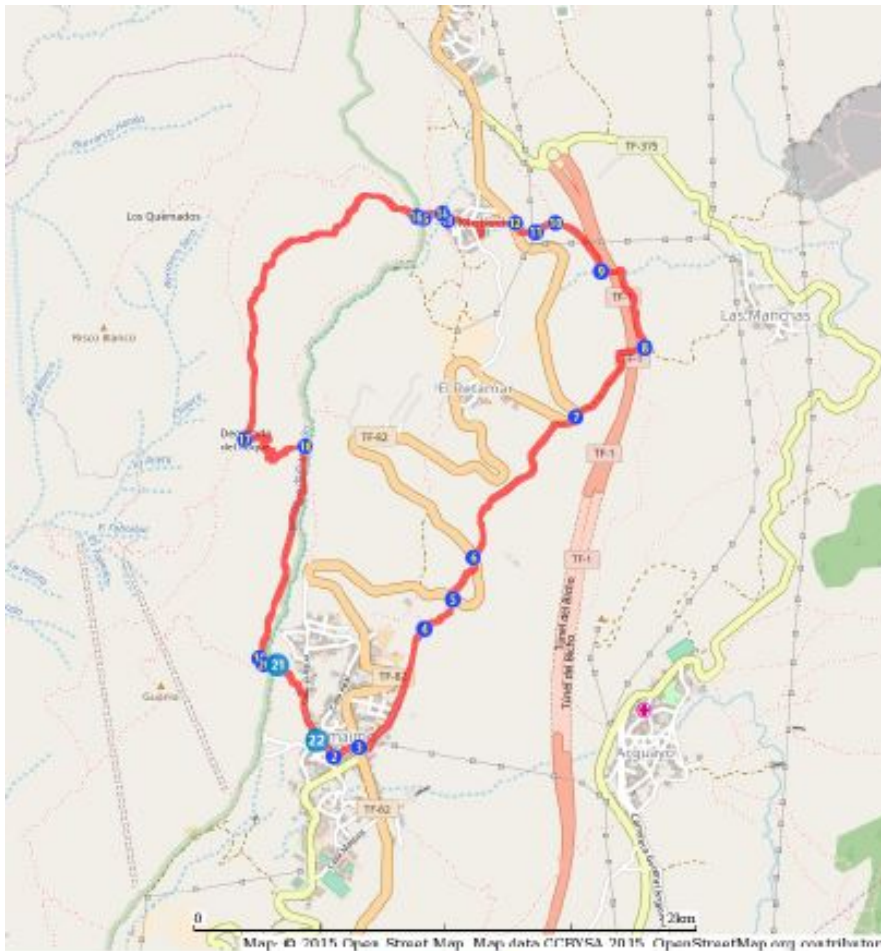
(22) Finish back at church

(28.26842; -16.82041)

In 400 m, you will have returned to your start point at the church and plaza in Tamaimo. (7.2 km)



Route Map



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