

Tenerife Sur: Short Walks Under 10 km

Vilafior-Lomo de Topo Negro Circular (Vilafior)

Route Summary

This walk provides great views and is a good work-out at over 8 km and more than 500 m overall ascent. The route descends into the terraces below Vilafior before winding up past more plots and pine woods, then heading back down to Vilafior on the old Camino de Chasna path.

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Transport/Parking: Titsa 342, direct from Los Cristianos. Other options via Granadilla. Large car park behind the church.

Length: 8.290 km / 5.18 mi

Height Gain: 513 meter

Height Loss: 513 meter

Max Height: 1686meter

Min Height: 1357 meter

Surface: Rough paths and forest roads.

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

Difficulty: Moderate.

Dog Friendly: Yes.

Refreshments: Nearest to the start/end, beneath the plaza, are Cafe Fuente de Hermano Pedro and Cafe de Siempre (drinks only).



Description

It's always a pleasure to visit Vilafior. Perhaps it's the clean mountain air – often above the clouds; perhaps the fine old buildings; perhaps its position, as if on a platform, looking down on the south-east coast; perhaps the countless layers of worked farm terraces; perhaps the backdrop of pine forests and high mountain peaks? That's not to mention the roses that grow throughout the year, and, in season, the town being surrounded by blankets of yellow poppies (Spring), and encountering the splendid Tajinaste Rojo at every turn on the streets (early Summer). This 3.5 hour walk provides a good work-out for the legs at over 8 km and more than 500 m overall ascent. The route at first descends into the main agricultural area below the town before winding its way up past areas of terraces and pine woods then briefly joining the cross-island GR 131 path. It then diverts off at the abandoned farm, Casa Galindo, for the forest road called Pista de Agua del Madre. Walking under the craggy and pine-forested Lomo de Topo Negro hillside we eventually head back down to Vilafior on the old Camino de Chasna (GR 131) path. Needless to say, great views are a feature throughout the walk.



Waypoints

(1) Start from plaza at rear of church

(28.16017; -16.63690)

Start the walk at the plaza at the rear of the church in Vilaflor, near to the large car-park. From there, head east, turning downhill and passing the large wooden doors to the Sanctuary of Saint Hermano Pedro in the Bethlehemite Convent.



(2) Left down Calle la Callita

(28.16023; -16.63656)

In 40 m, turn left down Calle la Callita and keep following this street as it goes downhill. (40 m)



(3) Left at bottom of Calle la Callita

(28.15894; -16.63485)

After about 275 m, at the bottom of Calle la Callita, turn left. (313 m)



(4) Carry on down rough road

(28.15833; -16.63421)

In just over 110 m, go straight on past the finca on your right and carry on down the rough agricultural road. (425 m)



(5) Left at bottom of slope

(28.15763; -16.63408)

In another 80 m, or so, go left at bottom of the descending agricultural access road. (503 m)



(6) Continue uphill on rough road at info board

(28.15795; -16.63300)

In about 120 m, passing an information board for a 'mountain athletics' route on your left continue uphill on the rough road. Keep following this rough road as it winds its way up through terraces and pine trees. (620 m)



(7) Continue on uphill

(28.15649; -16.62596)

In 880 m, veer left and continue on uphill. (1.5 km)



(8) Take right fork

(28.16091; -16.62764)

In another 700 m, going uphill, at an apparent y-junction, take the right fork past a small group of trees on your left. (2.2 km)



(9) Take right fork once again

(28.16223; -16.62703)

In another 200 m, take the right fork uphill once again at a y-junction. (2.4 km)



(10) Turn right and uphill onto GR 131 path

(28.16419; -16.62643)

In 200 m, your route goes right and uphill past a walk signpost as it joins the cross-island GR-131 path. (2.6 km)



(11) Left at access to Casa Galindo

(28.16662; -16.62492)

In 300 m, as you approach the abandoned building, Casa Galindo, on your left side, go left between a gap in the surrounding wall to access the area of the old finca. (2.9 km)



(12) Then veer left immediately onto rough road

(28.16660; -16.62499)

In less than 10 m, veer left onto a rough road that winds around to pass under the front of Casa Galindo. Carry on walking on this rough road as it drops into and out of the Barranco Galindo. (2.9 km)



(13) Sharp right onto Pista Madre del Agua

(28.16700; -16.62896)

In 600 m, turn sharp right onto the Pista Madre del Agua forest road. (3.5 km)



(14) Right and down onto Camino de Chasna for Vilaflor

(28.17102; -16.61997)

In 2km, leave the Pista de Madre del Agua at a place where it is likely you will find cars parked by the side of the forest road. These cars are associated with walkers doing the Paisaje Lunar walking route that can be started here. Go right and down the path signposted for the Camino de Chasna (GR 131, for Vilaflor). Keep following this path as it initially crosses a barranco, then passes Casa Galindo again. The GR 131 path will take you back to the outskirts of Vilaflor. (5.5 km)



(15) Right and uphill for Vilaflor

(28.16054; -16.63380)

In 2.1 km, you will have reached the bed of Barranco la Orquilla where you will turn right and climb uphill into the outskirts of Vilaflor. (7.6 km)



(16) Left at GR 131 walks sign

(28.15921; -16.63492)

In 200 m, as the path emerges into Vilaflor, go left and downhill at the GR 131 walks sign. (7.8 km)



(17) Right at t-junction

(28.15895; -16.63491)

In less than 100 m, go right at the t-junction. Keep following the road as it winds around and up towards the centre of Vilaflor. (7.9 km)



(18) Right and up Calle Castanos

(28.15829; -16.63553)

In about 100 m, turn right and up Calle Castanos towards the main plaza in Vilaflor. (8.0 km)



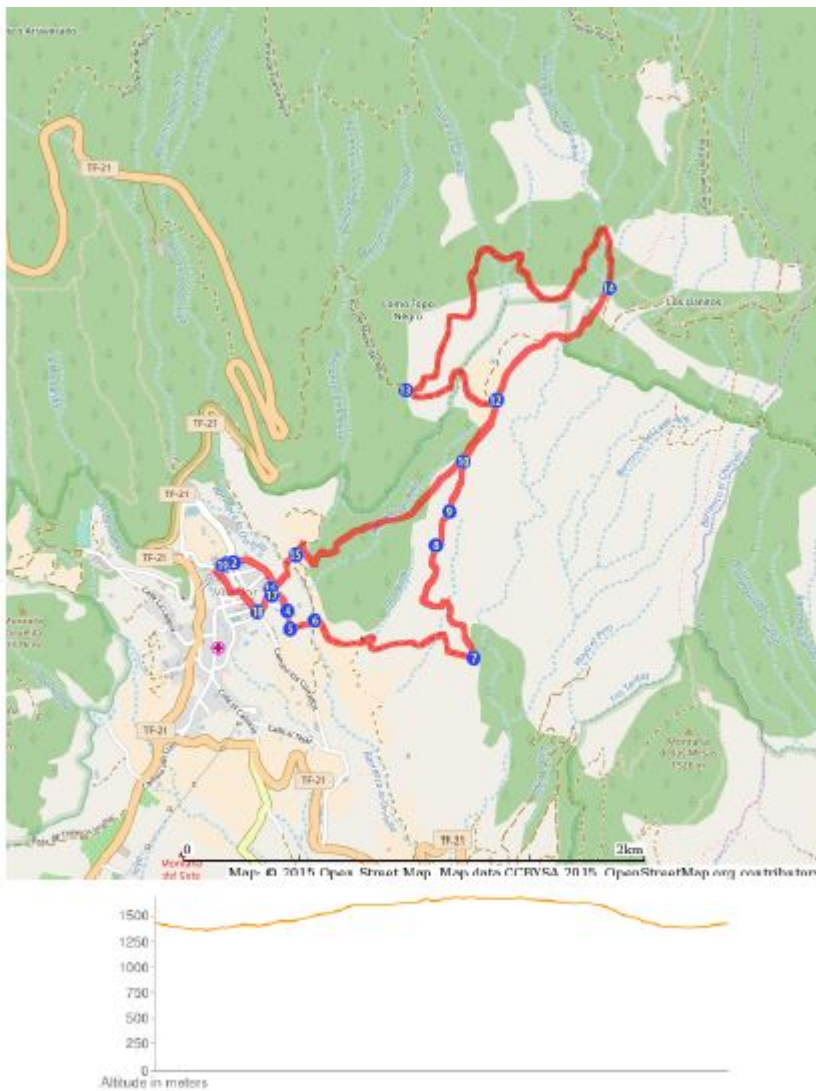
(19) Finish back at start point behind church

(28.16013; -16.63706)

When you reach the plaza (perhaps stopping for a refreshment en route), veer left to eventually ascend the old steps to the church and walk behind it, passing on your left the fading grandeur of the Casa de los Soler manor house. Your walk ends here at the start point. (8.3 km)



Route Map



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