

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Paisaje Lunar
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Vilaflor, Main car park near top of the town
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	14
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	790
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4.25hr 5.25hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	S/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 28.160537, Long: -16.636952
Directions to Start	Take the TF21 road from Los Cristianos on the coast – signed to Teide and keep going until you reach the outskirts of Vilaflor. Pass the early parts of the village and turn R at snack bar La Paz. Drop down the hill about 300m to find a large car park on the RHS with a walled surround.
Short walk description	A lovely walk taking in some of the best of Tenerife's scenery with views to the summit and sea and an interesting "lunar landscape".
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Come out of the car park and walk down the cobbled hill with a series of plazas on your RHS.	
Walk down past the restaurant Casa Pana (on LHS) and at the next junction on the LHS with a finger post turn L.	330m, 6min
Drop down a few metres and go L at a fork and then turn L again steeply uphill for a few metres before turning R across a cobbled lane directly in front of a white house with a finger-post and markers.	470m, 8min
Follow this briefly before dropping down on a footpath on the RHS towards a barranco.	
Cross a track at the bottom of the barranco and continue ahead up the cobbled footpath with R/W/Y markers.	

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Quickly reach a second barranco and turn L up this for a few metres before finding a footpath on the RHS steeply uphill which we take through a walled stile.	720m, 14min
After plodding up here for a while reach a fork just after marked waypoints 3 and 11 and keep L.	
As a small casita comes into view with some concrete walls around terraces take care to cross the water pipe and continue ahead to the RHS of the casita.	2km, 50min
Pass the casita and at the top of a small rise leave the wider track through a walled gap to the R with R/W markers and descend on a footpath which continues to improve as we descend in zig-zags towards a barranco.	
Cross the barranco and start to ascend again.	2.53km, 1hr
Reach a track where we turn R for a few metres before turning L again to continue ahead up some stone steps. Both junctions have finger posts.	2.9km, 1hr 8min
Reach a fork in the footpath where both finger posts point to Paisaje Lunar. Either way will do but this description takes the L turn.	3km, 1hr 14min
Cross an indistinct track and keep ahead.	
Quickly reach a broader and more distinct track directly ahead with a large metal gate which you pass on the LHS.	4.1km, 1hr 39min
The path broadens to a wider track once you pass a ruin on the LHS.	
Reach a junction where there is an abrupt R turn which we take with an indistinct path continuing ahead which we ignore.	5.8km, 2hr 10min
Reach a junction with a finger post where the R/W GR131 route is indicated L and our Y/W path continues ahead and downhill soon descending steeply. (signed Paisaje Lunar)	6km, 2hr 16min
Soon you reach a view point with explanation board from where you can enjoy the views across the "lunar scene".	6.5km, 2hr 39min
Now continue ahead slightly R at a finger post telling you that it is further to Vilaflor than you have already covered!	
Reach a fingerpost at a complex junction where you (obviously) follow the route to Vilaflor. (4.7km to go!)	8.6km, 3hr 22min
The track keeps a high wall on the LHS company for a while but when this turns L ignore this and continue ahead on a footpath with Y/W markers.	
Cross the forest track and continue ahead with a complex set of tracks below and to your L.	
Cross a small barranco and a few metres further on a derelict water channel as you walk between tracks.	
Cross the forest track which comes down from the R and continue ahead.	
As you approach the track you move away from it to pass a ruin on your LHS and then drop steeply to reach the forest track. Walk around the curve in this to leave it on a footpath on the RHS. (In fact you could now follow this longer but more level track all	10.2km, 3hr 49min

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the way back to the 3km point)

Finally after several switchbacks up and down meet the junction where you left on the RHS on your way out. Now turn L to retrace your steps back to Vilaflo.

When you emerge past the white house you can turn R uphill and continue ahead to emerge beside the church and opposite the car park.

Walk Recommendations or restrictions

None

Route followed is outlined in Black

