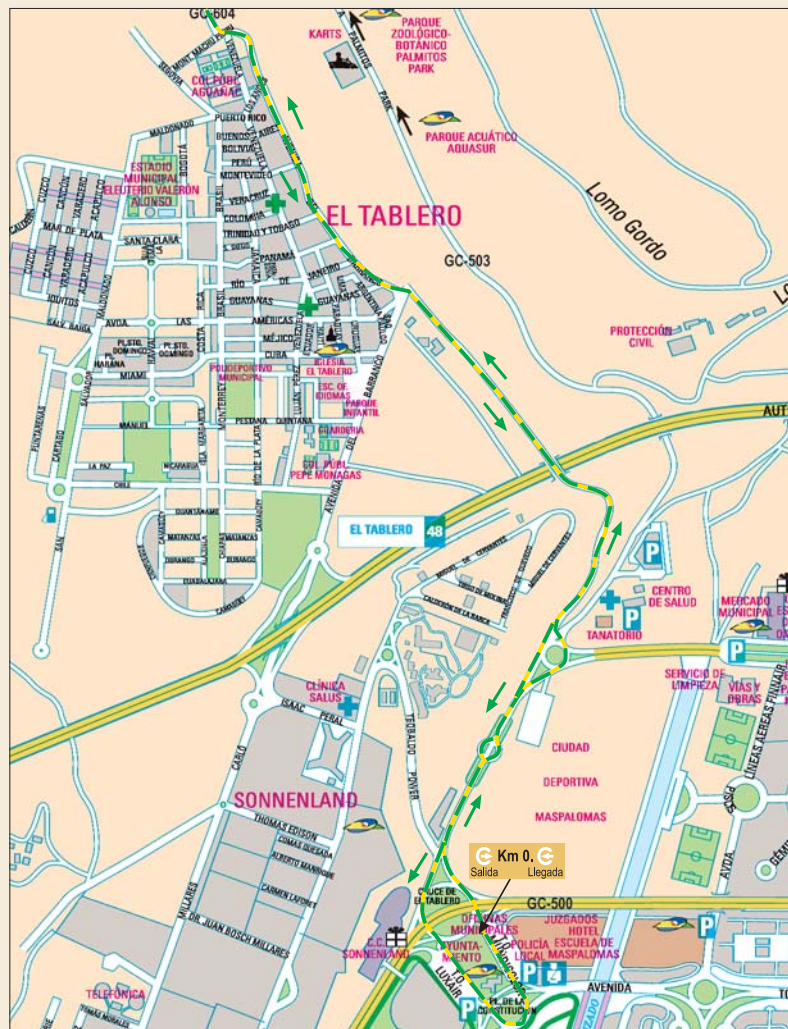




# CHIRA - MORRO DE LA HIERBA HUERTO

pk (kilometric point)	Partial	Total	Height	Description
1	0.00	0.00	25	Plaza de la Constitución We start off in the direction of the GC-500 road, leaving the Oficinas Municipales (Town Hall) on our left.
2	0.10	0.10	25	Roundabout with traffic lights We cross the road to carry on in the direction of the village of El Tablero.
3	0.80	0.90	30	Multiple crossroads We continue in the direction of El Tablero. The road immediately starts going uphill and we enter a built-up area.
4	0.90	1.80	100	Crossroads We carry on straight ahead to cross El Tablero.
5	0.70	2.50	110	Crossroads After turning to the left, we continue straight ahead passing exits on both sides.
6	0.15	2.65	115	Turnoff The street joins the GC-604 road. We turn to the right, in the direction of the village of Salobre. We ride between houses for 3 Km., progressively gaining height and without leaving the main road.
7	2.90	5.55	260	Slope A hard climb will oblige us to stand up on our pedals.
8	0.30	5.85	290	End of the Slope We reach a flat piece and soon the asphalt deteriorates.
9	0.80	6.65	295	Fruit tree plantation The road turns towards the right, passing a plantation of fruit trees also on the right. From now on, we continue to ride along the main road (asphalted), not taking any of the few exits that we see on both sides. We are going to pass through constant ascents and descents, but going up all the time.
10	2.15	8.80	520	Slope We face the hardest climb on this road.
11	4.30	13.10	610	Bar We pass a bar on our right and continue to ascend. We start riding through orchards.
12	1.80	14.90	625	Panoramic View We ride along the highest part of the eastern side of the Ravine or Barranco de Arguineguín, from which we can see a large panoramic view on our left.
13	2.40	17.30	820	District or Barrio de los Lomos The road becomes a dirt track and we pass on our right a house with a large cross at the entrance.
14	0.50	17.80	850	Crossroads The track turns to the left and we pass an exit on our right.
15	1.40	19.20	885	Panoramic View The route begins to be easy, as we go on the flat. We are in the middle of a large cliff. On the left and below us there is a view of an esplanade with some houses and their orchards. Lower down, we can see the village of Cercados de Espino.
16	0.80	20.00	890	Pine Trees We start riding through pine trees.
17	2.00	22.00	910	Fountain or Fuente de Don Simon It is on our right and serves to refresh us.



## MASPALOMAS ESPACIO NATURAL GUIA RURAL Y TURISMO ACTIVO



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### CHIRA - MORRO DE LA HIERBA HUERTO

Maspalomas, Barrio de los Lomos, Cercados de Araña and Morro de la Hierba Huerto

The Natural Park or Parque Natural de Pilacones, of 5800 hectares, is one of the largest protected areas on the island. It is mainly an area of pine groves and is inhabited by the Lagarto de Gran Canaria (Grand Canary Lizard), an endemic species that can reach a size of more than half a metre. From the top of the Mount or Morro de la Hierba Huerto we can see almost the entire park, but this is not the only attraction of this route which takes us from the south of the municipality of San Bartolomé de Tirajana up to the Reservoir or Embalse de Chira, in its northernmost part.

Length: **65.9 km.**

Duration: **7 h. 30 min.**

Difficulty: **5**

Maximum height above sea level: **1,315 metres**

Accumulated climb: **2,280 metres**





# CHIRA MORRO DE LA HIERBA HUERTO

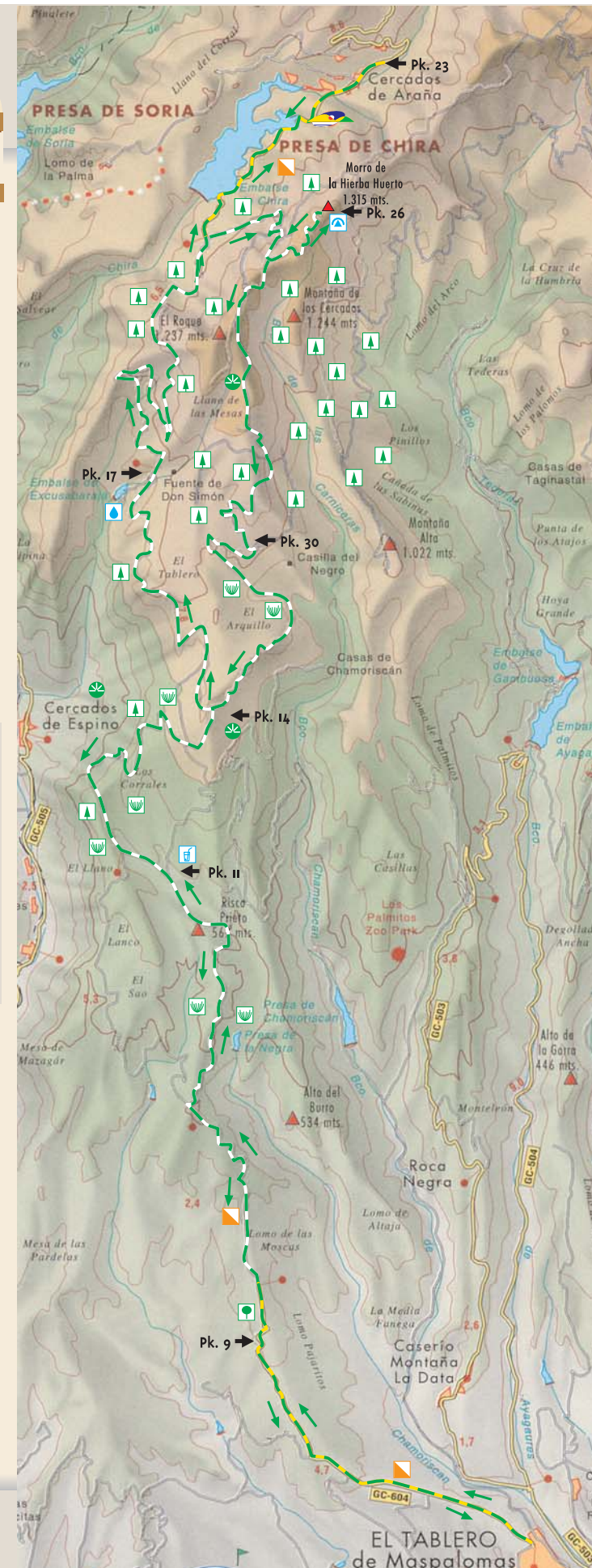
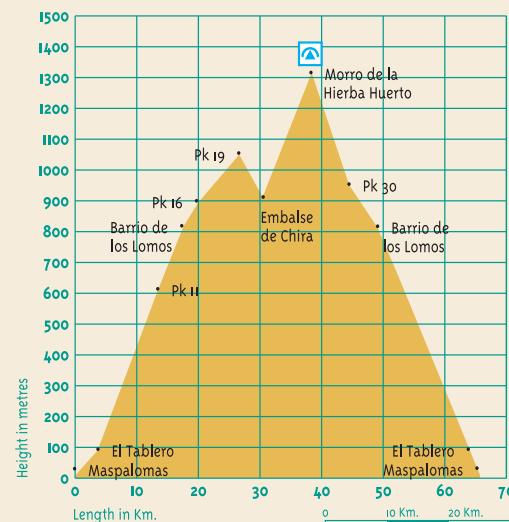
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18	1.60	23.60	920	Crossroads
The track turns to the right and we leave a double exit on the other side. We start a climb of 3 Km. through the pine trees.				
19	3.10	26.70	1050	End of the climb
We get to the top, with a panoramic view on our left over the village of Barranquillo Andrés, and we start the descent towards the Chira Reservoir, which comes into view.				
20	0.80	27.50	975	Crossroads
Straight ahead, ignoring the track on the left.				
21	0.90	28.40	950	Crossroads
We continue to go down, leaving an exit on the left.				
22	1.70	30.10	910	Chira Reservoir
The track becomes an asphalted road and we border the reservoir.				
23	1.10	31.20	930	Cercados de Araña
We go through the village; there is a telephone box on the left. We turn around and return to the crossroads that we left at PK no. 21, at a distance of 2.8 Km. from Cercados de Araña.				
24	2.80	34.00	950	Crossroads
We leave the track and join another, which turns off on our left, and start the hard climb of more than 4 Km., which will take us up to the Morro de la Hierba Huerto.				
We are once again amongst pine trees, inside the Pilancones Natural Park, through which we will ride for quite a while.				
25	2.60	36.60	1200	Turnoff
We turn to the left and keep on gaining height.				
26	1.75	38.35	1315	Morro de la Hierba Huerto
We reach the highest point of the route.				
Our efforts are fully rewarded by the beautiful panoramic view, which reaches from the Roque Nublo, the geographical centre of Gran Canaria, in the north to the southern coast of the island. We return over the track down which we have come until we reach the previous crossroads.				
27	1.75	40.10	1200	Crossroads
We now go straight ahead climbing up.				



pk	Partial	Total	Height	
28	1.60	41.70	1220	Panoramic View
A large pine tree on our left protects us from the sun while we observe a view of the coast, which reaches from Puerto Rico to The Maspalomas Dunes.				
29	0.60	42.30	1180	Crossroads
We continue straight ahead, passing a track on the right, to begin a descent.				
30	2.10	44.40	950	Turnoff
We now take on our right a new semi-abandoned track, (the one that we have come down finishes one kilometre further on, at the bottom of the Ravine or Barranco de Chamoriscán.) A little way further on, we pass a house on our left.				
31	3.70	48.10	850	Turnoff
We are at the same crossroads that corresponds to the PK no. 14 of the route. We now turn to the left and go through Barrio de Los Lomos to return our starting point, riding once again along the GC-604 road.				
32	17.80	65.90	25	Plaza de la Constitución

We could make the itinerary shorter by going to Cercados de Araña by car and commencing a circular route from there:  
 Cercados de Araña (PK n 23)  
 to the crossroads before Barrio de Los Lomos (PK n 31)  
 to the crossroads after Barrio de Los Lomos (PK n14)  
 to Cercados de Araña (PK n 23)  
 In this case, we would do a total of 30.300 Km. and we would avoid the GC-604 road, however it is a road with very little traffic. We can shorten it even more by 3.5 Km. if we do not go up the Morro de la Hierba Huerto, an alternative that would take away a large part of the charm of this excursion.



**MAP KEY**

- Cardonal / Tabaibal
- Palm Grove
- Fruit Trees
- Canes
- Pine Grove
- Bar
- Restaurant
- Crafts
- Provisions
- Recreational Area
- Camping Area
- Medical Care Services
- Water

**PLACES OF INTEREST**

- LANDSCAPE
- BOTANICAL
- GEOLOGICAL
- ARCHAEOLOGICAL
- FAUNA
- TOURIST

**ITINERARY**

- Iti. Main Road
- Iti. Secondary Road
- Iti. Track
- Direction of Itinerary
- Kilometric Point
- Slopes
- Maximum Height above Sea Level
- Caution
- Tunnel
- Petrol Station