




CRUZ DE AGUSTINA-AYAGAURES

 The route is not difficult in itself, but you should allow for the fact that as you will have completed the route from Cruz Grande to the Degollada de Agustina immediately before, the total distance to be covered is much larger (18.8 km).

After having walked through the western section of the Park, you now have to continue slightly further on to start the descent towards Las Tederas and Ayagaures. The path is initially not at all difficult, but it gradually becomes more complicated as it is practically disused, and the only real reference points showing the correct direction are the piles of stones. You will need to make sure you pay attention, as it is easy to make a mistake. An additional difficulty is that the route is downhill all the way. You will need to take care that you do not slip on the stretch down to the dirt track, as the path is in abad state of repair.

There is no coverage for your mobile telephone. Apart from these factors, the descent in principle is easy and becomes clear as you get nearer the end of the route, which is usually the most difficult part, not due to the terrain being difficult, as the last six kilometres are along a dirt track, but due to the accumulated tiredness from the distance covered and the physical effort involved. This route is not at all recommended in hot weather and you will need to make sure you wear sturdy boots. However,

any difficulty is more than compensated by the beauty of the walk and the satisfaction that you will feel at the end of the walk, when you remember the places that you have been through and knowing that you are one of the few privileged people to have walked through this part of the municipal district of San Bartolomé de Tirajana. This area is particularly appreciated by locals and tourists alike.



**GREAT T SPOTTED
WOODPECKER**
(*Dendrocopos major
thanei*)

It lives in the pine forests on the Canary Islands. This bird feeds off insects and larva that it pecks from the bark of the pine trees. It makes its nests in holes in the trunks of old pine trees, where three eggs are laid in spring.

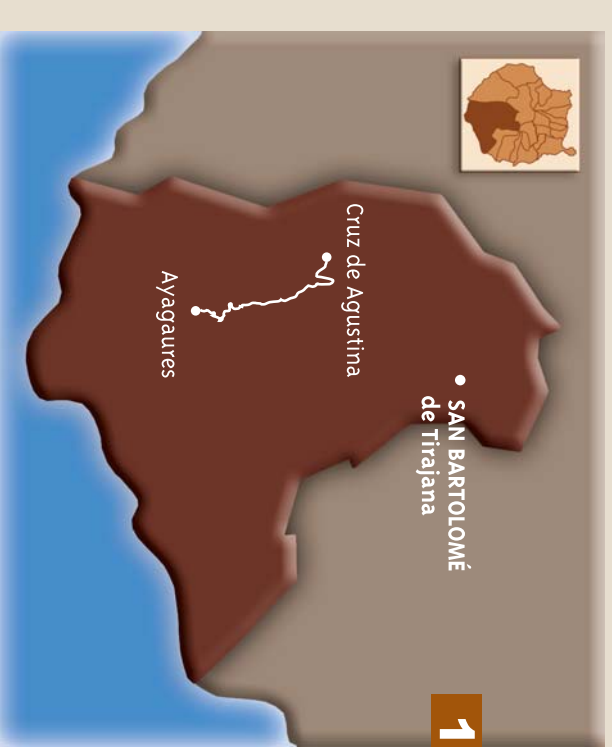
COMMON DANDELION (*sonchus ocaulis*)

It is most probably the most common of the Canary Island dandelions. It can be found throughout Gran Canaria and Tenerife, from the coastal areas to the highest mountain peaks. The common dandelion has hardly any stem and grows in areas with spurges, on the cliffs of the pine forests and in the high mountain thickets, next to the broom and sage. The plant has a rosette-shaped flower and no branches and produces many flowers at the end of spring.



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From Cruz de Agustina along Las Calderetas and Las Tederas to Ayagaures

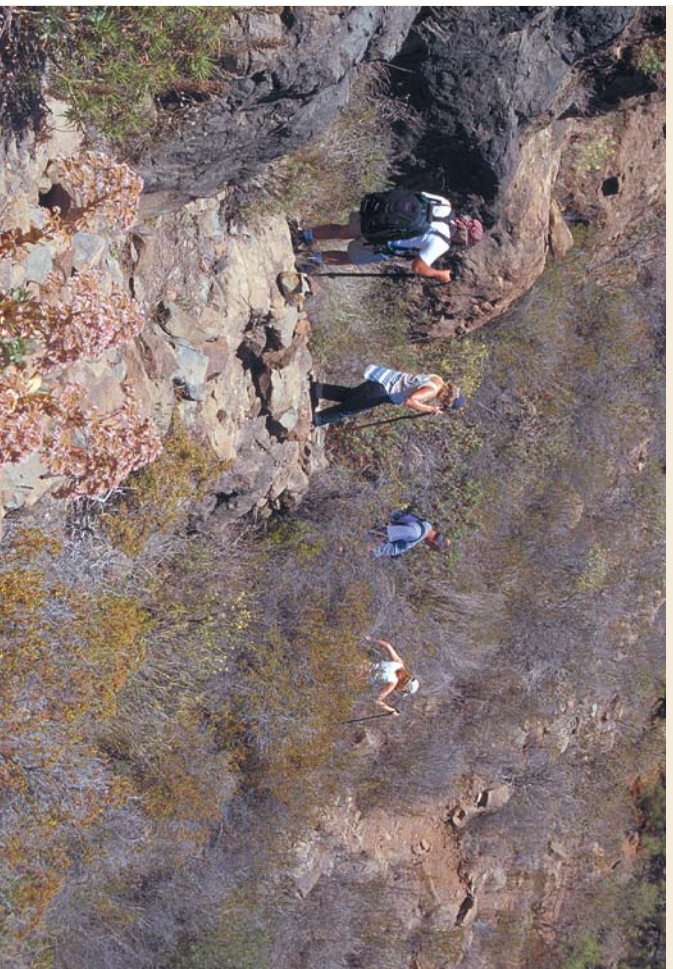
This path links the hamlets of Las Tederas with the upper part of the western area of the municipal district and then goes down to the path that you will take to Ayagaures and allow you to discover the remains of ancient crops.

Length: **8 km** (to which should be added the 9.9 km of the first part, which comes to a total of 17.9 km)

Estimated time: **3 h**

Difficulty: **3 (rather difficult)**

How to get there: The only way there is to complete the route that takes you from Cruz Grande to Degollada de Agustina.



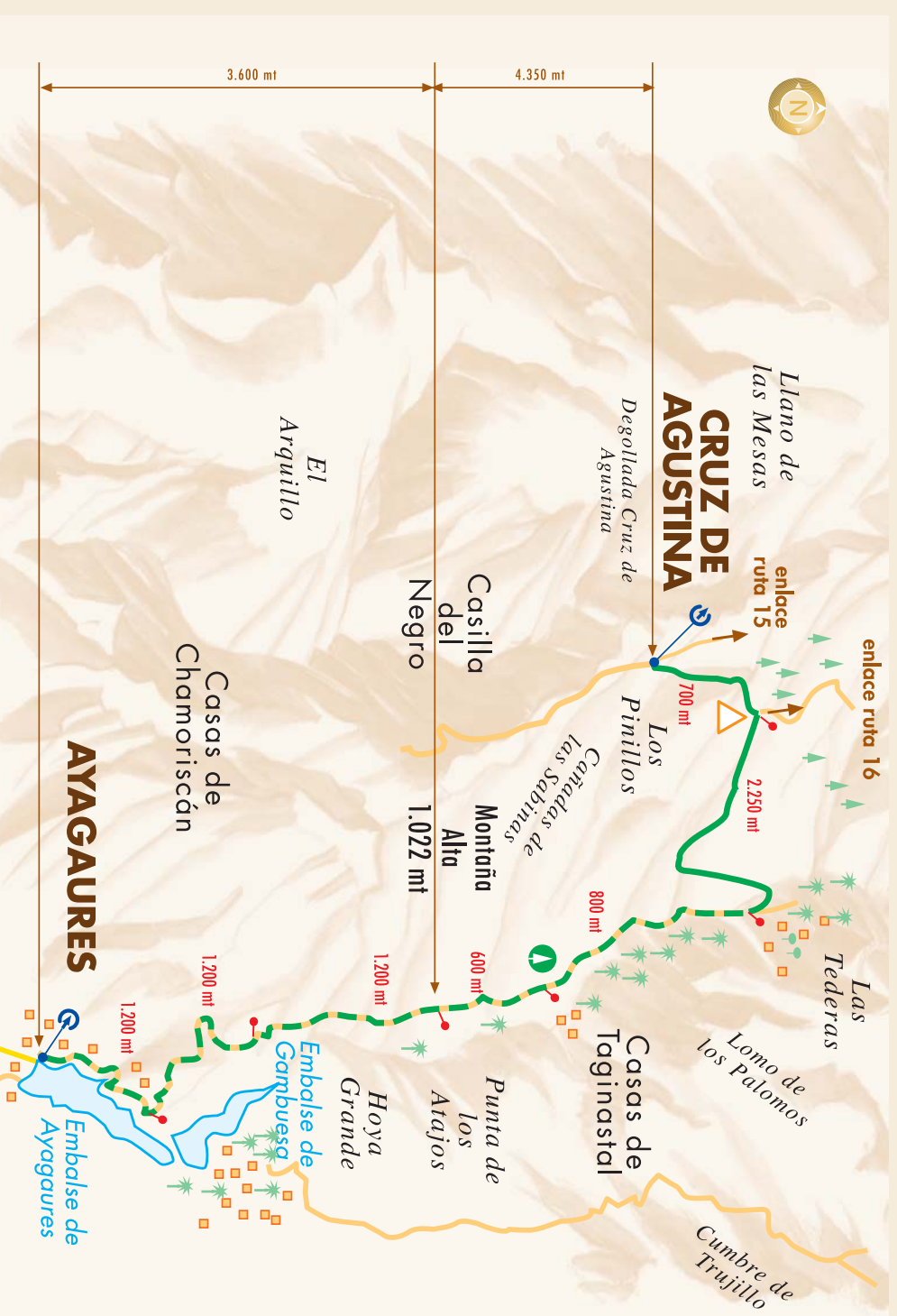
Bajada hacia Las Tederas.



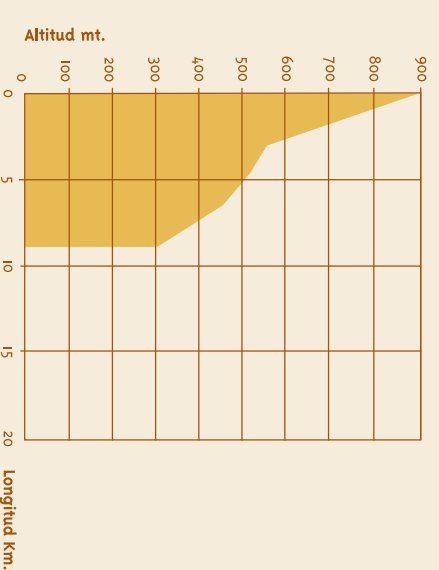
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The route begins from the Degollada de la Cruz de Agustina, which is reached after walking for 9.9 km from Cruz Grande. The path starts to the left, beside small piles of stones with a small wooden cross on its apex. Go down towards the Barranquillo de la Sabinilla for 700 m until you reach a small plateau. There you will have to pay attention as this is where you have to turn right 50 m before reaching the forest track. The path is only marked by some piles of stones. For quite a while, these are the only aids to help you find the way. Roughly 100 m further on, turn right and continue following the piles of stones until you reach the area of Las Calderetas. Here, the path changes direction and goes off to the left. Continue following the piles of stones to make sure you are going in the right direction. As you cross this area, you will go along various stretches of terraced land, which are now abandoned, towards some pine trees that you can see in front of you, 100 m. From here onwards, you will begin to go downwards. Even though it is not dangerous, you will need to pay attention as the path is not in a very good state of repair and you should remember the total distance you have walked. After you have descended a few metres, you will reach the area known as Los Llanos, where you will once again come across the land previously used to grow crops. The path runs along beside a small building that used to be used for livestock. The most difficult part of the descent is now over. The path flattens out now for a while, until it descends again to the track, which you will come on after you have gone round a bend by some houses. "From here, take the dirt track on the right towards Ayagaures. Three hundred yards further on, stop and, enjoy a refreshing dip under

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some small, delightful waterfalls that form on the right-hand side after periods of heavy rain. There is 5.6 km left from here to Ayagaures. The path goes past the small hamlets of Casas del Taginastal to your right and on the other side of the ravine. Close to Ayagaures, on the other side of the ravine, you will be able to see Ayagaures Alto, a group of typical rural houses, standing among a magnificent palm grove.



MAPKEY

- (Canarian Vegetation)
- Cardonal/ Tababai
- Palm Grove
- Fruit Trees
- Canes
- Pine Grove
- Bar
- Restaurant
- Crafts
- Provisions
- Recreational Area
- Camping Area
- Medical Care Services

PLACES OF INTEREST

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

ITINERARY

- Main Road
- Secondary Road
- Track
- Itinerary
- Alternative itinerary
- Direction of itinerary
- Partial Distance
- Total Distance
- Caution
- Danger