
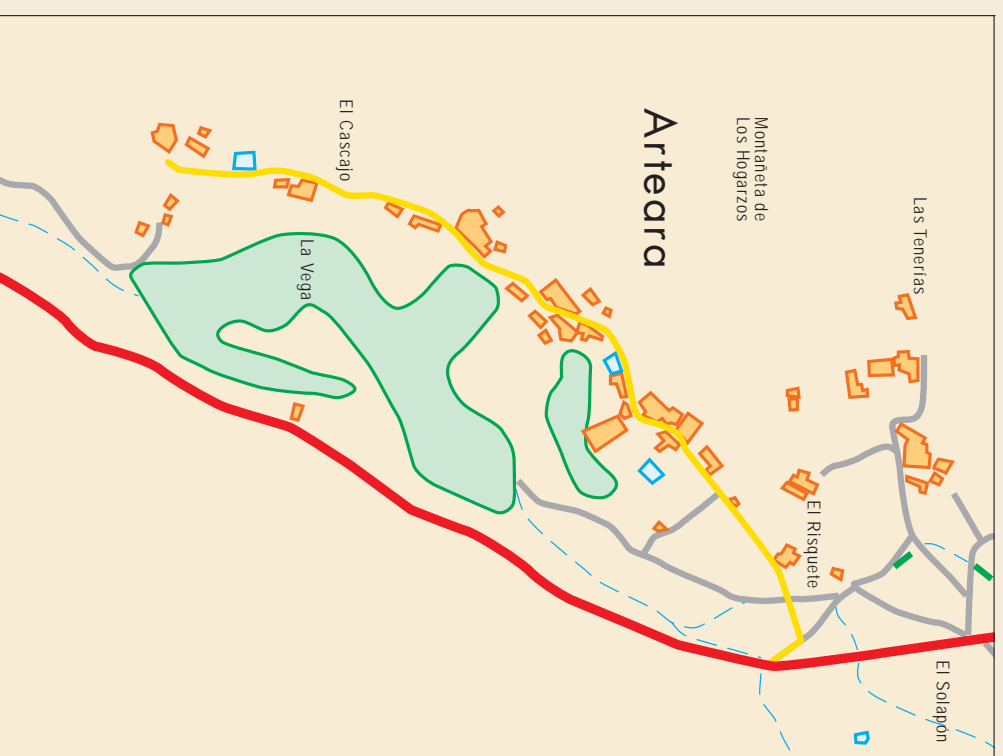




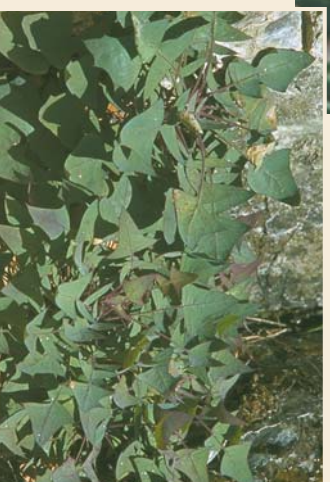
## SAN BARTOLOMÉ DE TIRAJANA-ARTEARA

 You will find that there is coverage for your mobile telephone along nearly all the route, even though it may disappear temporarily as you go along the bottom of a ravine. The route is rather difficult, particularly in the last stretch, where the path is not well marked and you will therefore need to take particular care. This stretch of the path is over an area with a lot of loose stones and there is a risk of slipping. Due to the lack of water along the route, which is long, you have to make sure that you take enough with you. This route is not recommended when the weather is very hot.



### GRAN CANARIA EVERLASTING PLANT (*limonium preauxii*)

This species, which is one of the many everlasting plants to be found on the Canary Islands, is common in some parts of the southern part of Gran Canaria, in the west of Tirajana and particularly in the Ravine or Barranco de Fataga. It is a very attractive plant, either as a garden plant or in a bunch of flowers. No medicinal properties are known.



It is particularly common in the Barranco de Fataga, where there are plants with woody shoots of up to 3 metres in length.

### CLIFF SOW THISTLE (*prenanthes pendula*)

It is common on the cliffs of the southern areas of Gran Canaria, between the valley of Tirajana and "Agate". It is a difficult plant, that may not even be a member of the prenanthes family, a climbing shrub with a woody base that is often found with other cliff plants such as convulvus and micromeria.

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## SAN BARTOLOMÉ DE TIRAJANA ARTEARA

From San Bartolomé over the Degollada de Manzanilla and Degollada de la Yegua to Arteara

This route takes you from San Bartolomé towards the coastal area, but along the upper part, with its magnificent views over the Ravines or Barrancos de Fataga and Vicentillos from a truly unique perspective. The climb up through the Degollada de Manzanilla to enter Plancones from this point is worth a mention.

Length: **14,8 km.**

Estimated time: **5 h.**

Difficulty: **3. (rather difficult)**

How to get there: Leaving Maspalomas at 08.00 hours, catch the Global bus no. 18 from the Viuda de Franco to San Bartolomé de Tirajana. Once you have reached Arteara, you can catch the same number bus back down to the coast.

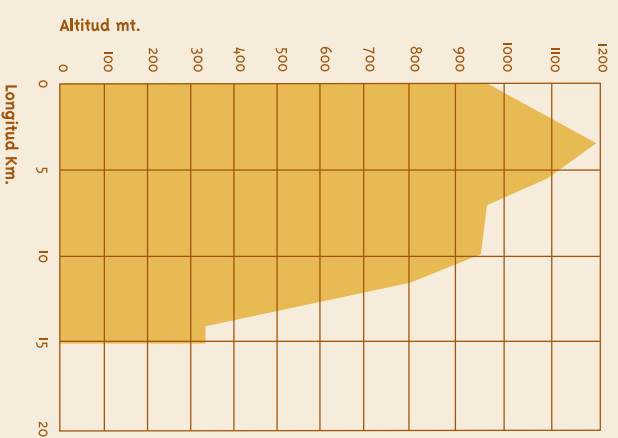




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The route starts along the dirt track known as the Camino del Pinar in San Bartolomé de Tirajana. After leaving fields with crops (almonds, oranges, etc) on your right, you will come to another path leading off to the right (280 metres). The vegetation in this area is completely made up of the Canary Island incense plant, heather, so re l, bugloss, broom, etc. 570 metres further on, a path leads off to your left and you should carry on for a further 200 metres, until you come to a concrete path. There is a farm on your left, which is marked with a number 6. Shortly afterwards, you will return to a dirt track and begin the climb upwards towards the col known as the Degollada de Manzanilla. As you climb up, you will see the Maspalomas Lighthouse and Dunes in the background, Santa Lucia to your left and part of the Caldera de Tirajana. From here onwards, the lower woodland gradually becomes the pine forest. Various reservoirs are located on your left, where water is sto red to irrigate small plots of farming land. 2,350 metres further on, you will see a small fountain, called the Fuente del Solapón, on your right. From this point onwards, the ascent begins, and the dirt track is now a path to the Degollada de Manzanilla. This part of the climb takes 15 minutes. Once you have reached the top, you will see a sign informing you that you are entering the Plancones Natural Park, and fantastic views over the park can be enjoyed from here. Six hundred metres further on, take the dirt track that goes off to the left. The path to the right goes down to the lower path through the Park. Continue along the track for 200 metres. You will have come to a sign now with the wording Monte del Cabildo Mesas y Mesitas. Carry on along the track and past several paths that lead off to the left. The vegetation in this area is now made up of species of spurge, asphodels, lavender, crimson spot rockrose and other species of rockrose and pine trees. You can once again see the Maspalomas Lighthouse and Dunes in the background. The ruins of some old houses, the Casas de las Mesas, can be seen by the junction with the next path that leads off to the right. Roughly 700 metres later, the track turns to the left and the path that carries straight on comes to a dead end. This is the beginning of the downward stretch across the Barranco de Vicentillos. You will then come to the Degollada de Las Yeguas, which is an ideal spot to rest while enjoying the views over the Barranco de Fataga. Carry on along the track until you reach the end. "From here onwards, you will need to pay special attention and make sure you find the small path that crosses over a small hillock that is in front of you. The path you are looking for is only marked by mounds of stones. A hint: this path runs

off to the left. Carry on for a further 400 metres until you reach a type of spur. From there enjoy magnificent views over the Ravines or Barrancos de Vicentillos and de Vicentes, and even the Barranco de Ayagaures can be made out. Turn left here and take the path that takes you down to the Degollada del Carito (1,050 m). The path runs close to two pine trees that act as a reference point and continues down towards Arteara, a village that can be made out in the distance. Care needs to be taken over this stretch of the path due to the loose stones, which could easily cause you to slip. Landslides are common in this area and the path is marked by piles of stones and various white-paint marks. Once you reach the dirt track that goes to Ayagaures, turn left and carry on for about 20 metres, where you will come to some narrow pipas on the right. Follow the pipas until you reach a small col, from where you can see a house standing out against the bottom of the ravine on your right. Carry' on towards the house. You will there find the tarmac track that runs through Arteara. There are 800 metres from here to the main road.



### MAPKEY

- (Canarian Vegetation)
- Cardonal/ Tabajbal
- 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