

# **Rural Rambles Guia de Isora Tenerife**

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# Waveney Ramblers    Guia de Isora 0    Tenerife - Guia de Isora

OS Map:    Track:    [GPX for SatNav](#)    Various Miles    Updated: 2020-02-09

Guia de Isora is a small town, off the main tourist track. The town is 2000 feet above sea level. The time zone is GMT or BST. As it's 16 degrees west, astronomical noon in winter is at 13:15. Dawn and dusk are over an hour late too.

As a walking base, it has many advantages. Downhill walks go into farm land, vineyards and banana plantations and eventually to the coast. These walks are mainly on quiet tarmac lanes. Uphill walks reach the pine forests and the cloud layer at 4000 feet. There are lots of old donkey tracks with lava stone walls on each side as well as quiet gravel and tarmac lanes. Several of the walks logged here include shorter versions for the less fit. Other than ambling round the town, all the walks all have significant climbs or drops. It's hard to do a walk with less than 1000 feet ascent or descent.

There is a useful bus service which greatly extends the walking possibilities. There are buses to the main resorts of Los Gigantes and Costa Adeje. Two routes go up to Santiago del Teide where there are yet more walks. The bus to Vera de Erques adds another option.

A hand-held GPS or mobile phone app is recommended. Even with the satnav, I took wrong turnings but these became evident after a few tens of metres. There is a lot of scope for getting lost in the hills, especially in the fog zone above 4000 feet when it's easy to get disoriented. Most of the footpaths are dead ends leading to agricultural terraces. Finding a way through by chance is unlikely.

All the walks in this guide have been shared on Wikiloc. They have a free app for iPhone and Android. The walks were recorded on a Garmin eTrex-20. The track logs are available from this website as GPX which is compatible with Garmin devices. Also as KML for use with the free Google Earth Desktop Pro' which works on PC, Mac and Linux. Garmin devices work better than phone apps. If the phone loses signal, you may be doomed. And the Garmin GPS is mostly more accurate too. Loss of GPS satellite signals is rare. Many of the paths are way-marked but most of these walks soon deviate off the way-marked trails.

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RISKS: Fog at altitude. Calima Sahara desert irritant dust. Rocky paths. Steep drops. Traffic on roads. Errors in the logs. GPS failure. Please take care to stay safe. These walks are a record of what I did. That does not mean these routes will be safe or legal in the future. At the time of recording I was 66 years old and could safely have lost a stone or two. Younger, fitter, thinner walkers should find these routes easy enough and even combine walks for a longer day out. The risk that frightened me most was road traffic!

MAPS: OpenStreetMap has most of the roads and footpaths in the area. These are uploaded by the community and it's a fantastic resource. I spent a few days logging dead end paths to save the community from wasted effort. I've added missing features too. These maps are superior to Google and Bing due to the crowd-source effort.

WEATHER: Check Google for atmospheric dust forecasts. Saharan dust is sometimes blown in and these conditions are not ideal for the most strenuous walks. Some people react badly to this weather.

ACCOMMODATION: I stayed at 1 Calle Campo, Apartment Teide 3 <https://www.airbnb.co.uk/rooms/10657565> There are three airbnb apartments in this building if a larger group would like to visit.

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The earlier walks in this collection descend on tarmac instead of the rocky paths. This is to save wear and tear on knees accustomed to walking on flat terrain. The later walks are harder. There are three respite walks, 100% on tarmac lanes if your knees need some recovery time. And some variety is good too. Many walks are circular starting from Guia de Isora. The rest use a bus to head out and the walk returns to Guia de Isora.

For residents near Los Gigantes, walks 4, 8, 10, 17 and 23 could be reversed and walks 14 and 19 could be modified. Get a bus up to Guia de Isora, Tamiamo, Santiago del Teide or Valle de Arriba and walk back to the resort. These walks would be mostly downhill with superb views of the coast. Combine walks 14 and 8 for the greatest variety with lava flows, pine woods, galerias (water mines) and lowland farms and banana plantations. Walks 19 and 17 could be combined. Use bus routes 325, 462, 493 and 494.

You'd need a 3 or 4 week visit to do all these walks. For a shorter trip some walks stand out. Walks 13, 14 and 17 are particularly good if you are fit enough. Walk 23 was not so good, on lanes with a bit too much traffic.

- 1    2.0 miles. Walk around the town on roads with 100 metres of ascent and descent.
- 2    2.5 or 4 miles. Walk to Aripe and Chirche with a 200 or 300 metres climb on rocky paths. Descend on tarmac.
- 3    6.5 miles. 657 metres up on rocky paths. Return on rocky paths, then tarmac.
- 4    6.5 miles. Bus + Walk on tarmac climbing 722 metres and descending 189 metres.
- 5    4.0 miles. 384 metres ascent and descent. A walk to Chirche mostly avoiding tarmac.
- 6    6 to 8 miles. 590 to 880 metres ascent and descent. Rocky ridge paths east of Guia de Isora.
- 7    7.5 miles. 570 metres up and down. North from Guia de Isora to Chio and Chiguergue. Paths and tarmac.
- 8    8.0 miles. 830 m up and 230 m down. A climb on tarmac then a fairly level walk on paths and dirt roads.
- 9    3.6 miles. 280 metres up and down. A circular walk to Aripe ascending on a different path.
- 10    7.0 miles. 680 m up and 140 m down. Walk on along the coast then on lanes, some steep near Guia de Isora.
- 11    10 miles. 873 metres up and down. This is quite strenuous. Walk to Chio, then up to a galeria and down to Aripe.
- 12    2 to 5 miles. Up to 440 metres up and down. Walk to El Pozo and El Jaral. There is an avoidable steep path.
- 13    8.3 miles. 777 metres up and down. Strenuous walking up through the pines and down a ridge.
- 14    10 miles. 450 m up and 850 m down. Lava flows, pine woods, Chio village and a farm track.
- 15    5.0 miles. 440 m up and down. A longer circular route up to Chirche and back.
- 16    4.0 miles. 300 metres up and down. Visit Chiguergue and Aripe.
- 17    10 miles. 1025 m up and 687 down. Great variety but this is long with a lot of climbing.
- 18    7.0 miles. 630 m up and 895 m down. A very nice walk, steep in a couple of places. Good views.
- 19    8.3 miles. 420 m up and 740 m down. Climb the hill with the TF-1 in a tunnel underneath.
- 20    9.0 miles, 360 m up and 840 m down. Not too strenuous. Pine woods. Damp and cool if foggy.
- 21    10 miles. 1040 metres up and down. Visit a galeria and climb to 1060 metres in the pines. Strenuous.
- 22    6.5 miles. 330 m up and 810 m down. Pine woods, damp and cool if foggy.
- 23    9.0 miles. A good farm track then the least pleasant route to the coast on lanes with traffic.
- 24    7 miles. 600 metres up and down. Visit a galeria above Chirche and return on a different path.

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# Waveney Ramblers    Guia de Isora 0    Guia de Isora Bus Routes

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The bus company is Titsa (<https://titsa.com>) and parts of the website are in English.

Get a Ten+ card if you are going to use the buses more than once or twice.

The card works like oyster cards in London and costs EUR 2.

There is a vending machine at the south airport bus stop.

You have to buy the card and then top it up with two separate transactions.

Be careful not to remove your card until prompted or you will lose your money.

You can pay cash on the bus but it's more expensive.

You'll save the 2 euro initial cost in a couple of bus rides.

Several bus routes are useful.

From Guia de Isora ...

417 to Costa Adeje.

460 to Icod via Santiago del Teide.

462 to Santiago del Teide, Valle de Arriba and then to Los Gigantes.

490 to Vera De Erques.

493 to Los Gigantes via Playa San Juan.

494 to Los Gigantes via Piedra Hincada and Playa San Juan.

Pay attention to the timetable. Some buses go via Calle Campo and others via Avenida Isora. If in doubt go to the bus station.

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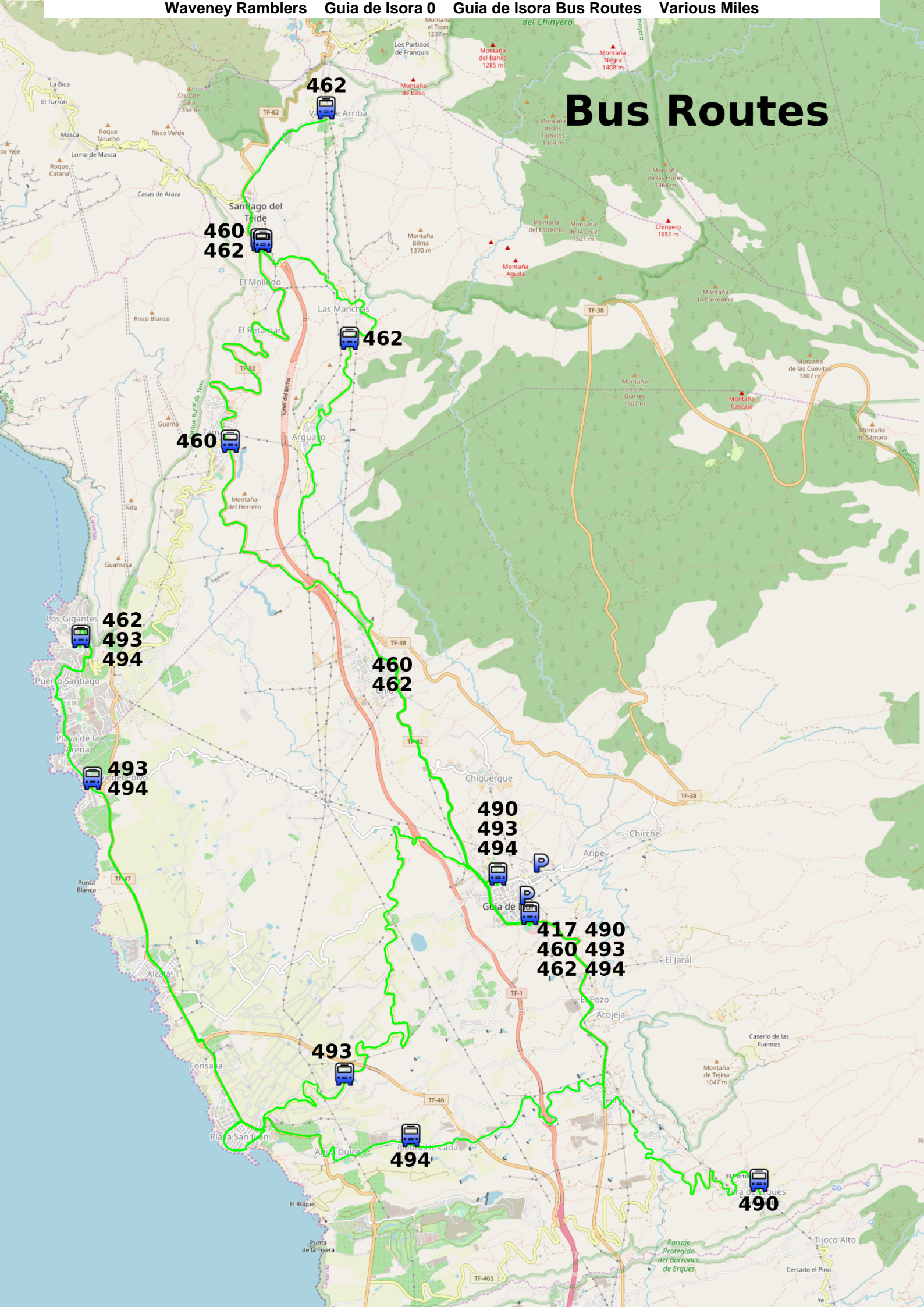
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# Bus Routes





# Waveney Ramblers    Guia de Isora 1    Guia de Isora Town

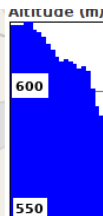
OS Map:    Track:    [GPX for SatNav](#)    2 Miles    Updated: 2020-01-15

This walk hardly merits a report. It totals two miles, ambling along the two main streets in Guia de Isora.

On the route there are several cafe / bar / restaurant establishments, a couple of pizza and chicken take-aways, one big supermarket and several little ones and a few other shops for furniture, electrical goods, computers, iron mongers and finally very few tourist tat shops. At the eastern end of the walk is the attractive bus station with no facilities and a well kept cemetery in classic Spanish style.

Even this walk has about 100 metres / 300 feet of ascent and descent.





**Guía de Isora Town  
2 Miles - Guía de Isora - 1  
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# Waveney Ramblers    Guia de Isora 2    Guia Chirche Aripe

OS Map:    Track:    [GPX for SatNav](#)    3.7 Miles    Updated: 2020-01-15

This is a good starter walk, especially if your normal terrain is flat. This walk is just under 6 km with 305 metres of ascent. And there is a short cut if you run out of puff reducing the walk to 4 km with 200 metres of ascent. The main ascent is on a rocky path, typical for the area. The descent is on tarmac with, optionally, two short rocky path legs.

Head south-east from the bus stop along Calle del Campo.

Turn left, north-east, along Villanueva.

Turn right, south, along El Mentidero

Turn left, east, along El Almacigo. Follow the road as it bends right, south-east.

Continue south-east dipping down to the ravine. On the far side, you'll pass a sizeable car park.

Head south along Calle Don Manuel Gorillo.

Turn left and head up Calle Las Britas, north-east.

At the end of this road, ignore the footpath to the left and head straight through what looks like a private front yard. Just after this, there are footpath signposts.

Head roughly east along this footpath. At more signposts and an obvious junction, head north-east and start the main ascent.

Continue roughly north-east. At yet more signs, decide whether to take the short route via Aripe or the longer via Chirche.

The shorter walk, left branch via Aripe, soon takes you to the tarmac road where you can head left, south-west, back to Guia de Isora.

The longer walk, right branch via Chirche, continues up hill, east, south and finally north-east again.

Follow this path all the way to Chirche. Near the village drop down and cross the ravine. A sign warns that this is dangerous in rare heavy rains.

At the tarmac road, turn left, and head downhill back to Guia de Isora. This road is not busy but a sign warns that there is traffic. Health and safety has reached Spain!

On the way down, there are two bars for refreshments and a sizeable water works with hundreds of feeder pipes gurgling and hissing with the water flow.

Head down to the centre of the town and back to the bus stop. Bear right and down hill at a couple of junctions.

In Guia de Isora there are the usual shops, bars and supermarkets. As this is not a tourist town, the resort tat is happily absent.

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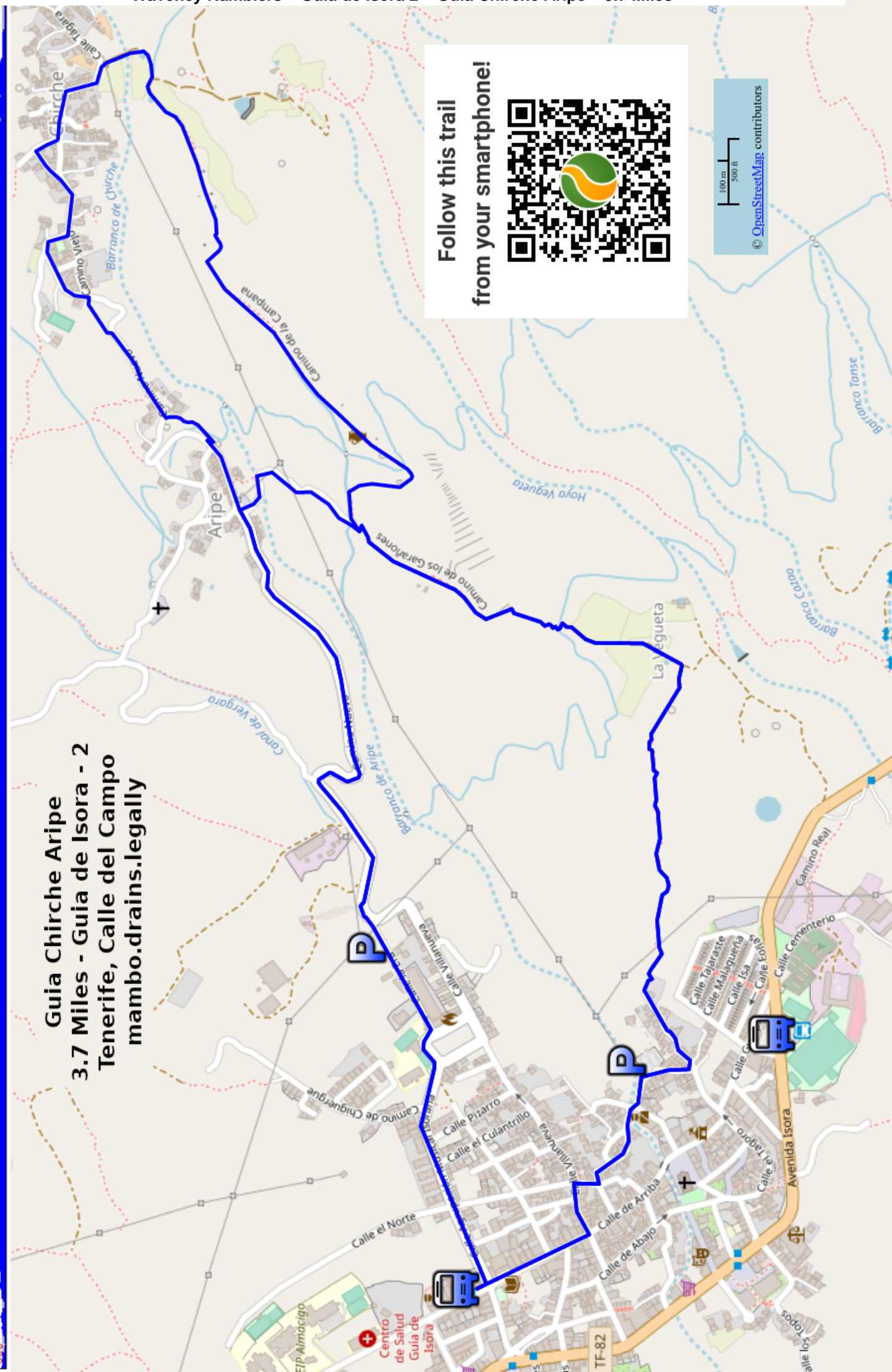
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**Guía Chirche Aripe**  
**3.7 Miles - Guía de Isora - 2**  
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# Waveney Ramblers    Guia de Isora 3    Guia de Isora Restaurante las Estrellas

OS Map:    Track:    [GPX for SatNav](#)    6.5 Miles    Updated: 2020-01-14

From the bus stop, head NE along Musical Isorana.

Take the second left into Camino Chiguergue, roughly north.

Just after house number 41 before the cul-de-sac sign, turn left onto a non-obvious footpath and head north uphill.

Merge with a field access track and continue roughly north. Join a larger track and turn left, NW.

Follow this NW and north with a few zig zags. At Calle San Pedro turn right, east for 500 metres.

Turn left, north, on a footpath. After about 400 metres cross a small canal and continue north.

The path bends right, NE and meets the TF-38 main road up to Teide.

Cross over and continue NE on the same footpath. There is another canal crossing.

The path meets another. Continue NE and then bear left NW.

At the next junction, turn right, roughly east and head up to the TF-38 again.

At the main road turn right, downhill and very soon left, uphill again, NE.

After about 500 metres, bear right and start the downhill stretch, SW and south.

Join the TF-38 and head downhill to the Restaurante las Estrellas.

After refreshments (optional) continue down the TF-38.

430 metres after the restaurant, turn right, SW, onto a footpath and head downhill.

Cross the TF-38 and continue on a non-obvious path, SW, which soon joins a tarmac lane.

Follow this lane to the Mirador. Continue downhill, SE, on a footpath.

Emerge into Chirche and head downhill, SW all the way to Guia de Isora.

There are two short optional off-road footpath bypasses.

In Guia de Isora, keep right to rejoin Musical Isorana and head back to the bus stop.

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**Guia de Isora Restaurante las Estrella**  
**6.5 Miles - Guia de Isora - 3**  
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# Waveney Ramblers    Guia de Isora 4    Los Gigantes to Guia de Isora

OS Map:    Track:    [GPX for SatNav](#)    6.5 Miles    Updated: 2020-01-16

Walking: 722 metres ascent (2370 ft). 189 metres descent (620 ft).

There are five walks to the coast in this guidebook. This one is probably the easiest and quite pleasant. The short section of road between the TF-1 and Guia de Isora is busier but there is a wide verge for a lot of this section. The start of the walk through Los Gigantes and along the coast road is less interesting.

Of course this walk can be done in reverse for a much less arduous outing.

The route is all on tarmac. It's useful if you'd like a break from the rocky paths at higher altitude.

In winter, you may notice a welcome temperature drop as you gain altitude.

Catch the 493 or 494 bus from Guia de Isora bus station down to Los Gigantes. Get off at the last stop. Both buses go via Playa San Juan. The 494 goes via Piedra Hincada.

Follow the coast south using any route that takes your fancy.  
Envy the sun bathers filling their arteries with cholesterol and getting fat.  
Anticipate the 2000 foot climb to come.

At the southern end of La Arena, bear left on the main road to join the coast road TF-47, NE.  
Cross using the footbridge.  
In the little village, turn right, south, along Calle del Agua.  
After 100 metres the road bends left, east, and the main ascent begins.  
Ignore the many entrances to banana plantations and other farms.

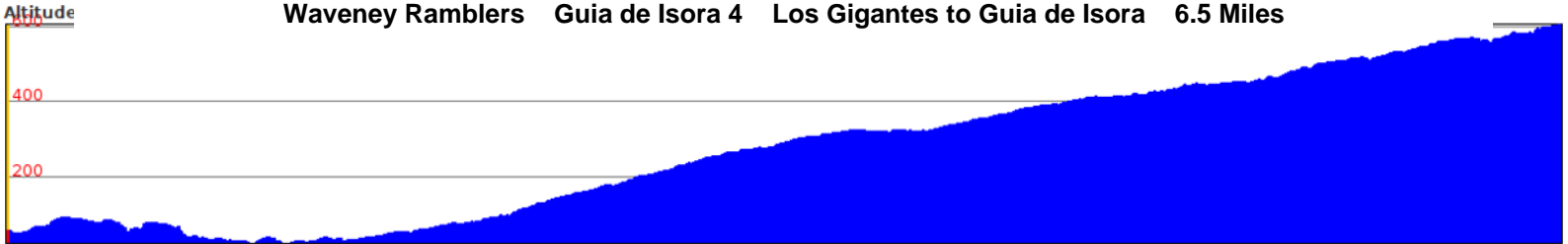
The view improves as you gain altitude. Remember to look behind you!

There are few road junctions. At the first turn left, north.  
The next joins a slightly busier road, turn right, SE.

Continue SE all the way to Guia de Isora.  
The road wiggles due to the terrain but averages SE.

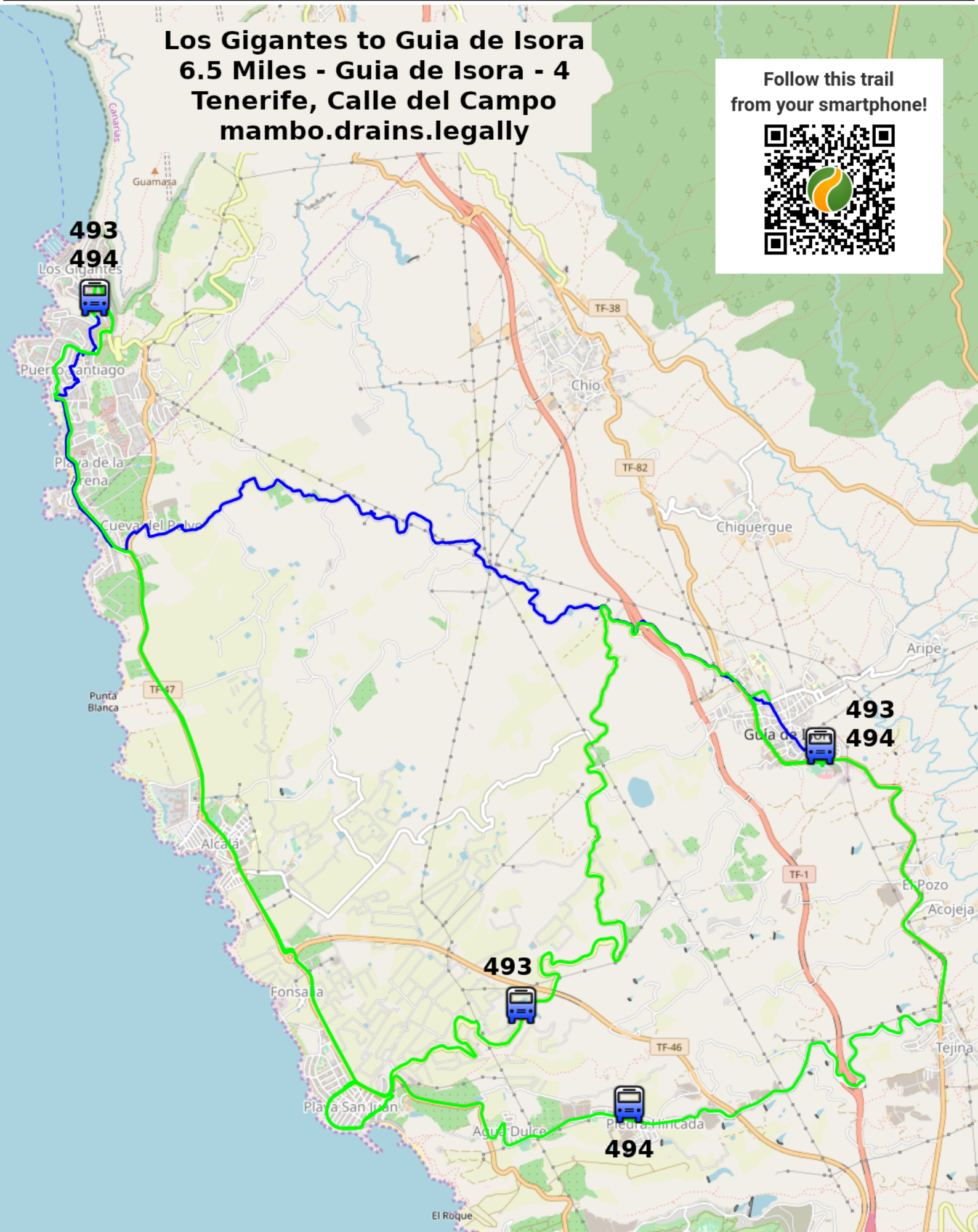
Cross under the TF-1 and head into town on this busier road.





**Los Gigantes to Guía de Isora**  
**6.5 Miles - Guía de Isora - 4**  
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# Waveney Ramblers    Guia de Isora 5    Guia de Isora - Wider Circular

OS Map:    Track:    [GPX for SatNav](#)    4 Miles    Updated: 2020-01-16

384 metres ascent and descent.

From the bus stop, head SE along Calle del Campo.

Turn left, NE, into Calle Chajajo.

Go straight over the crossroads into Calle Almacigo and drop down into the ravine.

Head past the car park along Calle Dom Manuel Gorillo.

At the T junction, turn left, NE, along Calle las Britas.

Ignore the footpath left, and head through what looks like a private front yard.

The footpath signposts are just after this yard.

Head roughly east along the lava rocky path for about 500 metres.

At more signposts head downhill, south, for 70 metres.

Double back onto a footpath, east. Don't use the access road to the farm.

The footpath climbs and swings NE.

At vineyards, zig zag past the terraces and head north towards Chirche.

Cross the ravine, dangerous in rare flash floods and head up to the road.

In the village, head left on the tarmac road.

At the third side road, for an easier walk, head down on the main road back to Guia de Isora.

For a more attractive descent, turn right, NW, up Calle el Roquillo.

After 500 metres, turn left, SW.

The path joins pipes leading down to the water works.

Follow the pipes, SW, all the way down.

There is one little used stretch but the overgrown path was passable with care.

The path opens out onto a wider concrete and stone road which joins the main road down.

Head down into Guia de Isora, keeping right and downhill to reach the bus stop.

The map shows an optional alternative way down for variety.

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4 Miles - Guia de Isora - 5  
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# Waveney Ramblers    Guia de Isora 6    Guia Jaral Chirche A B C

OS Map:    Track:    [GPX for SatNav](#)    7.6 Miles    Updated: 2020-01-16

Walks A, B, C. The paths are mostly rocky lava.

A) 9 km, 560 metres ascent on poor paths - not recommended.

B) 11.0 km, 693 metres on a good path.

C) 11.8 km, 876 metres on a good path.

One short section shared by vehicles was a little slippery.

The legs between two ridges were narrower with steep drops, especially route A. There's a vertigo risk but it's fine for regular mountain walkers. The shortest version of this walk (A) is not recommended. The path was not in great condition.

Starting from Calle Campo, head SW dropping down to the main road and head to the bus station.

From the bus station, head SW along the main road for 740 metres.

Cross a ravine and straight after the road bridge, turn left uphill on a footpath. Not down to the farm!

The path zigzags up and then heads roughly east, up the ridge with the ravine on the left.

After 400 metres bear right away from the ravine ignoring the way marks.

Follow this path, later skirting farm land until it meets a concrete road.

Head uphill on the concrete but don't bear left to the house.

Before the corner, bear right and head roughly east on a good path into another ravine.

This comes out on a road. Head briefly south and join the main road into El Jaral, east, uphill.

At the Y junction take the right fork uphill to the village. Later take another right fork still heading up.

The road ends and the footpath continues up the ridge, NE for 500 metres.

The footpath crosses a tarmac road. Continue ahead on the footpath on the ridge, NE for another 550 metres.

At a junction decide whether to do the extra 600 metres and 150 metres ascent.

ROUTE B: Turn left, north, and follow the path which crosses several ravines.

This path is narrower with a slight risk of vertigo if you don't like steep drops.

After the ravine crossings, the narrow path meets a road wide enough for 4x4 vehicles.

Head west downhill following the ridge.

ROUTE C: Continue ahead, uphill. There is a right left zigzag. At a building, turn left, west, and start downhill on a small path. Join the road wide enough for 4x4 vehicles.

BOTH: The surface has been disturbed by traffic and is unstable so take care to avoid involuntary sitting.

Near Chirche, head north across the ravine that's dangerous in flash floods.

Head downhill on the tarmac road through the village.

The walk can be shortened slightly by following the road all the way to Guia de Isora.

A prettier way home leads up Calle el Roquillo, NW. 500 metres up this path, turn left, SW, and head downhill.

The footpath joins the pipes down to the waterworks.

330 metres from the crossroads, bear right away from the pipes, NW for 460 metres.

At a tarmac lane, turn left, SE for 80 metres. Turn right, SW, on the footpath downhill.

Follow this all the way to the waterworks. Head SE to join the main tarmac road down.

Head downhill keeping right to get back to the Calle Campo bus stop.

Alternatively zigzag through the town back to the bus station.

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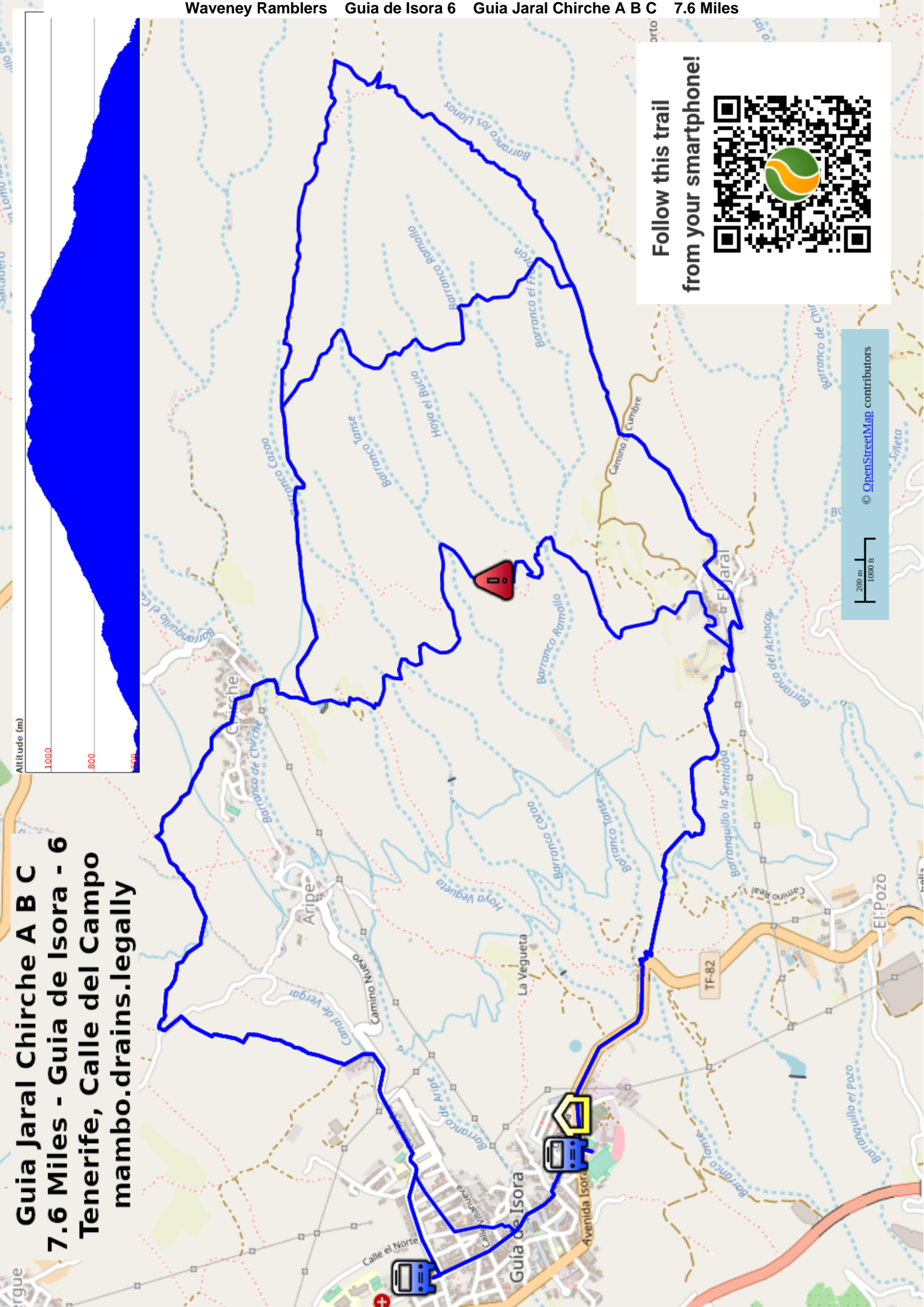
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**Guia Jaral Chirche A B C**  
**7.6 Miles - Guia de Isora - 6**  
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# Waveney Ramblers    Guia de Isora 7    Guia Chio Chiguergue

OS Map:    Track:    [GPX for SatNav](#)    7.5 Miles    Updated: 2020-01-16

7.5 Miles, 579 metres ascent / descent

From the bus stop, head west down to the main road, TF-82.

Head NW out of town along the TF-82.

A parallel road bypasses the main road for 250 metres.

540 metres from the junction at the edge of the town, turn left onto a farm track.

Head NW, at first on tarmac, but soon on gravel.

As you approach Chio, turn left, NW, along a footpath that runs below the village.

At a tarmac lane, turn right, NE and soon north.

This road passes some houses, then turns back into the original footpath, north.

The path converges with the TF-1.

Opposite a slip road, turn right, NE, uphill on an easily missed footpath.

This path is not much used and is a little overgrown.

Head towards a fluorescent bile yellow painted house and hope it hasn't been repainted.

Cross the TF-82. The path across the road is a little to the left.

Continue uphill, NE, on the footpath.

Cross the TF-375. Again the path ahead is 30 metres left. Continue uphill, NE.

There are more partial blockages on this little used path but it is possible to get through.

The path climbs, NE, and reaches a canal.

Cross the canal and a little ahead, turn right, SE, on a much better path.

Head roughly south back to Chio.

The branch in the track was the lunch stop with level places to sit.

Cross the TF-38 again and head south downhill.

The recorded track log goes through the narrow village streets.

It's also possible to walk along the main road.

At the south end of the village, turn onto Calle el Roquillo, uphill, east.

This track gradually veers south and the tarmac ends. Follow the rocky trail.

Later there is more tarmac and you join a larger road. Head SE to Chiguergue.

In the village avoid the steep drops left, SW. Continue SE also down a steep drop.

440 metres after the village edge, just after a house, turn right, south on a concrete road.

After a few metres the concrete ends and a footpath continues.

Follow this downhill, roughly south soon joining a wider track, SE, that leads to the water works.

After a cluster of farms, turn right, SW, onto a field access track.

Just before the field entrance, bear left onto a footpath, roughly south.

This emerges into Camino Chiguergue. Head SW, downhill.

Turn right onto Avenida Musical Isorana and head back to the bus stop.

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# Waveney Ramblers    Guia de Isora 8    Los Gigantes Chio Guia de Isora

OS Map:    Track:    [GPX for SatNav](#)    7.9 Miles    Updated: 2020-01-17

830 metres ascent, 291 descent.

There are five coast walks in this guide. This one is longer and very attractive. The parallel water pipes were making wonderful noises. There is one leg on the TF-454 which needs extra care. Avoid busy times.

Catch the 493 or 494 bus (via Piedra Hincada) from Guia de Isora to Los Gigantes. The 494 at 07:35 is good. The walk starts after the school run but before all the tourists are out in their hire cars. The bus will be full of kids going to school though.

From the terminus in Los Gigantes, head uphill and zigzag out of the town on the main road to Tamaimo. Most of the time, there's a verge where walkers can dodge the traffic. Try to avoid busy times.

Turn right off the TF-454 and dip down onto Calle la Caldera, east and soon south uphill again.

Follow this lane through the banana plantations.

There are not many branches off this quiet road so the map should be easy to follow.

Eventually the lane joins the busier TF-82. Head SE to the TF-1.

Cross the TF-1 using the roundabouts and over-bridges.

Continue SE along the TF-82.

About 100 metres from the second roundabout, turn right, south, onto a dead end road (for cars).

Follow this to the end of the tarmac and then continue on the footpath.

Head roughly south through Chio.

Once you reach Calle Tomateros, look for a left turn, SE into Calle Simon Bolivar.

This road soon reverts to the footpath. Don't re-cross the TF-1.

The path drops down into a ravine and another footpath crosses.

The crossing path leads down under the TF-1 and up into Chio.

Follow the footpath, east and soon SE, all the way to Guia de Isora.

Later it's wide enough for vehicles.

Finally you have a short leg on the TF-82, SE.

After 300 metres you can escape onto a quiet parallel road.

There was a bar/restaurant that looked nice on the this parallel road.

Back in Guia de Isora, head back to the bus stop.

If you set out at 07:35, it should be time for lunch when you arrive.

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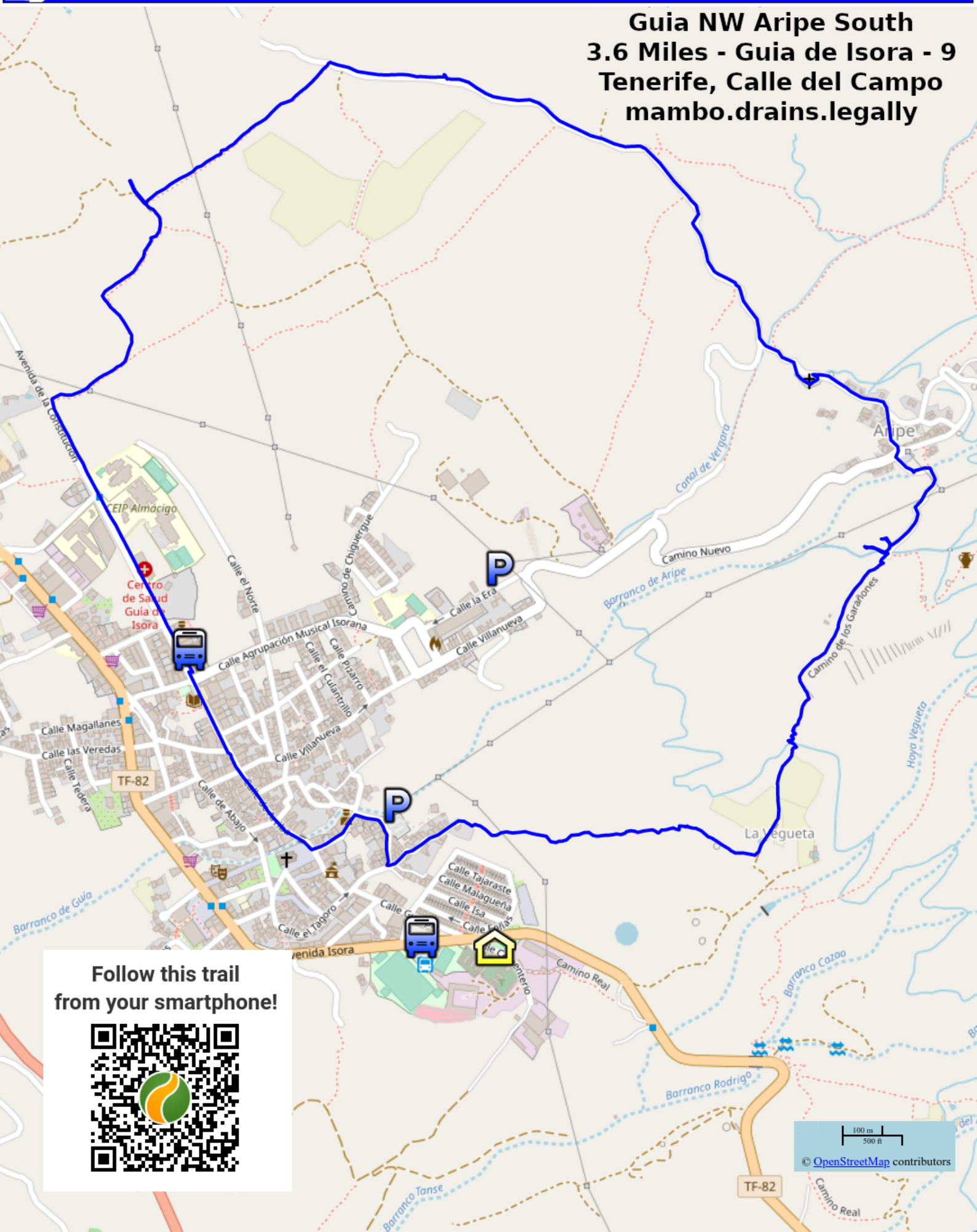
# Waveney Ramblers    Guia de Isora 9    Guia NW Aripe South

OS Map:    Track:    [GPX for SatNav](#)    3.6 Miles    Updated: 2020-01-18

Head NW along Calle del Campo.  
Continue ahead into Avenida da la Constitucion.  
Turn right, NE, up a farm acces road that soon dwindles to a footpath.  
This path zigzags, NE and NW several times.  
The final leg, NE, engerges beside a house.  
Turn right, east, along the tarmac.  
Follow this lane, SE, all the way to Aripe, passing the Plaza de Aripe.  
Igonre the obvious path, left, that leads to Chirche.  
In Aripe, cross the main road down to Guia de Isora.  
Head SE and drop down into the ravine.  
Upstream there is a waterfall, usually dry.  
The road bends east, south and finally SW.  
Head past some houses, SW.  
There are some side tracks with nice views.  
Continue SW downhill.  
At the sign post, follow the path right, west, to Guia de Isora.  
Head SW down Calle las Britas.  
Turn right, north, into Calle Don Manuel Gorillo.  
Head past the car park.  
Turn left at the police station down Calle los Chorros.  
At the church square, turn right along Calle Arriba, NW.  
Head NW back to to the bus stop.



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# Waveney Ramblers    Guia de Isora 10    La Arena Alcala Guia

OS Map:    Track:    [GPX for SatNav](#)    6.9 Miles    Updated: 2020-01-19

7 miles walking. 683 metres (2249 ft) ascent. 139 metres (460 ft) descent.

There are five routes to the coast. This one has a pleasant section along the coast and a short sharp ascent up to Guia de Isora. One section on tarmac near Guia is particularly steep.

Catch the 493 or 494 bus down to the coast.

Get off at the first stop in Playa la Arena.

Cross the road, west, then head south converging with the sea.

The first 400 metres is residential. Then follow the coast path.

Bear right then left and head to the water's edge.

Follow the coast path south, all the way to Alcala.

In Alcala, head close to the southern end of the town.

Cross the main coast road at the roundabout.

Head east along Calle Cumbrita, soon passing a chapel.

Then the bananas start.

Banana plantations are not the prettiest farms but this is a nice quiet road.

The road heads SE, then NE all the way to the TF-463.

That's an average direction.

There are many wiggles to get past banana terraces.

Remember to look behind you.

The views towards La Gomera and La Palma are rather excellent.

At the TF-463, turn right and head along this busier road for 300 metres.

Turn left, uphill, a little north of due east.

This lane leads all the way to Guia de Isora.

It crosses the TF-1 over a tunnel.

By far the steepest leg is in Guia de Isora.

Cross the main road through the town.

Zigzag NE back to the bus stop.

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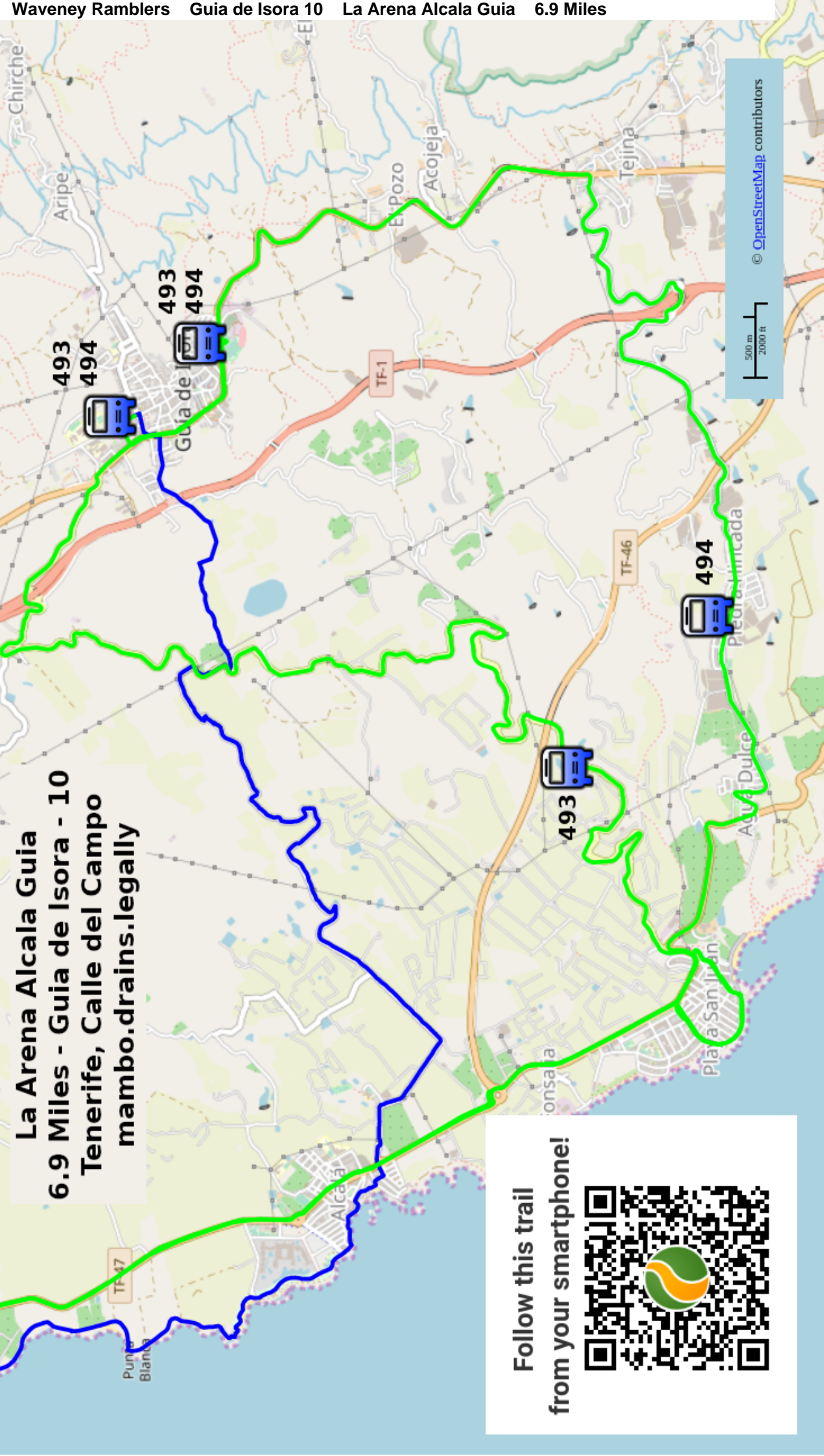
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# Waveney Ramblers    Guia de Isora 11    Chio NE Galleria Aripe

OS Map:    Track:    [GPX for SatNav](#)    9.2 Miles    Updated: 2020-01-20

9.7 miles. 873 metres ascent and descent (2864 feet). Around six hours with stops.

From the Calle Campo bus stop, head west and drop down to the main road TF-82.  
Head NW along the main road. Use a quieter parallel side road for 250 metres.  
Continue for another 330 metres, then turn left, NW, on a farm access road.  
Follow this road NW all the way to Chio. Head into town and uphill.  
Turn right along Calle el Atajo, NE.  
Turn left, north, up Calle la Redonda.  
Turn right, NE, along Calle Madrid.  
Cross the main road, TF-82, and head uphill, roughly east, along Calle Pinito.  
The tarmac ends and a gravel path continues.  
Cross the TF-38 with a right left kink and head up more tarmac, east then NE.  
The tarmac ends and the road becomes gravel. Continue uphill NE.  
Cross the canal. The path zigzags a bit. Continue NE.  
Just after the canal, it's worth diverting left to look at the galeria.  
Eventually you reach a wider forestry road, the Pista de Fife.  
Turn right and very soon left up a waymarked footpath with stones marking its edges.  
Follow this path, NE, all the way to the TF-38, crossing the forestry road twice more.  
Cross the TF-38 and head east, still on a good path.  
Cross a forestry road and continue east to signposts.  
Turn right, south, downhill, perversely the only direction not signposted.  
The path is small but well layed out. Soon it joins a road.  
Head SE to the water mine, in Spanish, a galeria. You can see the railway line used to remove the spoil and there is a tunnel with a large pipe carrying out the water. Google says there are around a thousand of these in Tenerife and 4000 km of tunnels.  
From the galeria, head SW on a narrower road.  
Look for a left turn, south, back onto a small stone lined path.  
It's easy to miss this turn. Stay close to the pipes.  
If you miss it, you'll end up having to walk down the TF-38. OK but less nice.  
Continue south, ignoring a crossing path.  
Stay close to the pipes but look for the lines of stones marking the path, especially if the terrain seems to be getting difficult. You may need to backtrack to the correct path.  
Re-cross the TF-38 and continue down, SW and south, still following the pipes.  
Ignore crossing paths and continue south.  
Cross the TF-38 a final time and continue south, still following pipes.  
The path bears left away from the pipes avoiding a passable but overgrown section.  
Later the path bends right to rejoin the pipes.  
At the pipes and junction, head south down to Aripe.  
This was the hardest bit of the walk with loose gravel on a steep path for 350 metres.  
There is an alternative way down, following the pipes of course.  
The steep path joins the tarmac.  
Head downhill back to Guia de Isora.  
The track follows Calle Villanueva for a change.  
This is not the shortest route to the bus stop.

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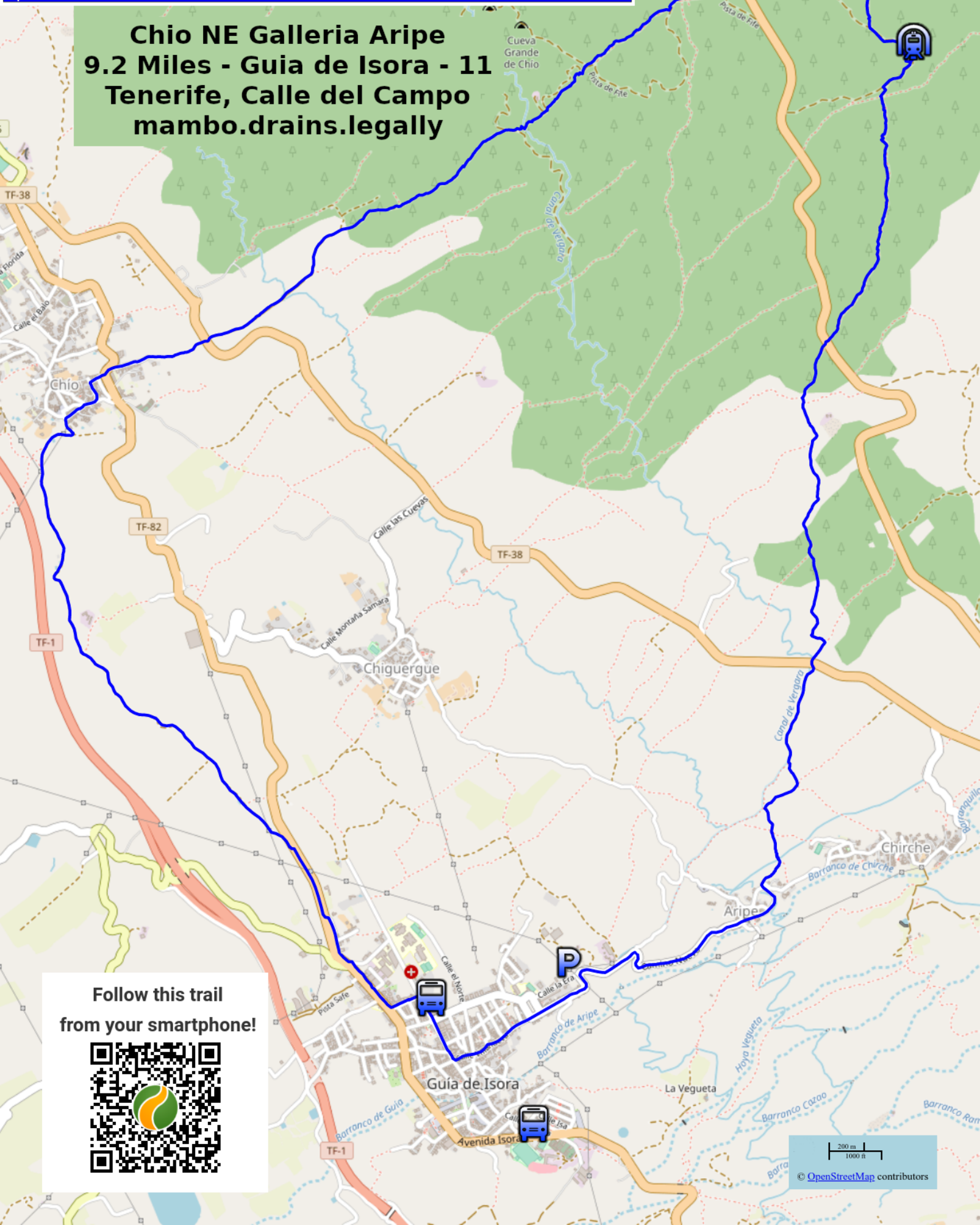
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# Waveney Ramblers    Guia de Isora 12    Guia El Pozo El Jaral

OS Map:    Track:    [GPX for SatNav](#)    4.8 Miles    Updated: 2020-01-21

Short: 1.84 Miles with 300 feet ascent and descent.

Long: 4.8 Miles with 1080 feet ascent and descent. 2 to 3 hours.

From the Calle Campo bus stop, head SE along Calle Campo.

Continue ahead into Calle Arriba.

Half way across the top of the church square, go left, NE, up Calle los Chorros.

At the top bear right into Calle Dom Manuel Gorillo.

Head past the car park.

Turn left, NE, into Calle las Britas.

At the end, ignore a path left. Cross what looks like a private yard.

The footpath signs are just after this.

Head east along the rocky lava path.

At the next sign posts, turn right, SE, and bend left along the road.

For the short walk, after 90 metres continue ahead, SW, on the road \*\*\*

For the long walk, after 90 metres, almost double back, left.

Head east on the footpath.

Cross the ravine and swing south to climb the far side.

Ignore the path heading NE.

The path zigzags a bit heading mainly SW or south.

There is a steep drop with more zigzags into a ravine.

This is one of the steepest paths in this guide book.

The path is in good repair with a non-slippery rocky surface.

Cross the barranco and climb the other side briefly on the road.

Don't head to the house in the ravine.

The footpath heads uphill from the road with more zigzags.

At a branch, head south and SE passing farm land on a rare level-ish path.

The path bends east and turn into a road. Head south to El Pozo.

Near the village, turn sharp left, NE, uphill and head through the village.

Continue roughly NE towards El Jaral.

Near the El Jaral village sign turn left, north, downhill on concrete.

Go left and zigzag twice to drop onto a path down the ravine.

Head roughly west and join another concrete road, west.

Before a hair pin in the concrete, turn right north on a non-obvious path.

This path heads north skirting a farm with fields and chicken sheds.

The path bends west, then north, then NW, dropping all the time.

It joins another path and heads down, ravine on the right.

Rejoin the outgoing path and zigzag down into the ravine.

Climb the other side on the very steep path, roughly north.

Cross a much gentler ravine and rejoin the road.

\*\*\* Rejoin the short walk.

Head SW and follow the road down to the TF-82.

It emerges quite near the cemetery and bus station.

Head through town back to Calle Campo.

Stop at the bus station if that's more convenient.

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# Guía El Pozo El Jaral

## 4.8 Miles - Guía de Isora - 12

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# Waveney Ramblers    Guia de Isora 13    Guia NE East SW West Steep

OS Map:    Track:    [GPX for SatNav](#)    8.3 Miles    Updated: 2020-01-22

777 Metres Ascent and Descent. One section was steep.

From the bus stop, head NE, uphill out of town.

Head up towards Chirche on Calle la Era, this fairly quiet road.

At the water works, turn left, NW, for 100 metres.

Turn right, close to due north, and head uphill on the footpath.

This ascent is the shortest but steepest.

Head up to a tarmac lane and turn left, NW, for less than 100 metres.

Turn right, north, on a farm track that soon reverts to footpath.

Head NE up to the TF-38.

Turn left along the TF-38 for about 30 metres.

Turn right, NE, back onto the footpath.

The footpath was not well reinstated after the TF-38 was built so this took a bit of guess-work and scrambling to find the original line. This leg was also a little overgrown and steep.

The path soon improved again but remained steep. Continue NE.

Join another route up and follow the water pipes up, now roughly north.

Another path merges from the left. Continue roughly north.

After 150 metres, turn right and head NE, towards the TF-38.

Ignore the path heading more nearly north.

Cross the TF-38 and head uphill on a 4x4 track, heading NE and later roughly east.

This track zigzags through fairly recent and dramatic lava flows.

At the highest point, there is a house or shanty.

Turn right and head SW, downhill on a 4x4 track.

This soon fades into a little used, narrow path.

This is a good descent because the path is mostly rocky and not slippery gravel.

The rocks are red, orange and yellow unlike the more common black lava blocks.

There are fine views over a ravine and gorge.

Head down to a farm and use the road between the vineyards, SW.

After the farm, continue SW and follow the waymarks down to Chirche.

In Chirche use the road to descend for 130 metres.

Either cross the barranco for a prettier route or use the quicker road.

After crossing the barranco, bear right, west, and follow the ridge down.

The path doubles back on itself just before Aripe.

Follow the signs to Guia de Isora.

Follow the path down heading SW.

Descent to more signposts and turn right, west, to return to Guia de Isora.

Head SW down Calle las Britas.

Turn right, north, along Calle Don Manuel Gorillo.

Turn left, SW, down Calle los Chorros.

At the church square, turn right, NW, along Calle Arriba.

Continue ahead into Calle del Campo and return to the bus stop.

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# Waveney Ramblers    Guia de Isora 14    Valle de Arriba to Mt Bilma and Chio and Guia

OS Map:    Track:    [GPX for SatNav](#)    9.6 Miles    Updated: 2020-01-23

451 metres ascent. 851 metres descent.

This walk was longer than most but the gradients were fairly gentle.

Catch the 462 bus from Guia de Isora bus station and get off at Valle de Arriba.

Head NE, then turn right, east, along Calle San Fernando.

My bus reversed into this street to turn round and dropped off here.

Turn right, SE, along Calle el Revention.

The road ends and footpath begins. Continue SE.

The path bends right.

Soon after it's heading west of south, turn left, east, then SE.

After 40 metres, turn right, SW, and the climb begins.

After 90 metres, bear left, SE, and later south.

Join the path up from Santiago del Teide and head east and SE.

Continue ahead at a crossing path.

When the path east ends, ignore the way-marks and turn right, SW, uphill.

After 45 metres, turn left, NE, and follow a faint path, wall to your right.

This is a bit overgrown but was easily passable (red triangle).

The path heads east to a huge lava flow with a good path across it.

Head roughly east across the rugged lava. The path is the only viable route.

At a T junction, turn right, south, across more lava.

Keep roughly south for a long time. Later there will be pines on the left.

After the pines, at a Y junction keep left, a bit west of due south.

Eventually the path bends west and there's a T junction.

Go left, south, again.

This path meanders but mainly heads south.

A path merges from the right, Continue south.

Just before Chio, cross the TF-38 and drop down along Paseo de los Indianos.

At the TF-82, cross over and head SE along Calle Pino del Aire.

Bear left into Calle Evora Franquis, south.

Bear left into Calle San Juan.

At the church square, turn right, then left down Calle Vizconde.

This descends steeply.

Soon after the smooth surface ends, turn right, west, and continue down.

Follow this farm access road all the way to its end, south then SE.

Join the TF-82 for 330 metres and head roughly south.

Use the parallel lane to avoid the traffic.

In Guia de Isora, head back to the bus station.

The map shows a route avoiding the main road and uses a parallel road higher up.

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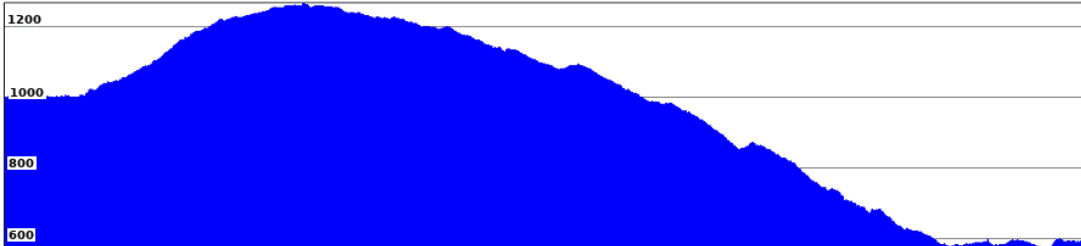
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# Waveney Ramblers    Guia de Isora 15    Guia Chirche Circular

OS Map:    Track:    [GPX for SatNav](#)    5 Miles    Updated: 2020-01-24

437 metres ascent and descent in about 5 miles.

From the Calle Campo bus stop, head NE up Musical Isorana.

Continue NE up Calle las Era.

Continue NE up Calle Nuevo to the water works.

Turn left, NW, at the water works.

The water is noticeably better since three years ago. It used to smell of dead matches or sulphur. Now it's better than my muddy tasting home water in Suffolk.

680 metres along this NW leg, turn right, NE, up a footpath.

Head up the the road above.

Turn right, roughly east and follow the tarmac for 180 metres.

Keep left to continue east on the footpath towards Chirche.

At some water pipes turn left, NE, for 60 metres.

Turn right, east, towards Chirche.

At a crossing path, go straight, east, towards Chirche.

In Chirche, turn left up Calle San Felipe.

Follow this up to the drop where you cross the barranco, south.

Bear right, west, then left, south, climbing out of the dip.

Ignore the signed path down to Aripe and Guia de Isora.

Head roughly south, still climbing.

At a farm, turn right, SW, then bear left, east.

At terraces for vines, turn right, SW, and start the big descent.

Follow the lomo or ridge SW.

Eventually the path zigzags right and left down to the valley.

Head SW along the concrete road.

Emerge on the TF-82 and head to the cemetery.

Turn left down Camino Cementerio passing some industrial blocks.

The road heads SE and swings right, SW.

Turn right, NW, and pass some fabric covered greenhouses.

The road ends and reverts to a stone wall lined footpath, NW.

Follow this as it swings north passing fields.

Rejoin a road, north, and head uphill towards the town.

At the main road, cross straight over and go up the steps.

After the industrial blocks earlier, entering this historic zone is a delight.

Head north to the church square.

Bear left, NW, along Calle Abajo.

At the end, turn right up to Calle del Campo and return to the bus stop.

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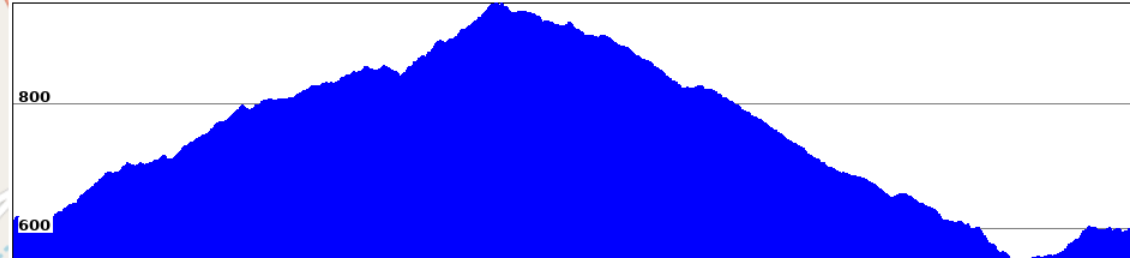
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El Pozo

# Waveney Ramblers    Guia de Isora 16    Chiguergue and Aripe

OS Map:    Track:    [GPX for SatNav](#)    4 Miles    Updated: 2020-01-25

300 metres (just under 1000 ft) ascent and descent over four miles.

Head NW along Calle Campo.

Continue straight into Avenida de la Constitucion and head to the end.

Continue straight on a track via the concrete ramp that bypasses the barrier.

The wide track heads roughly north and bends right.

Just after the bend, turn left onto a typical footpath, NW.

Follow this NW and north until it joins a wider track.

Turn right, NE, uphill and head to Chiguergue.

In the village zigzag right, left and right averaging NE.

Turn right onto a tarmac road and head SE, briefly downhill.

Follow this lane SE and east to the summit at 795 metres.

Descend on the tarmac to the chapel and little square.

Drop down into Aripe.

Cross the main street and head down to the bottom of the ravine.

Climb the other side to some attractive houses and small holdings.

The path now heads SW down the ridge.

At the sign posts, turn right, west, and head back into Guia de Isora.

Head SW along Calle las Britas.

The recorded track diverts round some building works.

Once these are complete it should be possible to stay on Calle las Britas.

Head NW into town.

The track heads for the church, passing south into Calle Abajo.

Head NW back to the bus stop with a right, left turn to get to Calle Arriba.

Continue straight into Calle Campo and the bus stop.

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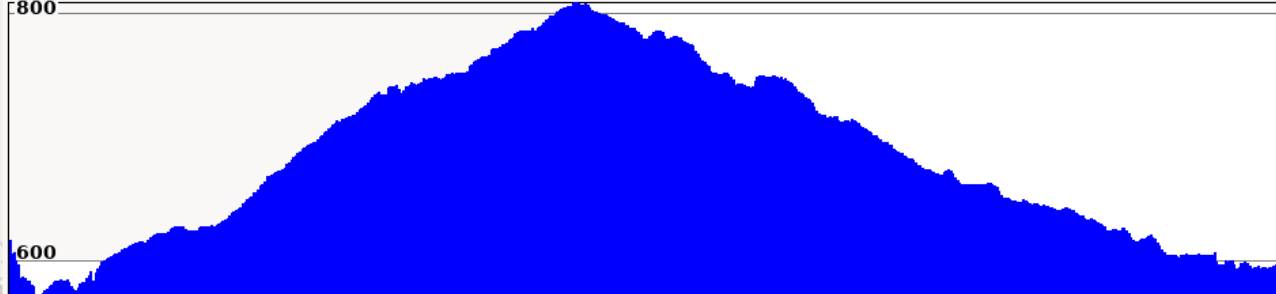
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# Waveney Ramblers    Guia de Isora 17    Los Gigantes Tamaimo Arguayo Chio Guia

OS Map:    Track:    [GPX for SatNav](#)    10 Miles    Updated: 2020-01-26

10 Miles. 1025 metres ascent (3363 ft). 487 metres descent (1600 ft).

There are five coast walks in this guide. This one is the longest, most interesting and attractive.

Catch the 07:35 bus from Guia de isora, Calle Campo, bus 494 or 493, destination Los Gigantes.

Get off at the end of the line.

Walk SE, uphill. Branch left onto the higher road still climbing.

At the roundabout, bear left, north, and keep climbing. The good views start already.

Follow this main road, uphill, out of town.

Before the coast road, TF-454, turn left, north, onto the signposted lane.

The lane bends right, NE, and heads past banana plantations, climbing most of the time.

Soon the lane dwindles to a footpath and the ascent to Tamaimo continues.

This is way-marked and there is little chance of error on this leg.

Near Tamaimo, at lava eroded smooth by water flow, turn right, east, and head to the church.

Zigzag east to the main road, TF-82.

Turn right along the TF-82, back towards Los Gigantes for 220 metres.

Turn left, east, up Calle la Rosa. Ignore the first left turn in la Rosa.

Take the second left turn and head up onto the way-marked footpath.

Follow the path uphill, SE, for some distance.

Zigzag south and climb up to the tarmac lane.

Turn left, NE, and continue up on the road.

Very soon, leave the road when it bends right. Continue NE on the footpath.

Follow the steps where the path has been re-engineered to go under the TF-1.

Cross under the TF-1 using the tunnel. Continue up towards Arguayo.

Cross the TF-375 and enter the village.

Use the smaller old road, roughly south and start the descent.

This soon becomes a pretty tree-lined lane with a wide parking bay.

Just after the cemetery, turn left, east of south and head up the farm access track.

Ignore the vehicle barrier and continue SE.

This is a very nice road with fine views and few gradients.

Continue SE when the road fades to a good footpath.

Continue SE when the footpath becomes a farm track again.

Head south to Chio and cross the TF-38.

Continue south on the lane down, not easily seen until you cross the road.

Cross the TF-82 and head into Chio along Calle Pino del Aire passing a playground, left.

Head south towards the church.

At the SE corner of the church square, head south down a steep smooth paved road.

At the end of the smooth paving, turn sharp right, west, downhill, on a stony road.

This road swings left, south. Follow it all the way to Guia de Isora.

At first it heads south, ignoring a few zigzags. Then it swings SE.

Emerge onto the TF-82 and head right, SE, for 300 metres.

Use the quieter parallel road, SE.

After the supermarket, head east, zigzagging up to Calle Campo and the bus stop.

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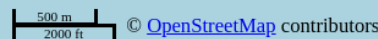


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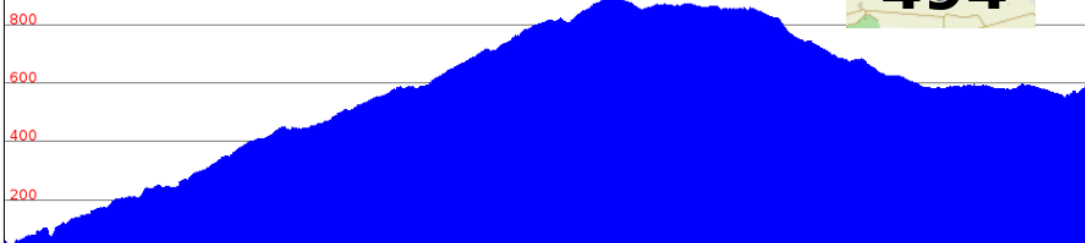


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# Waveney Ramblers    Guia de Isora 18    Vera de Erques to Guia De Isora

OS Map:    Track:    [GPX for SatNav](#)    7 Miles    Updated: 2020-01-28

7 Miles. 622 (2041 ft) metres ascent. 895 (2936 ft) metres descent.

There are a couple of steep ascents on this walk and paths with vertiginous drops into ravines.

Catch the 07:35 bus (490) from Calle Campo to Vera de Erques.

Get off at the end of the line. Walk NW back down the road.

At a left bend in the tarmac, head north on the footpath.

This drops down on concrete and stone and continues just right of the narrow gate.

Follow this meandering path, mostly north, crossing several smaller barrancos.

Eventually the path joins a dirt road leading to farm land.

There are underground stores here, perhaps for wine or cheese.

Peak baggers might want to branch left up to the mountain of Tejina.

This adds about 1.5 kilometres and another 100 metres of climbing and descent.

After the farm, head NE on the concrete and tarmac lane.

Soon a footpath branches left, NE, and the first big ravine has to be crossed.

This was quite spectacular with different plants growing in the shade.

The footpath was in good condition but clinging alarmingly to the steep cliff side.

At the bottom of the ravine, double back and head SW and soon west.

This path later joins a tarmac road, NW.

The road zigzags down the ridge. The footpath takes a straighter route down.

There are exceptional views on this leg.

All the local villages can be seen and the islands of La Gomera and Las Palmas.

Look out for the right turn, north, leading to the next big ravine and El Jaral.

The descent into this barranco was fine. The climb on the north side was steep and narrow.

Regular mountain walkers should have no problem though.

In El Jaral, follow the road, right, uphill round the top of the village, passing signposts.

Bear left and descend west for 100 metres.

Turn right, north, towards a farm.

The footpath was not too obvious. Turn left before the farm entrance.

The path is just above what looks like a blocked path and it was fine.

Head NW to the next ridge. Then bear left, roughly west, and follow the ridge down.

This emerges on the main road. The recorded track avoids the road.

Drop down into the ravine and cross north.

There is a final steep ascent, north, with zigzags.

Bear left where the path up to Chirche branches right and descend into the final dip.

At the farm track, turn right and head up to the signposts.

Turn left, NW, then west, and head back to Guia de Isora.

Follow Calle las Britas down, SE.

Bear right into Gorillo, north.

Turn left, SW, at the police station and head down Los Chorros.

At the church square, turn right and head back to the Calle Campo bus stop.

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## 7 Miles - Guia de Isora - 18

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# Waveney Ramblers    Guia de Isora 19    Santiago del Teide to Guia de Isora

OS Map:    Track:    [GPX for SatNav](#)    8.25 Miles    Updated: 2020-01-30

8.25 Miles. 420 metres (1380 ft) ascent. 741 metres (2430 ft) descent.

Catch the 460 Icod bus or the 462 to Los Gigantes via Valle de Arriba.  
Get off the bus at the junction just south of Santiago del Teide. TF-82 and TF-375.  
Head SE along the TF-375 for about 80 metres, then bear right, off the road into wasteland.  
Head SE across this patch until you hit the footpath. Follow this south and later SE.  
The footpath converges with the TF-1 and crosses under it through a tunnel.  
On the east side of the TF-1, continue south to a junction and over-bridge.  
Follow the sign to Arguayo, south, still close to the TF-1.  
Up to now the walk has been quite level with cliffs looming in the distance.  
Now the climb starts. There are a couple of alarming narrow bits but most of the path is fine.  
After the antennas, continue roughly south.  
Soon the path emerges with excellent views to the south.  
Head SE to Arguayo and SE through the village.  
The streets to follow are Calle el Carmen, Calle San Luis and then Calle San Agustin.  
At the bottom of San Agustin, head SE and then east onto the footpath.  
Soon there are signposts. Take the only path without a sign, SE.  
Cross the canal after an ascent. Ignore the right turn soon after the canal.  
Continue SE. Later the path heads south and then SE again.  
The track includes a little detour to a fairly level "picnic spot" in the pine trees.  
Continue south and soon SW. The path suddenly turns SE again.  
Rocks lining the path indicate the way straight on is incorrect.  
Continue down, roughly south and re-cross the canal.  
The white substance is lime scale chipped off the original canal channels to keep them clear.  
Head roughly south. Join another path and continue south to the TF-82.  
Cross this main road and head down the non-obvious track on the far side, south.  
Head down into Chio along Calle el Balo, SW.  
Turn left into Calle San Martin. Turn right into Calle Pino del Aire.  
Head south to the church. Kink right and left round the church square.  
Head down Calle el Vizconte, south.  
At the end of the smooth paved section, turn sharp right, west, and descend the stony road.  
The road swings south again.  
Follow this farm access road all the way back to Guia de Isora.  
At the TF-82, turn right and endure the main road for 300 metres.  
Turn left and follow the parallel road, Calle la Uva.  
There is a nice looking hostelry there, Bodegon Antonio.  
Back in Guia de Isora head back to the bus station by whatever route takes your fancy.  
The historic centre is on the roads above the main TF-82.  
There are fine views SW from the main road though.

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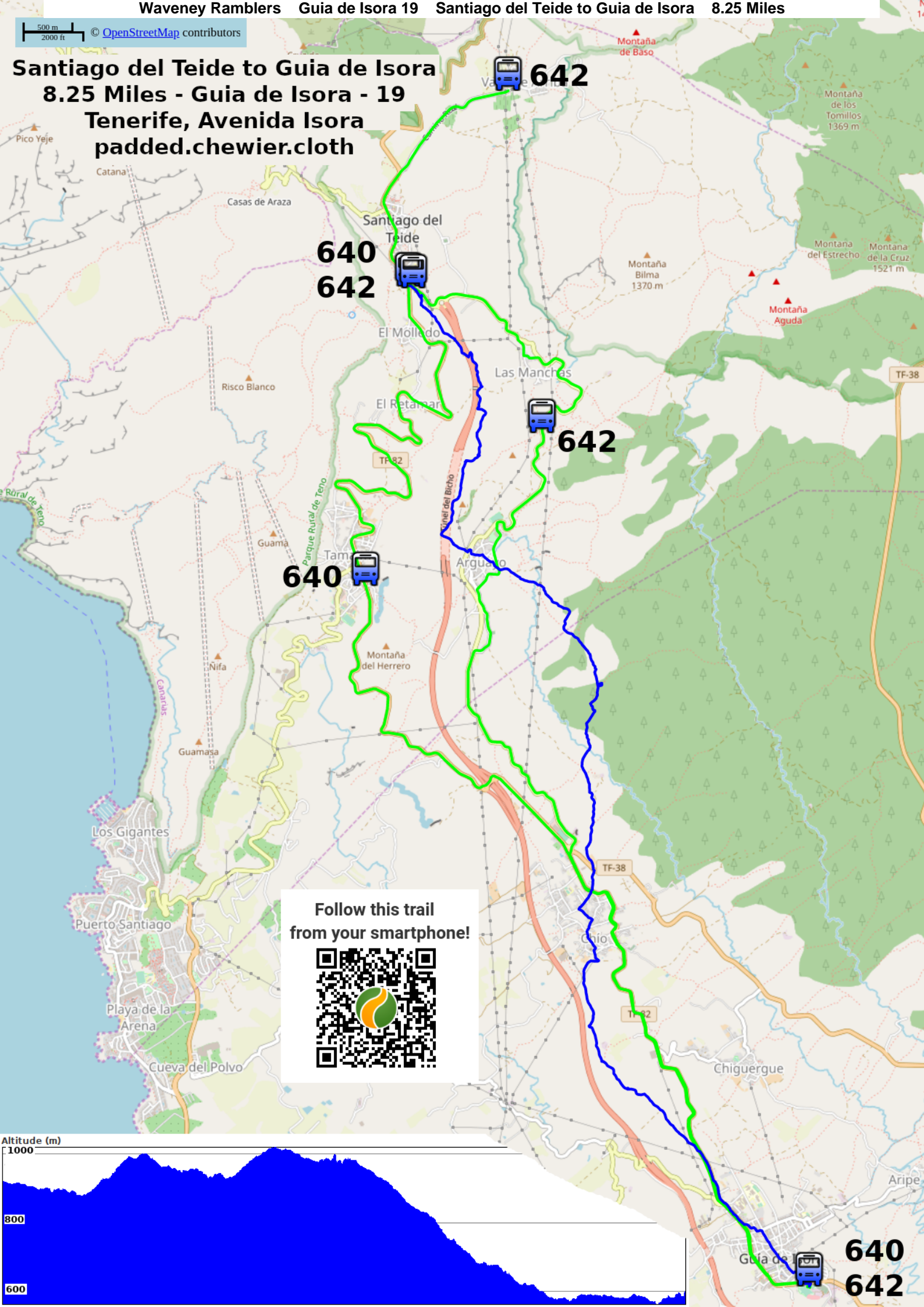


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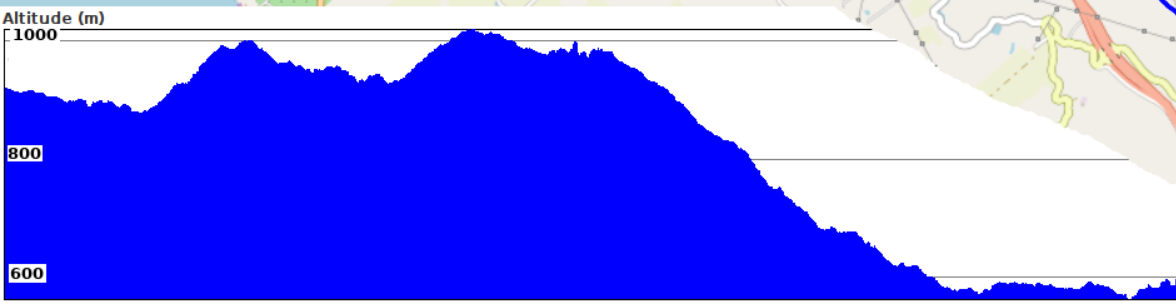
## 8.25 Miles - Guia de Isora - 19

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# Waveney Ramblers    Guia de Isora 20    Ermita Galeria Guia de Isora

OS Map:    Track:    [GPX for SatNav](#)    9 Miles    Updated: 2020-05-01

9 Miles. 360 metres (1181 ft) ascent. 843 (2766 ft) metres descent.

Catch the 462 bus to Los Gigantes from Guia de Isora bus station.

Get off at the Ermita del Santo Angel de la Guarda a little south of Las Manchas.

Walk south downhill along the TF-375 for 130 metres.

Turn left onto a footpath, SE.

This soon joins a wider track, NE, uphill.

Follow this path NE for a long stretch, about 1.4 km.

Don't take the right turn, east, about 1 km up this path.

The correct but less visible path heads north and soon NE again.

Cross a wide lava flow, yet to be colonised by many plants.

Finally at trees, turn right, uphill, east, for just 25 metres.

Emerge on a wide 4x4 track and turn right, south.

This 4 or 5 km road is almost level by Tenerife standards.

At the TF-38 main road, head SE along the road for 330 metres.

Take second left, east and soon nearly north.

The road swings right, soon SE again.

The recorded track disobeys the hobbit rule. "Never Leave The Path".

Instead of the second left, I took the first left and went off-piste for 200 metres.

This saved 150 metres of horrible tarmac and the terrain was not too rugged.

If you try this, rejoin the correct trail up a steep bank.

There is a safe path up, a few metres east, up the valley.

Follow the 4x4 trail south and SE. Ignore the trail heading east.

Eventually the trail reaches a galeria or water mine.

There are railway tracks used to shift spoil out of the tunnel.

Head for the pipes and then downhill, east and right, SW and later south.

After 170 metres on the narrower 4x4 track, turn left, SE, on a little used footpath.

Follow the path, marked by rows of stones along its edges.

The path stays close to the pipes almost all the way back to the TF-38.

There are a couple of places where the pipe drops too steeply for the path.

Pay attention and zigzag down on the stone lined trail.

This little used path is covered in pine needles and fir cones so it's harder to follow.

Cross the TF-38 and head roughly south on a better path.

Ignore paths left and right and continue mainly south, following the pipes.

Cross the TF-38 again. On concrete head down and soon head south along the pipes.

Briefly head left away from the pipes avoiding a steep overgrown stretch.

At a junction, turn right and soon rejoin the pipes, SW.

Don't take the way-marked path, right, west. Continue along the pipes, SW.

This leg is a little overgrown but passable. Look out for long thorny trip hazards.

At tarmac, turn right along the road and immediately left, south, following the pipes.

The path bends SW and comes out on a wide stone and concrete road near the water works.

Continue SW and join the main road down into Guia de Isora.

Head past the water works with more pipes than you'll have ever seen.

Head SW into town and then SE back to the bus station.

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# Waveney Ramblers    Guia de Isora 21    Morra del Pinar

OS Map:    Track:    [GPX for SatNav](#)    10 Miles    Updated: 2020-05-02

10 Miles. 1044 metres ascent and descent (3425 feet).

Head SE from the Calle Campo bus stop.

Turn left, NE, up Calle Martin Placeres and cross the wasteland, NE, at the top.

Head NE up Calle la Era. Then head NE on the tarmac road towards Aripe and Chirche.

After the water works, turn left and follow the concrete and stones, NE.

This road soon dwindles to a footpath parallel with the pipeline, NE.

Follow this slightly overgrown path up to a tarmac road.

Turn right, SE, and first left, NW, and cross the chain barrier.

Veer left off the farm access road and continue to follow the pipes, NE.

Ignore the way-marked path, left.

Foolishly I ignored my own advice and followed the pipe through the overgrown section.

I got through, bloody, scratched and pricked by unidentified spiny seed heads.

It's a much better idea and probably quicker to veer right, NE, away from the pipe.

At a crossroads in the footpaths, turn left, NW, and soon rejoin the pipe.

The recorded track-log has been edited to follow this sensible route.

Cross the TF-38 and head NE on the footpath, still following the pipes for 100 metres.

Continue NE, leaving the pipes which head off NW.

Follow this path up to the TF-38 emerging just south of the Restaurant las Estrellas.

If you reversed this walk and started early enough, you'd arrive here at lunch time.

Cross the main road and head NE up a farm access road closed to vehicles.

I assumed it was fine to walk this route and no-one tried to stop me.

This road heads NE, then swings left, NW, and soon north.

Signs warned about bee hives so stay on the main track.

At a junction, turn right, due east. Ignore two right turns, SE.

Head NE and later north up to the galeria (water mine).

The tunnel entrance was hot and smelly. It really is volcanic!

The entrance was gated and a sign warned about possible toxic fumes inside.

Backtrack from the tunnel entrance. Head NE up a typical footpath lined with stones on both sides.

After quite a long slog uphill to 1600 metres, turn left, west, and start down.

The path down soon bends SW and later west again and is way-marked.

At a meeting of several paths, follow the sign to Chiguergue, SW.

Cross a pipe leading down from another galeria and head SW, following the way-marks.

Cross the TF-38 and continue SW. Take the way-marked right turn, NW.

There is a faster way down ahead but it looked steep and in poor condition.

The way-marked path soon bends SW again and drops quickly to the TF-38.

Cross over and follow the quiet tarmac lane, SW and later SE, to Chiguergue.

Follow Calle Tinguaro down a steep drop, SE. Turn right into San Roque.

Turn left into Calle el Meronal. Zigzag left and right and follow the lane downhill, SW.

After a few farm entrances, the lane dwindles back to a well used footpath, SE.

After 340 metres, turn left, SE, and head down, passing an embalse, (swimming pool sized water tank).

This was empty of water and the fence had fallen leaving a scary drop.

Follow the path SE all the way to Guia de Isora. Follow the wide tree lined Avenida da la Constitucion, SE.

Continue SE into Calle Campo and return to the bus stop.

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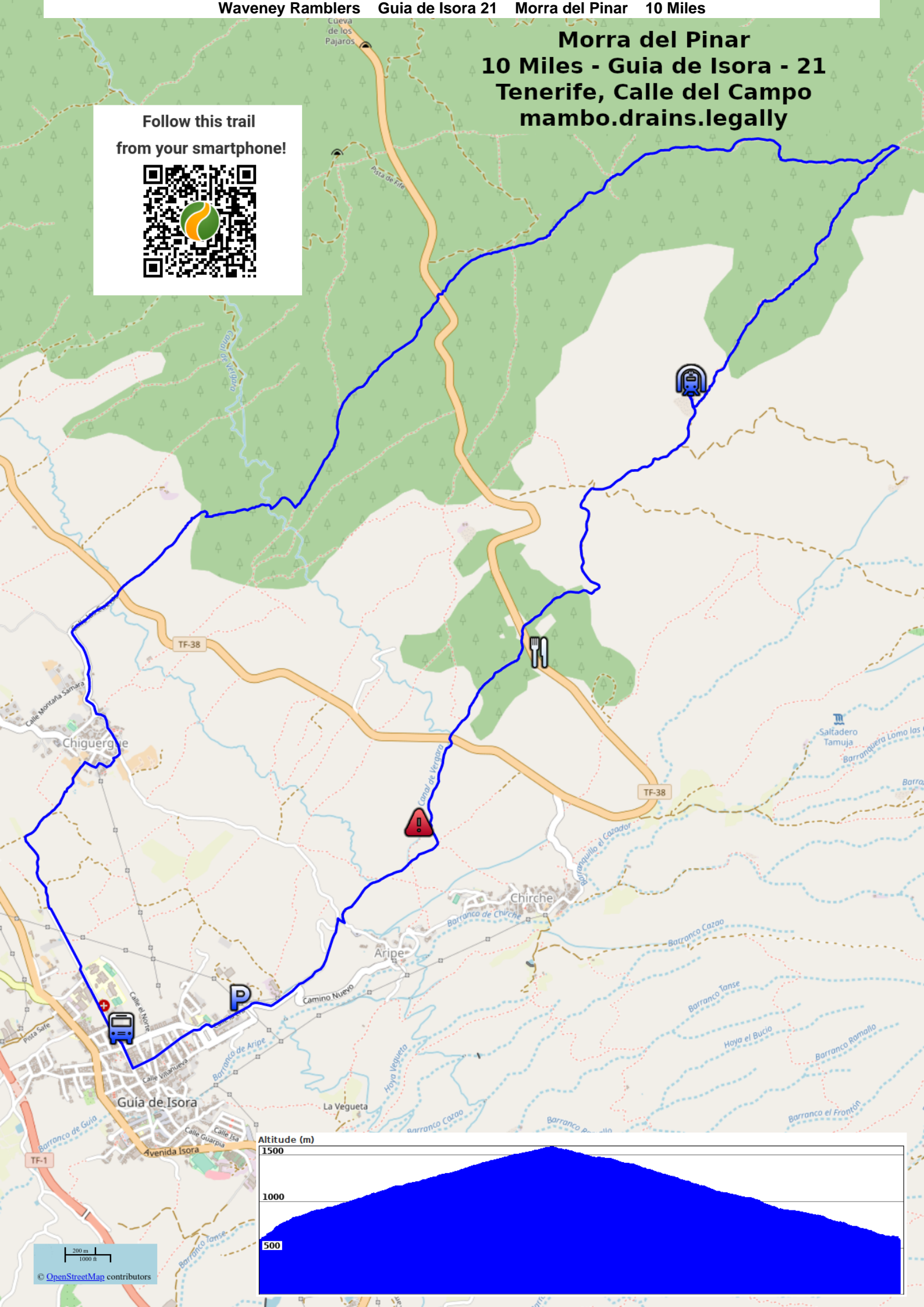
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# Waveney Ramblers    Guia de Isora 22    La Ermita Galeria Chio Guia de Isora

OS Map:    Track:    [GPX for SatNav](#)    6.5 Miles    Updated: 2020-05-03

Catch the 462 bus to Los Gigantes from Guia de Isora bus station.  
Get off at the Ermita del Santo Angel de la Guarda a little south of Las Manchas.

Walk south downhill along the TF-375 for 130 metres.

Turn left onto a footpath, SE.

This soon joins a wider track, NE, uphill.

Follow this path NE for a long stretch, about 1.4 km.

Don't take the right turn, east, about 1 km up this path.

The correct but less visible path heads north and soon NE again.

Cross a wide lava flow, yet to be colonised by many plants.

Finally at trees, turn right, uphill, east, for just 25 metres.

Emerge on a wide 4x4 track and turn right, south, for about 1 km.

The track splits. Take the lower track, right, SE and rapidly bending right, SW.

Follow this track, parallel with the canal just above for 4.3 km.

The track heads roughly south but bends to follow the canal and contours.

Join a new track and head east, uphill, to visit the galeria which is easy to see.

There was a lot of activity on the day I visited. A diesel engine could be heard from a long way off. This turned out to be a huge ventilation fan to make the galeria tunnels safe for workers to carry out maintenance. The biggest pipe was an air vent with quite a gale blowing out of it.

After the galeria, head a bit south of west, downhill, all the way to Chio.

Cross the TF-38 and continue down what looks like the driveway to a house.

The footpath continues west from this.

At the TF-82, it's unsafe to cross the road on the sharp bend. Head south and use the crossing.

Continue south, then first right, down Calle Virgen del la Paz. This was very pretty.

Bear left, SW, into Calle Atajo which drops down increasingly steeply.

Turn left, south, along Calle Vizconte.

Soon after the paving and concrete ends, turn sharp right, west, and head down the stony road.

The road swings left, south and later SE, and heads all the way back to Guia de Isora.

Head SE along the busy TF-82 for 300 metres.

Use the parallel Calle la Uva to escape the traffic.

Back in town, make your way, roughly SE, back to the bus station.

The main road has good views.

There are two parallel roads higher up through the historic centre.

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# Waveney Ramblers    Guia de Isora 23    Guia de Isora via Chio to Alcala

OS Map:    Track:    [GPX for SatNav](#)    9 Miles    Updated: 2020-05-04

9 Miles. 290 metres (950 ft) ascent. 864 metres (2835) descent.

In this guide, there are five routes between Guia and the coast. This is perhaps the least nice of the five. The quiet lane was not all that quiet.

Walk down and catch the 493 or 494 bus back to Guia de Isora.

The intention was to add a mile or two extra and catch the bus in San Juan but the "Calima" wind was so strong that the coastal cliff top path was out of the question on this day. The photos show foul weather. It was bone dry, very windy and the fog was dust (bruma seco). In better weather this could be attempted without instructions or a map. Just follow the coastal path SE. The bus stop in San Juan is on the sea front road.

From Guia de Isora the bus station, head west along the main road.

Then first right, uphill, Calle Cantos Canarias.

Turn first left, west, along Guarpia.

Turn left and right into Calle la Vera, NW.

Head past the church square, then NW along Calle Arriba.

Continue NW along Calle Campo. Continue NW along Avenida da la Constitucion.

Continue NW along a dirt road.

Bear left off the road onto a footpath, NW.

Head uphill to a T junction and turn left, SW, downhill to the TF-82.

With a slight kink, cross the TF-82 and continue SW, downhill, along the same path.

At a T junction, turn right, NW, along a farm access road. Follow this to Chio.

Near Chio, don't climb up to the church. Stay on the lower path nearer the TF-1.

Head NW and north to a tarmac road, Calle los Tomateros.

Turn left, SW, and head downhill across the TF-1.

Follow the loop right and then left, then head SW and soon SE.

The road goes SW again then loops left, SE, and later SW.

At a significant junction, almost double back and head left, east, soon SE.

An electricity substation is visible ahead.

After 230 metres turn right, west, along The Pista de Alzola.

Follow this down to the coast ignoring dead end side turnings.

Cross the main coast road and head into Alcala, SW, down to the coast.

Follow roads and footpaths south, staying close to the shore line.

It's possible to go all the way to San Juan in good weather.

On this day it was so windy that dust and flying debris made the coast unsafe and unpleasant.

A good picnic spot is nearby with shelter.

Re-cross the main coast road at the south end of Alcala and head east up Calle Cumbrita.

120 metres up this road is a chapel with seats and shelter from the wind.

The bus stop is on the main coast road near the southern end of the town.

The 493 or 494 bus will head SE to get back to Guia de Isora.

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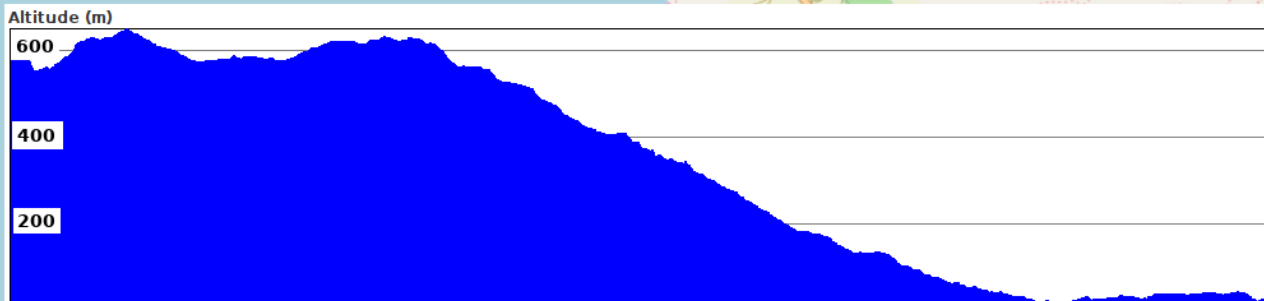
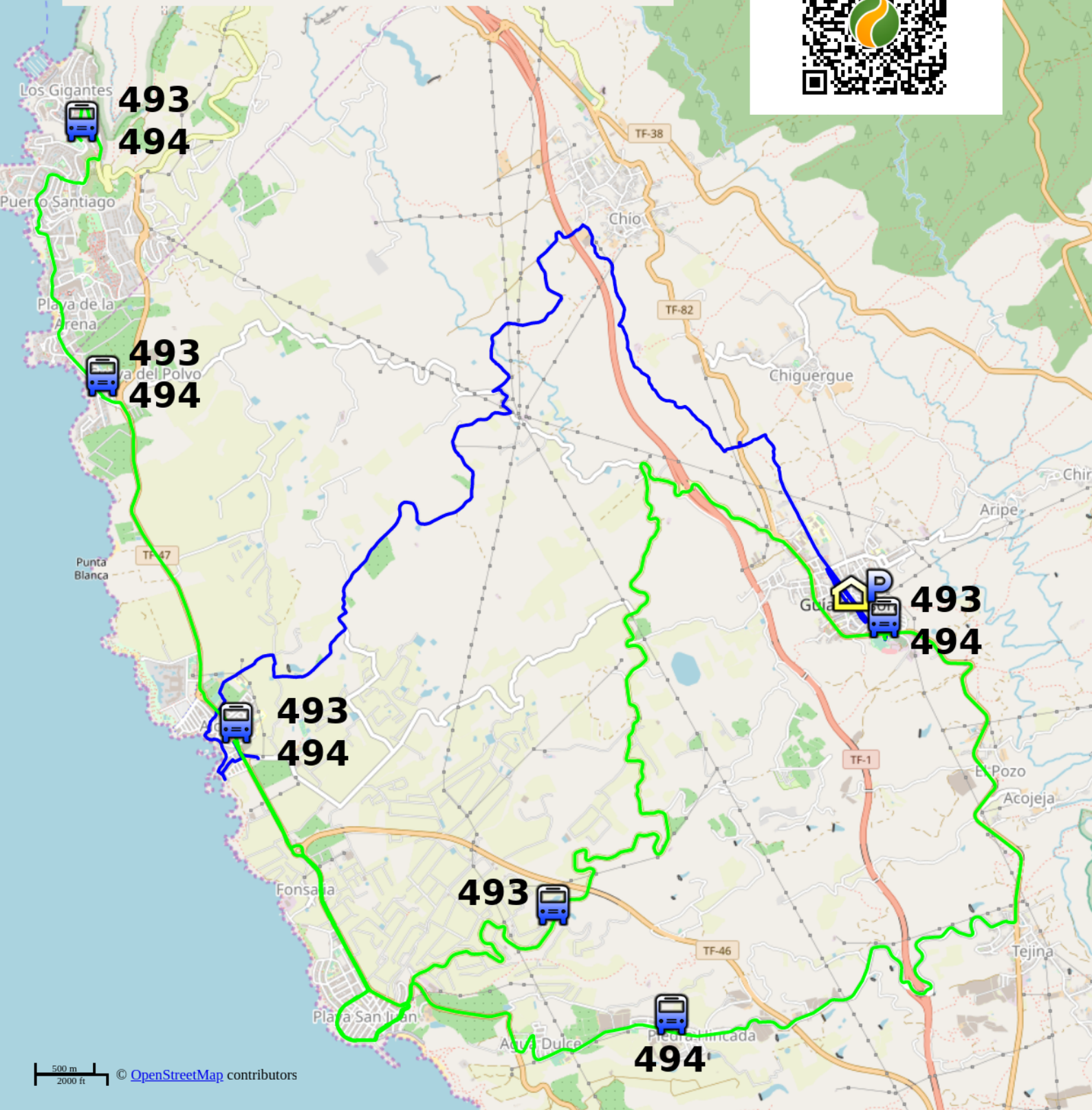
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# Guia de Isora via Chio to Alcala 9 Miles - Guia de Isora - 23 Tenerife, Avenida Isora [padded.chewier.cloth](http://padded.chewier.cloth)



# Waveney Ramblers    Guia de Isora 24    Galeria Machado

OS Map:    Track:    [GPX for SatNav](#)    7 Miles    Updated: 2020-05-05

7 Miles. 604 metres (1982 ft) ascent and descent.

From Guia de Isora Calle Campo bus stop, head SE along Calle Campo.  
Turn left, uphill, NE, along Calle Martin Placeres.  
Head NE across the wasteland and continue uphill, NE, along Calle la Era.  
Continue NE on the road up to Chirche and pass the waterworks.  
Bear left off the tarmac and head NE, uphill, along the paved and concrete road.  
This soon dwindles to a footpath heading uphill, NE.  
At the next tarmac road, turn right, east, for a few metres.  
Turn sharp left, NW, and jump over the chain blocking vehicles.  
Head up this farm access road, NW. Veer left onto the footpath parallel with the water pipes.  
This section is a little overgrown but passable.  
Merge with the path from Arguayo and continue NE.  
Soon after the paths merge, turn right, SE, and soon east. Take the first left, north.  
Back at the water pipes, turn right, NE, no longer following the pipes.  
At the cross-roads in the footpaths, turn right, SE, and follow this all the way to Chirche.  
Drop down to the main road and turn left, passing the church.  
Continue uphill, steeply, ignoring dead end side turnings.  
Head NE up a way-marked steep path of stones and smooth concrete.  
This bends left, north, and reverts to a rocky path.  
Cross the tarmac lane and continue uphill on the footpath, NE, after a few zigzags.  
The footpath comes close to the TF-38 but does not touch. Continue east into the valley.  
Don't take the way-marked path left. Continue roughly east and later NE.  
This track passes fields and vines and becomes more enclosed by the steep sides of the barranco.  
The road has been washed away and bulldozed back into use.  
Huge rocks have been washed down indicating severe but very rare flash floods.  
The road ends and the path continues in the stream bed.  
Eventually the galeria is on the left. The access road had been washed away and not reinstated.  
It was possible to scramble up an improvised path to take a closer look.  
It was not clear whether this was still in use. The water could still be flowing.  
Retrace your steps back to the TF-38 and turn right to get onto the main road.  
Head west along the TF-38 for a short distance.  
Turn left down the lane signed to Chirche and Aripe.  
Follow this back to the village.  
At the footpath signpost, turn left, south, and drop down into the barranco.  
Cross the stream bed and veer right, west, on the footpath to Guia de Isora.  
Follow this all the way down, SW, ignoring a few zigzags.  
Back on a vehicular road, turn right, west, along the path signed to Guia de Isora.  
Back in town, head SW along Calle las Britas.  
Turn right, north, into Manuel Gorillo.  
Turn left, SW, at the police station and head down Los Chorros.  
At the church square, turn right, NW, along Calle Arriba.  
This leads NW into Calle Campo and back to the bus stop.

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800

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# Walk 24

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