

Anaga



Historical background

After Tinerfe, the last great "mencey" (king), died, Beneharo, his youngest son inherited the kingdom of Anaga. During this time, Anaga was extremely rich in water and pasture, and the Guanches had enough to live on.

When the conquest ended by 1495, the process of pacification and colonization started, and Anaga was divided among the Spanish conquerors, the Adelantado (governor of new territories appointed by the Crown) Don Alonso Fernández de Lugo gave the lands in the traditional "repartimientos de tierra" (land divisions). The first settlement of this area, Taganana, was founded in 1501. Taganana would become later the centre of jurisdiction. The driving force behind Taganana's colonization process and its economic development was sugar.

One of the most urgent necessities was to open new roads and to break the isolation of the area. The network of paths and roads used by the indigenous people proved to be absolutely insufficient, hence other and better roads had to be built, e.g. the Camino Real de las Vueltas (Royal Road of the Bends).

Administrative protections

Inside the rural Park of Anaga.

Natural features

Flora: Canary Islands Ebony (*Persea Indica*), Canarian Laurel (*Laurus Azorica*).

Fauna: two kinds of wild pigeons, called "turqué" (Bolle pigeon) and "rabiche" (Pigeon of the Laurel Forests).

Cultural heritage

Hermitage of Nuestra Señora del Carmen (19th c.)
Information centre at Cruz del Carmen.



① The track starts on the edge of the TF-1145 road at a very sharp bend, after passing the hamlets of El Rio and Las Cordilleras. On its first stage, it goes down some steps from where you may enjoy a beautiful view of Roque Taborno (Taborno Mount). Once down, the track follows in a zig-zag, through a thick mass of tree-heath and wax-myrtles until it reaches, after some 100 m., a bend, by a high voltage tower. At this point, the track divides in two. You have two options now: on the right, towards Las Carboneras, the track descends in a zig-zag to the TF-1145 road, with some natural caves on the left, and after these a spring. It crosses the road, and after 400 m., it reaches the hamlet of Las Carboneras, one of the most important and interesting spots of the rural world of Anaga. Along this part you will see wooden posts either on the right or the left. On the left towards Chinamada: the track follows a narrow path bordering the Tomadero ravine, which is very steep and on whose bed there are still



some ponds and springs combined with eroded materials. It passes through the houses of Tames from which you may have extraordinary views of Chinamada and Batán de Abajo. ② Turning right at the houses of Tames, you get to the end of the track at the hermitage of the hamlet of Chinamada, ③ of great ethnographical interest, since it preserves about thirty caves in good condition still inhabited by the locals.



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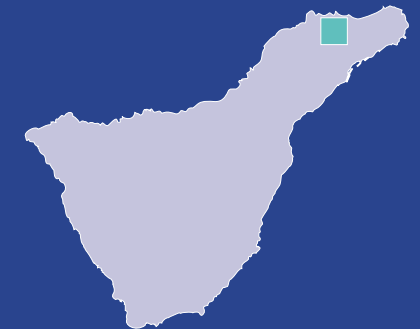
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Las Escaleras - Las Carboneras
Las Escaleras - Chinamada

Remember, you walk under your own responsibility.



Useful telephone numbers

Rural Park Información Centre	922 633 576
La Laguna Local Police	922 601 175
Red Cross	922 259 626
	922 281 800
City/Highway Police	922 259 416
TITSA (Bus company)	922 531 300

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Las Escaleras - Chinamada

Location: Borough of La Laguna

Starting point: Las Escaleras (TF-1145) **1**

Arrival point: Las Carboneras **2** o Chinamada **3**

Distance: Las Carboneras 1,2 km.
Chinamada 3 km.

Time: Las Carboneras 20 min.
Chinamada 45 min.

Difficulty: Medium

Slope: 100 mts. approx.

Access: TITSA bus routes

