



Historical background

For centuries, Royal Roads (Camino Real) have been the main way of access and communication for all the towns and villages of the kingdom. The property and jurisdiction of the road was held by the Crown, so that the circulation of people and goods was guaranteed. This sort of roads was relatively wide and easy to walk along; most of them were cobble-stoned and very often walled.

Natural features

Herques Ravine.
 Fasnía Mountain.
 Caves of great archaeological interest.
 Flora: "tabaibas", "cornicales", "cardones"...

Historic and cultural heritage

The hamlet (Camino Real).
 Ruins of San Joaquín's hermitage (17th c.).

Administrative protections

Natural Monument of Barranco de Fasnía and Güímar.

1 The track starts in the centre of Fasnía, by the cemetery area, just at Carretera Los Roques Nº 1. You can do the route in two different ways, south or northbound, along the old Royal road.

The north track follows an unpaved road among some old houses, of great interest (traditional architecture), until it meets another unpaved road. You go on along this road amid tufa terraced



fields, some of which are abandoned; others have potatoes growing in them. You get to a crossing with a paved road. Here it is remarkable the presence of the hamlet Camino Real, on the right of the track.

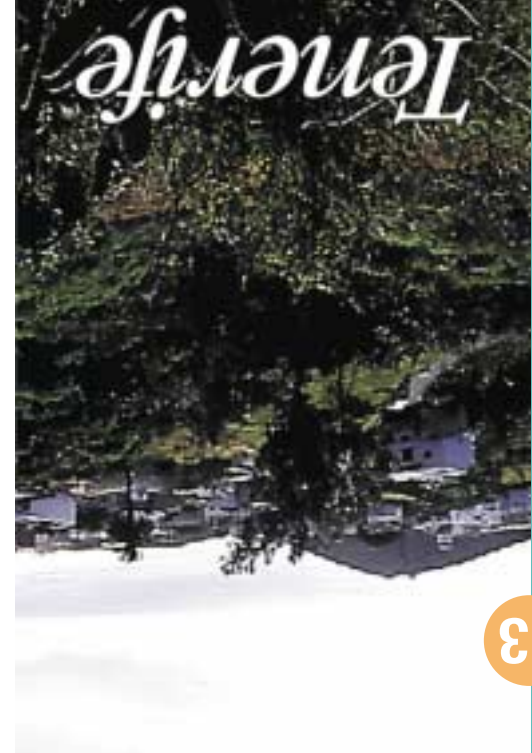
Once on the paved road, you go on for some 150 m. at which point you turn left into a path leading us to the bed of the Herques ravine, where you see the original cobblestones. The ravine is an area of a great interest as regarding the flora. We find all sort of local species, such as spurge, and Peripocla Alcornico etc. The presence of the Caves of Herques add an archaeological interest; they used to be



one of the dwellings of the Guanches, the ancient indigenous people of the island.

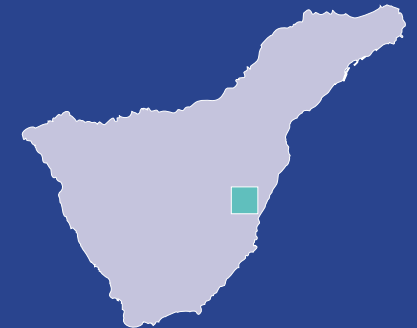
The south track takes a diversion, on the left, towards Fasnía Mountain (Montaña de Fasnía). This volcanic cone is 403 m. high and the flora you can find there is mainly cactus spurge and spurge. The summit of this volcanic mount is a natural view-point where you can enjoy very interesting views of the whole town of Fasnía. At this point, the old and the new chapel of La Virgen de los Dolores is to be found.

Once at the base of Fasnía Mountain, the track follows along the Royal Road again until it meets San Joaquín ravine, where the ruins of the ancient San Joaquín's Hermitage can be appreciated. This hermitage was built in the XVII Century. The track follows along the bed of the ravine where caves of a great archaeological interest can be found, then, it crosses the Bridge of The Three Eyes (Los Tres Ojos). The C-822, 2 road goes over the bridge and follows until a water gallery, which is the end of the track.



Camino Real de Fasnía

Remember, you walk under your own responsibility.



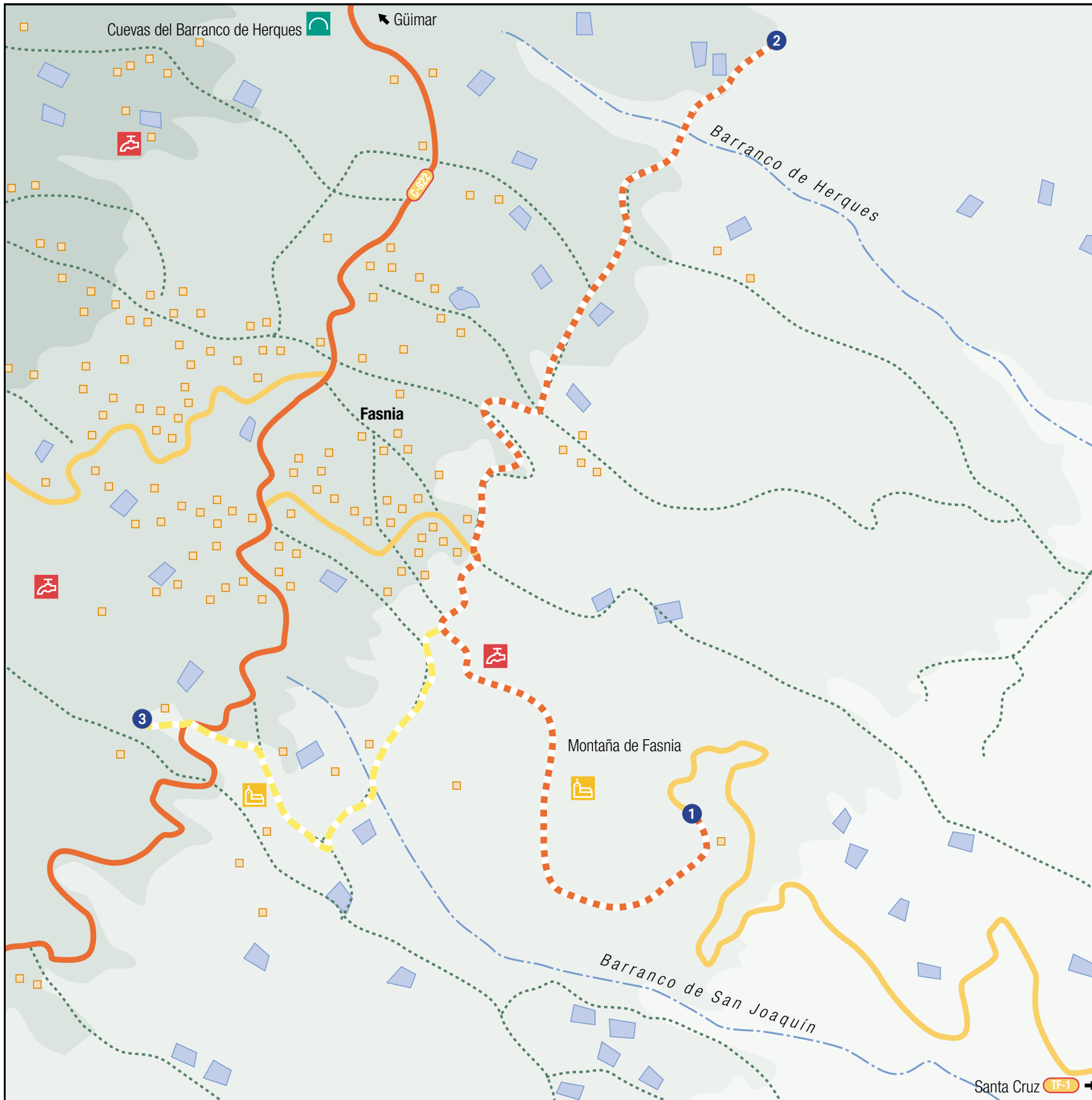
Useful telephone numbers

Town Tourist Information Centre	922 161 133
Fasnía Local Police	922 530 028
Red Cross	922 530 055
	922 281 800
City/Highway Police	922 530 002
TITSA (Bus company)	922 531 300

Camino Real de Fasnía

Location: Borough of Fasnía
Starting point: Fasnía (Ctra. Los Roques nº 1) ①
Arrival point: Fasnía (Ctra. Los Roques nº 1) ②
Distance: 5,5 Km. approx.
Time: 2 h. 15 min. approx.
Difficulty: Low
Slope: 100 mts. approx.
Climb/Descent: 5% approx.

Access: TITSA bus routes



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| | CAVE | | TOWNHALL |
| | VIEW POINT | | HEALTH CENTRE |
| | BEACH | | BUS STOP |
| | RECREATION AREA | | PETROL STATION |
| | SHELTER | | INFORMATION |
| | LIGHTHOUSE | | WATER |
| | CRAFTWORK | | RESTAURANT |
| | TRADITIONAL ARCHITECTURE | | TAXIS |
| | CHURCH | | TELEPHONE |
| | HISTORIC CENTRE | | |

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| | PATH |
| | MOTORWAY |
| | MAIN ROAD |
| | ROAD |
| | TRACK - PATH |
| | PONDS / POOLS |
| | HOUSE |

