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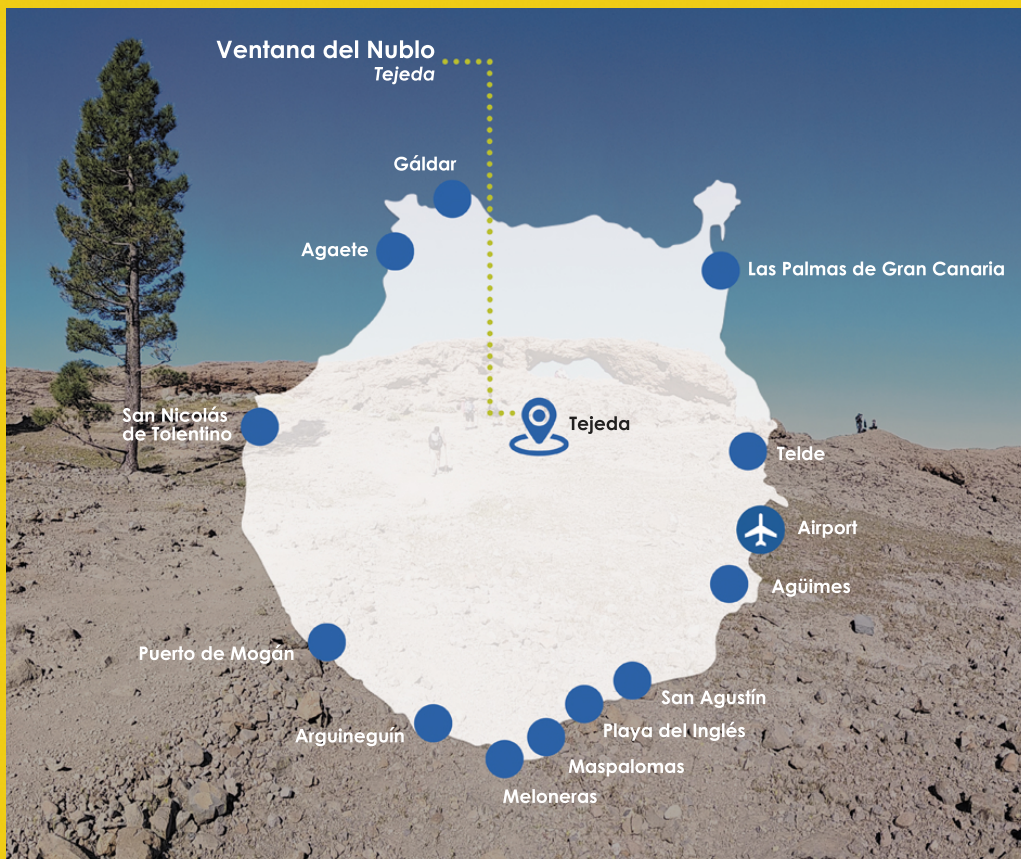


# Ventana del Nublo

Tejeda

GC-600, main road, Km 8, Llanos de La Pez





Municipality of Tejeda  
Llanos de La Pez, GC-600 main road, km 8



Las Mesas  
Walking distance: 4.8 km



Walking time: 2 hours 30 minutes



Difficulty: low  
Progressive ascending and descending



Level changes 1,660-1,720-1,695-1,720-1,660



Public transport: Global Bus number 18

The route starts at the recreational area of Los Llanos de la Pez, at Barranquillo de la Salvia, in the municipality of Tejeda.

As in the case of Las Mesas, in order to get there it is necessary to take the GC-15 main road, known as the central road, that goes up to San Mateo, in the direction of Tejeda.

We turn left at a crossroads and take the main road that goes through Cueva Grande. We go upwards towards the summit, and at the crossroads of Cruz de los Llanos we head along the GC-600 main road, as far as kilometre point 8, where the recreational area is located. Our starting point is around 41 km from the island's capital city.

## 60 year old route markers

All along the route are some concrete marker posts with the date of 1953 on them, some of which preserve their original white colour, which deserves an explanation. They go all the way back to 18th December 1953, the date of the signing of the decree that ordered a reforestation programme on the land that makes up Gran Canaria's central summit.

This document was signed by General Francisco Franco and the then Agricultural Minister Rafael Cavestany. The decree details the borders of the plots to be expropriated, the public usage and necessary occupation. The concrete posts were used to mark out the plots of land that were to be replanted with new pine trees.



## “Díaz Bertrana” Mountain Refuge

Under the nomenclature of GC RM 01, the Government of the Canary Islands has a nature equipment inventory of “Díaz Bertrana” mountain refuge, in the municipality of San Bartolomé de Tirajana, which is publicly owned but is managed by the Canary Mountaineering Federation. It has a capacity for 52 people, and is named after one of the Cabildo de Gran Canaria's presidents, Federico Díaz Bertrana, in the period from 1961 to 1970.



# Itinerary

## Introduction to the route

Arriving at Ventana del Nublo is relatively straightforward, thanks to the signposting and the refurbishment of footpaths carried out at the island's summit. However, the hiking trail on offer is a little more fun and comprises a circular route. Come along to this natural and rocky arch, and marvel at some breathtaking panoramic views, it is well worth the effort.

The abyss of Caldera de Tejeda will definitely take our breath away, as we are treated to a geological stone landscape, which on a clear day may even be adorned with snow on top of Spain's highest mountain peak, the Teide in Tenerife.

Even before we get there, we will be able to enjoy a number of footpaths and trails under the shade of Canary pine trees. As we get higher, we can look all around to see a carpet of green that covers the island's central peaks.

All this forged by the environmental conscience of many individuals together with institutions such as the Cabildo de Gran Canaria who, over the last 70 years or so have undertaken a number of reforestation campaigns that have meant that we can all enjoy the fine woodland before us today.

## Llanos de La Pez – Refugio de Montaña – Degollada de Los Hornos

Our route begins opposite the hub of Las Mesas recreational area. There is a no parking sign at the entrance to a dirt track. The track is camouflaged among the pine trees, and is the one to take us to the Díaz Bertrana Mountain Refuge.

We can walk through there, following S (around 740 metres, under the shade of the pine grove); this is Cañada del Escobón. When we reach the refuge, two buildings that stand opposite each other come into view.

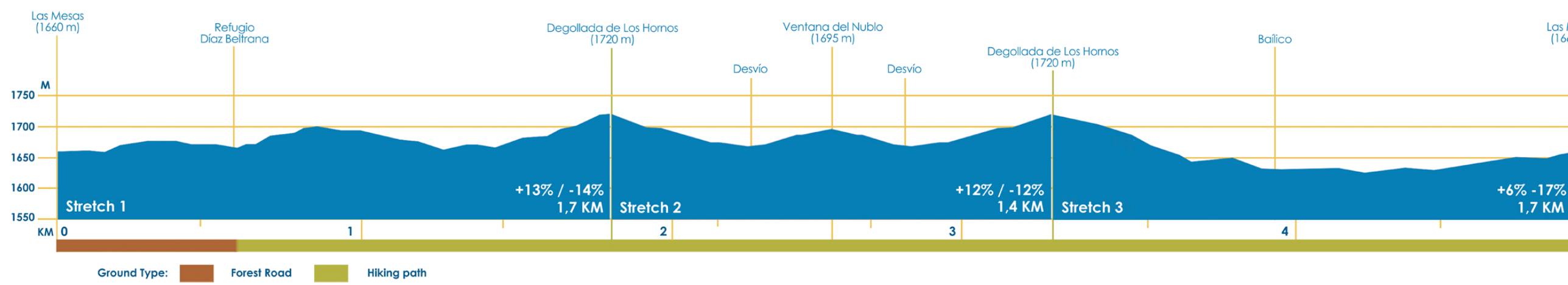
The footpath leads to the right, towards the white building. We go upwards, around the refuge where we come to a footpath right behind it. We need to make sure we locate the start of the path properly, and to help us there is a stone that marks out the start. From this point, the route rises gently through the pine trees, passing underneath Alto del Marubio (on our left).

There are painted markings along the way to keep us on track. Within about 900 metres, we reach Degollada de Los Hornos, joining up with Camino de La Plata (S- 50), which joins Las Mesas with Tunte: this is the so-called "Camino de Santiago" or St. James Way.

## Baílico campsite area – Llanos de La Pez

Once we are back in Degollada de Los Hornos, we head north towards Llanos de la Pez. The path descends down to a rocky hillock; when we near a tarmac road, we turn right, almost parallel to it, and cross the campsite area of Baílico.

The footpath, which has been refurbished, crosses a small ravine and penetrates the pine grove once more. Always staying inside, without stepping on tarmac, we will finally reach Las Mesas.





## Best Hiking Practices

Look after the environment

Carry ID and documentation

Always take water with you

Emergency helpline: **112**

Take warm clothing

Avoid lighting cigarettes and dropping cigarette ends

Do not pick plants, or take away animals or other elements along the walk

Avoid noise and respect the tranquility

Never stray from existing trails

Locate your position



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