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Lanzarote Walk - Famara

Starting point	Urbanization Famara – parking on a dirt road to the rear of the urbanization or on the beach road.
Distance	4.65 miles
Traffic light rating	

Introduction: Caleta de Famara, Urbanization Famara and Playa de Famara are the components of a big sweeping bay to the north of Lanzarote. Caleta de Famara is the traditional old fishing village. The Urbanization is a curious rectangular grid of streets set apart from the village consisting of curious semi circular houses.

Playa de Famara is the spectacular massive beach of superb golden sand stretching round the bay. The sea here can be very rough and if you are lucky, you can watch the antics of the surfers and kite surfers amongst the breakers.

At the northern end of the bay are the massive Risco de Famara sea cliffs rising to over 400 metres. There are also views out to Isla Graciosa.

The walk is an easy 4.65 miles along an elevated track before dropping down to another track at the rear of the beach. In fact if you want, you can walk much of the way back along the beach. You will see from the sketch map that the outward leg reaches a point where I stopped and retraced my steps. This was because ahead there seemed to be evidence of rock falls and landslips and the way looked none too stable.

The walk starts from a dirt road to the rear of the Urbanization. To get there, assuming you arrive via the LZ-402 from near Teguise, turn right at the 'T' junction just behind the beach along a fairly rough metalled road, probably dodging round the sand dunes which usually encroach. Take the first right up the side of the Urbanisation then left at its end. There is a wide dirt road where you can park. Alternatively, there is plenty of parking along the road at the back of the beach.

Start: From the dirt road behind the urbanization, with the sea to the left, simply follow the dirt track straight ahead.

Ignore a descending track after about $^{1}/_{3}$ mile and keep straight on. After about half a mile from the start, you pass a well tended villa above and to the right, with terraced agriculture.

After almost another mile pass a curious small white house. There is a large spoil heap at the front and it looks as though some sort of tunnel has been dug into the hillside.

From this house, a track descends to the left and ultimately, this is your return path.

How much further you want to continue first, is up to you. Beyond the house, the quality of the track starts to deteriorate. There are good views of the cliffs and out to Isla Graciosa.

Return to the white house and descend to the lower track behind the beach and turn left to return to the Urbanization Famara.

