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Montaña Corona – Costa Teguisse

Starting point	Costa Teguisse - Beatriz Hotel
Distance	4 Miles
Date of Walk	11 February 2016
Traffic light rating	

Introduction: This Montaña Corona sits inland from Costa Teguisse, as opposed to another with the same name in the north of Lanzarote. It juts out from an arid plain, which means there are uninterrupted 360° views from the top. These look out to sea over Costa Teguisse to the east. It is clearly the remains of a volcanic cone, the eastern side having collapsed long ago and provides a dramatic ridge walk.

Arid as the plain is, you will see various plants clinging to life along the route.

Navigation is very straightforward as you can clearly see the ascent path as you approach. However, the walk needs to be treated with respect. Although Montaña Corona is only 761 ft high (232 metres), as I discovered, there can be a huge difference in wind strength between a gentle breeze at sea level and the summit. I think this might have been because the half volcanic crater was acting like a funnel to concentrate the easterly wind and the gusting effect made it difficult to remain standing at times. Additionally, the summit ridge surface is extremely “lumpy” so you have to watch where you put your feet. The drops either side of the ridge are quite steep and the walk may not suit vertigo sufferers.

I strongly recommend walking the route anti-clockwise, as I did, because the ascent path is very slithery and I find it better to ascend than descend this type of path. Also, by going this way, the descent path is very straightforward. There are alternative paths down but this one was recommended to me by a local I met at the summit and his advice was sound.

The walk starts from outside the Beatriz Hotel where there is plenty of free parking on the road. To get there, take the road LZ-14 which runs from the LZ-1 to Costa Teguisse. At a ‘T’ junction, turn left along Calle de Atalya. Follow the road round a bend and the hotel is on the right.

If you are staying in Costa Teguisse itself, you can easily walk from there.

Start: With your back to the hotel, turn right along either the road or a wide track which runs alongside the road or you could probably cross open country to join the track mentioned below at #.

Opposite a road junction, just before the buildings, turn left on to a track indicated by a wooden post. Within a few yards, turn right along a track at the rear of the buildings.

As you get to the end of the buildings, where the track bends right, head off left along a faintly visible track, which becomes more visible as you progress. It joins a broader track at a 'T' junction, after crossing a long, man-made ridge. Turn left.

You now follow this track (see # above) for about three quarters of a mile, passing a ruined building off to the right, until after going round a distinctive right hand bend and passing some dilapidated stone walls, you turn left following a narrower path towards the right hand end of the mountain.

At a 'T' junction, turn left.

At the next fork in the path, go right and the route to the ascent path is obvious.

You will come to a little cross-roads. Go straight on but almost immediately afterwards, at a fork, consider options. The path straight ahead is a climb which zig-zags up the steepest part of hill. The right fork swings round in a more gently climbing arc to join the same path higher up.

Climb to the top and follow the crater rim round to the summit.

There is little to mark the summit but look down to the south-west and you can see the better descent path recommended to me. It is not all that obvious for the first hundred yards or so but you can see where it becomes obvious lower down, with stones edging it. Avoid the other path which I have marked in red on the sketch plan.

The direction of the better path was almost straight on from the ridge behind you and before it curves round and down to the red path. It is difficult to describe but clear when you get there.

The path is only a little slithery for a hundred yards or so, before you join the better defined section. Follow it down to a 'T' junction and turn left.

Stay on this path, ignoring any turns off until you reach another 'T' junction by a dilapidated stone wall. Turn right here, along the broader track which follows the wall. The path also mostly follows in the same direction as the road which you can see to the right so you could walk along the pavement if you wanted.

Hotel Beatriz comes into view quite dramatically. You join a well defined track. It comes down to the road by a marker arrow then climbs to a promontory before continuing so it seemed sensible to join the paved footpath here back to the parking.

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