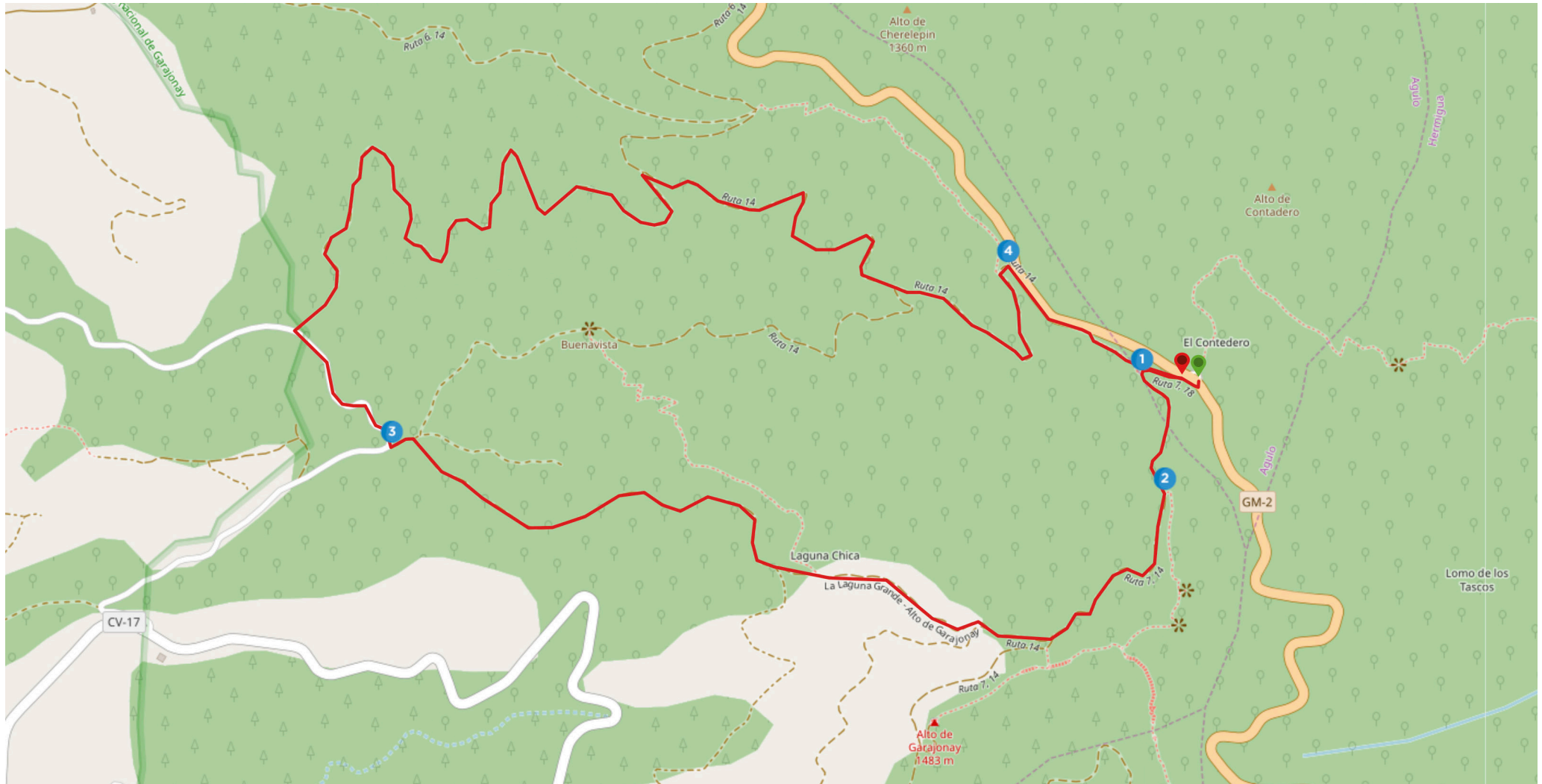


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A high level circuit in the National Park, close to the highest ground on the island, primarily through the ancient laurisilva forest but with occasional viewpoints. Broad, unsurfaced, roadways provide good, easy, walking without excessive ascent or severe gradients.

## Start:

Roadside parking area known as Contadero on east side of main road leading to Laguna Grande and Valle Gran Rey. Drive past Alajero, then the junction with the Chipude road; turn left at the next junction - Pajarito - to reach Contadero in about a further ¾ mile.

## Refreshments:

None on the line of the walk. Drive to Laguna Grande or stop at Alajero.

**Note:** It would be a great help to future walkers if you could record any inaccuracies you come across during this walk and report them to reception so that appropriate amendments can be made.

*Thank you for your help and happy walking.*

## WALK

Cross the road and, just before the entrance to the car park, start up a broad paved track, signposted 'Alto de Garajonay 1.4'. The roadway continues uphill, through the Laurisilva.

1. At a junction, a track goes to the left, signposted to the peak of Garajonay. Continue along the main roadway, still rising steadily. At a major junction another route heads to the left for the peak.
2. Carry on to the right following 'Chipude 3.6, Igualaro 2.9, descending a little. At the next junction, in about 250 yards, fork right towards Laguna Grande 4.2, Chipude 4.1, downhill. The track is a mixture of paved parts and rougher parts, with the forest soon less dense and with fine views to the flat topped Fortaleza (4073ft - 1241 m) and other mountains. Continue more steeply downhill to a major junction.
3. Bear right, then right, commencing a steady uphill slog, with tall pines on the right. Descend along the side of a large valley, the track winding considerably. At a 'T' junction turn right, rising gently. At a fork keep left with the main track, rising steeply to join the road.
4. Turn right to walk by the roadside back to the parking area. *On the right is a footpath, initially by the side of the road, signposted to 'Contadero 0.4' - a slightly longer way - avoiding return route by road.*

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