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A fine coastal circuit below the great cliffs of Famara, which rise to almost 450m (1477ft) above sea level, using dirt roadways and a good stony track. The ascent and descent are never really steep. The return is along a back of beach dirt roadway, finishing over sand. The famous Famara beach has miles of golden sand, but strong winds are usual.

Famara itself is a modern development of bungalows, of no interest to visitors. Nearby, La Caleta de Famara is a modest fishing village, with restaurants/bars.

This walk may not be suitable for those with poor agility or walking difficulties. Walking poles advisable.

## Start/car parking:

By the side of the access road to the Famara bungalow development, as close to the development as possible. There is a bus service from Arrecife to La Caleta.

## Refreshments:

None en route. Restaurants/bars in La Caleta.

## WALK

Set off along the roadside pavement, rising beside the south-western edge of the Famara bungalows. There is a roadside sign 'Playa'.

1. Turn left at the dirt road at the top of the development, 'Calle Risco'. Leave the development, soon under the great cliffs, which extend for several miles along this coastline, as far as the Mirador del Rio (walk 9). The fine views include Isle Graciosa. Descend gently to reach a junction, where the main track descends further to the sea. (short cut back to the car parking, if required).
2. Go straight ahead rising steadily passing an isolated house, a green oasis among the otherwise sparse vegetation. Flocks of sea birds soar beneath the cliffs. Pass a circular enclosure with stone wall, below left, now rising more gently on a lesser track; to the right is a ruinous little building.
3. Reach a tiny house, with a huge spoil heap and a large tree obscuring the entrance to an old tunnel, said to connect with the inland village of Haria. Commence the descent to the left along a narrower and stony track. Above to the right is a concrete tank. Rise slightly to a junction.

4. Turn very sharp left to continue the descent, almost to sea level. The long views include Famara, La Caleta and a string of smallish former volcanoes, close to the sea. Join the back of beach dirt at the bottom.

5. Bear left to head back towards Famara along the road, with any desired diversions to the beach.

6. Pass the bottom end of the 'short cut' road. Our dirt road becomes less obvious on the ground. Head towards the bottom corner of the bungalows, soon crossing drifts of sand. Either keep as close as possible to the boundary of Famara or, perhaps preferable, go well to the right to walk along the back of the beach for a short distance before bearing left to return to the parking place.

**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. *Happy walking.*