

A person wearing a black helmet, sunglasses, and a black jersey is riding a mountain bike on a dirt trail. The bike is yellow and red. The background features several tall saguaro cacti and agave plants under a clear blue sky. The person is leaning forward, suggesting they are in motion.

EXPLORE

BAJA CALIFORNIA SUR

MOUNTAIN BIKING,
HIKING, AND RUNNING TRAILS

AT RANCHO CACACHILAS



Experience world-class mountain biking and hiking trails in the rugged Sierra Cacachilas mountains of Baja California Sur at Rancho Cacachilas. This private trail system spans the entire Rancho Cacachilas complex with gated access. At this time, the trails are available for guided day or multi-day trail use only.

Enjoy a network of over 60 kilometers of private trails for mountain biking, hiking, trail-running, and mule riding trips. An extensive network of new trails is under development in our multi-year master trail plan, too, as these trails have quickly become a favorite in the Greater La Paz region.

Rated some of the best in Baja, these trails range from intermediate to advanced single track riding; whether you're ready to test your skills on exhilarating descents, or take in the mountain views of the nearby Sea of Cortez at a comfortable hiking pace, we've got the trails for you!

All our private trails are well marked with signs indicating their use for hiking, mule riding, and/or mountain biking. Please ride responsibly! All trails are built to International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) standards. Choose from day trips or multi-day tours that explore the trail system at Rancho Cacachilas.

See you soon,

Rafael Camposeco González
& the team at Rancho Cacachilas

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TRAIL SYSTEM OVERVIEW

Rancho Cacachilas Trail Design, Construction, and Maintenance

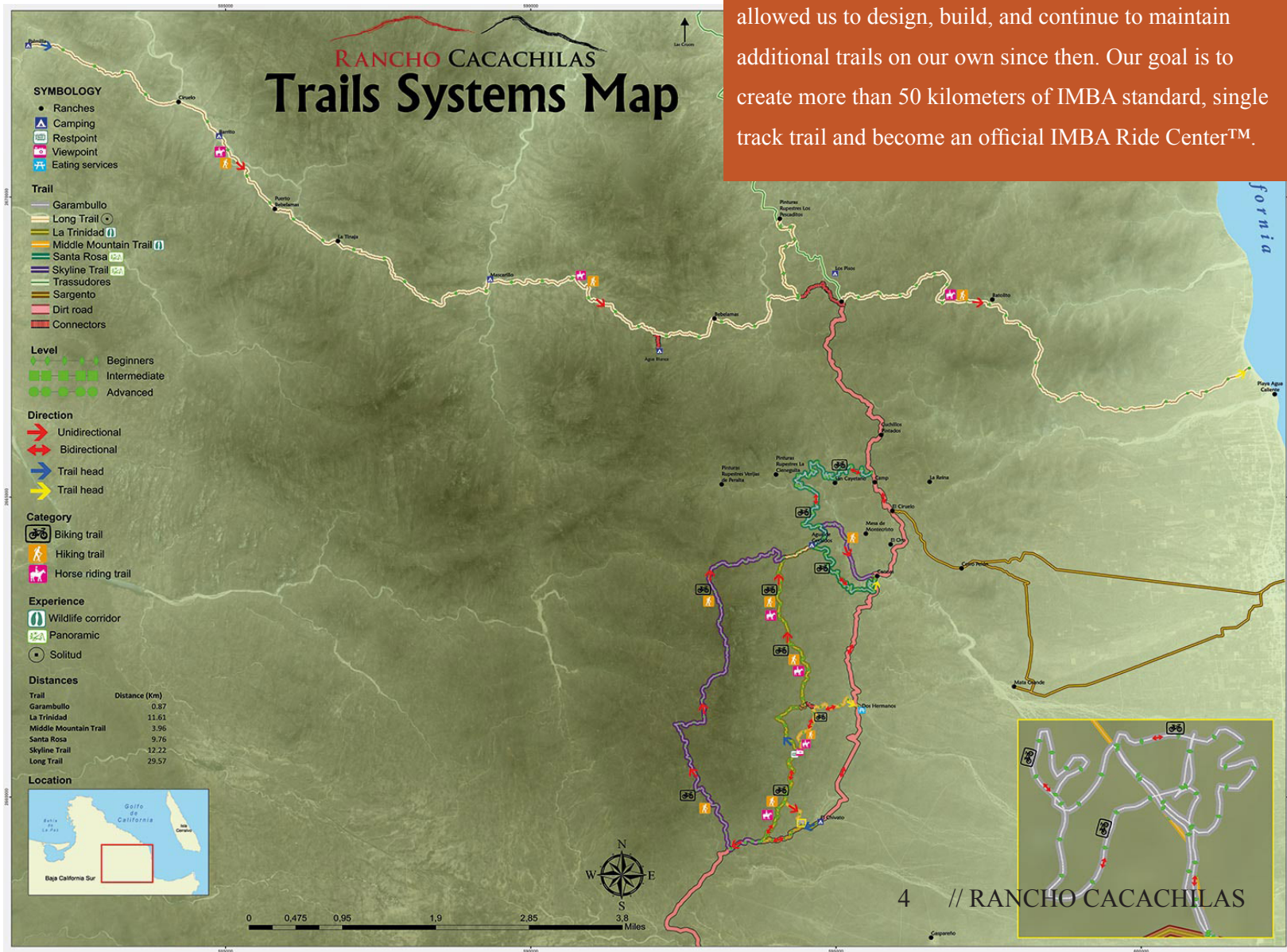
Rancho Cacachilas developed and maintains a system of private trails for mountain biking, hiking, running, and riding in the La Paz region of Mexico's Baja California Sur.

We take a holistic and responsible approach in the construction of all of our trails. We implement techniques to decrease environmental impact while

maximizing soil retention and water drainage. Erosion control was a primary consideration in the development process. In many cases we work with historical trails that have been used for centuries in this region of the Baja California Peninsula.

BUILDING TO IMBA STANDARDS

International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) started training our local crew in late 2014. This has allowed us to design, build, and continue to maintain additional trails on our own since then. Our goal is to create more than 50 kilometers of IMBA standard, single track trail and become an official IMBA Ride Center™.



WHAT TO EXPECT

The unique environment of Rancho Cacachilas trails is as rewarding as it is challenging.

Our goal is to ensure that everyone who joins us for biking or hiking enjoys themselves to their fullest capacity, and that means educating our guests to the various factors that make this experience thrilling, challenging, and fun.

When considering whether our trails will be a good fit for your comfort and level of experience, there are a few things we'd like for you to keep in mind.

Exposure to the Elements

With virtually no shade on the majority of our trails, be aware of the fact that you will be exposed to sun, rain, wind, flooded sections of trail, and a long list of other weather-related possibilities. Be mindful and prepared.

Cacti

Our cacti are big, impressive, beautiful... and close to the trail. In certain sections, they line each side of the trail and are precariously close; it takes confidence, spatial awareness, and accuracy in your abilities. Because let's face it... hitting a cactus would end your day on the trails very quickly!

Challenging Terrain

Hiking and biking the granite dryland forest with areas of coarse sandy soil is a unique experience that makes even our "easy" trails more challenging, and isn't always best suited for beginners.

SUGGESTED LIST

- Sunscreen
- Hat or visor for helmet
- Light-weight windbreaker (water-resistant)
- Appropriate shoes
- A change of socks
- Plenty of water to keep you well hydrated.

QUESTIONS?

We are here to help you plan a fun, safe bike or hike experience.

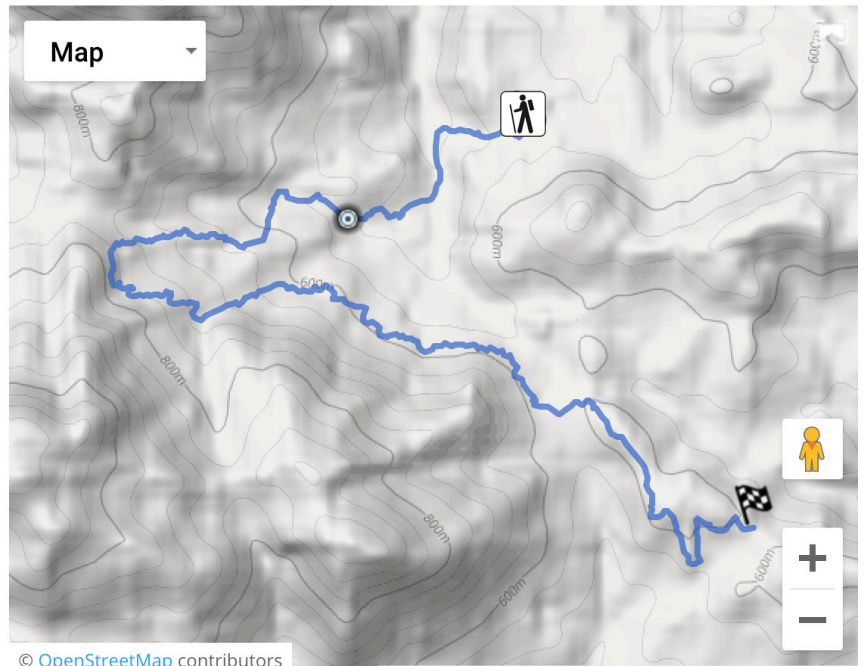
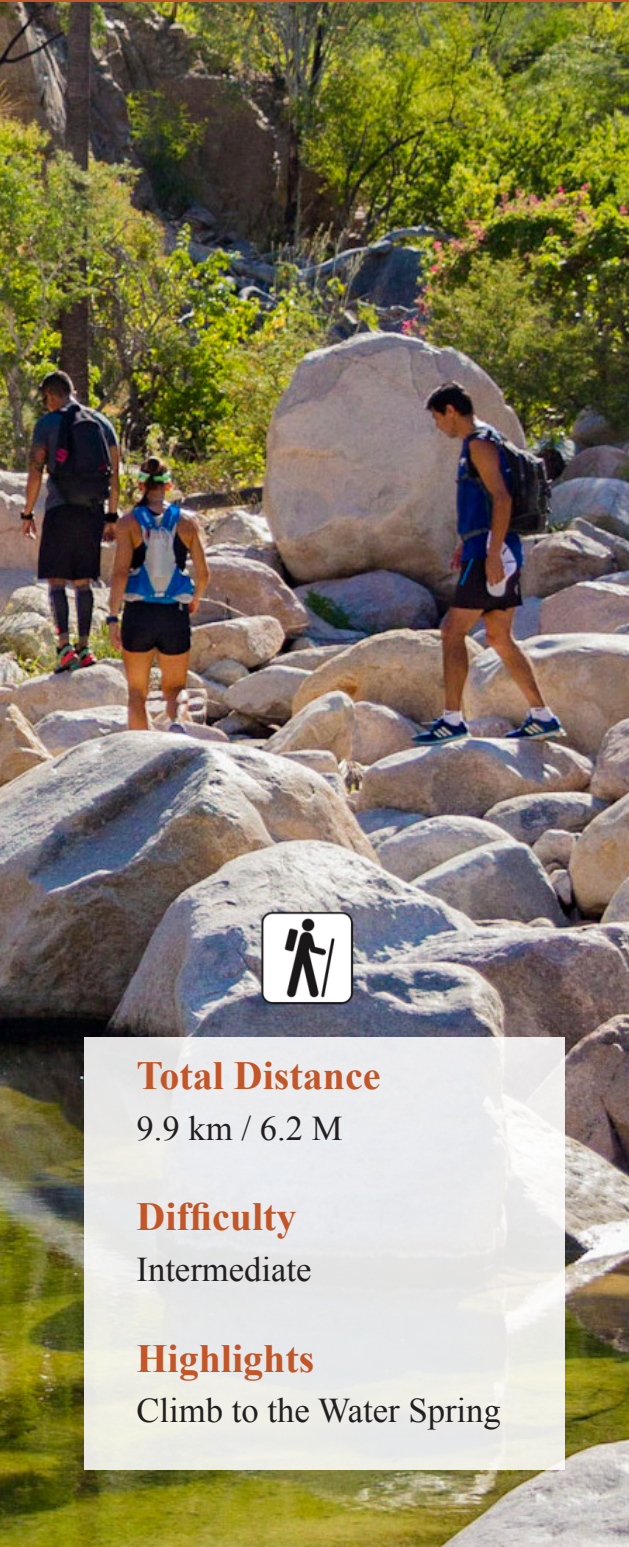
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AGUA BLANCA TRAIL

This is a relatively easy trail of 9.9 kilometers (6.2-miles) with an overall elevation gain of about 300 meters (984 feet).

Starting at our most remote camping site at Los Pisos and ending at an intersection of trails called Cuchillos Pintados, this trail passes the Agua Blanca natural spring and affords beautiful views of the Sierra Cacachilas, the Sea of Cortez, and Cerralvo Island.



Total Distance
9.9 km / 6.2 M

Difficulty
Intermediate

Highlights
Climb to the Water Spring

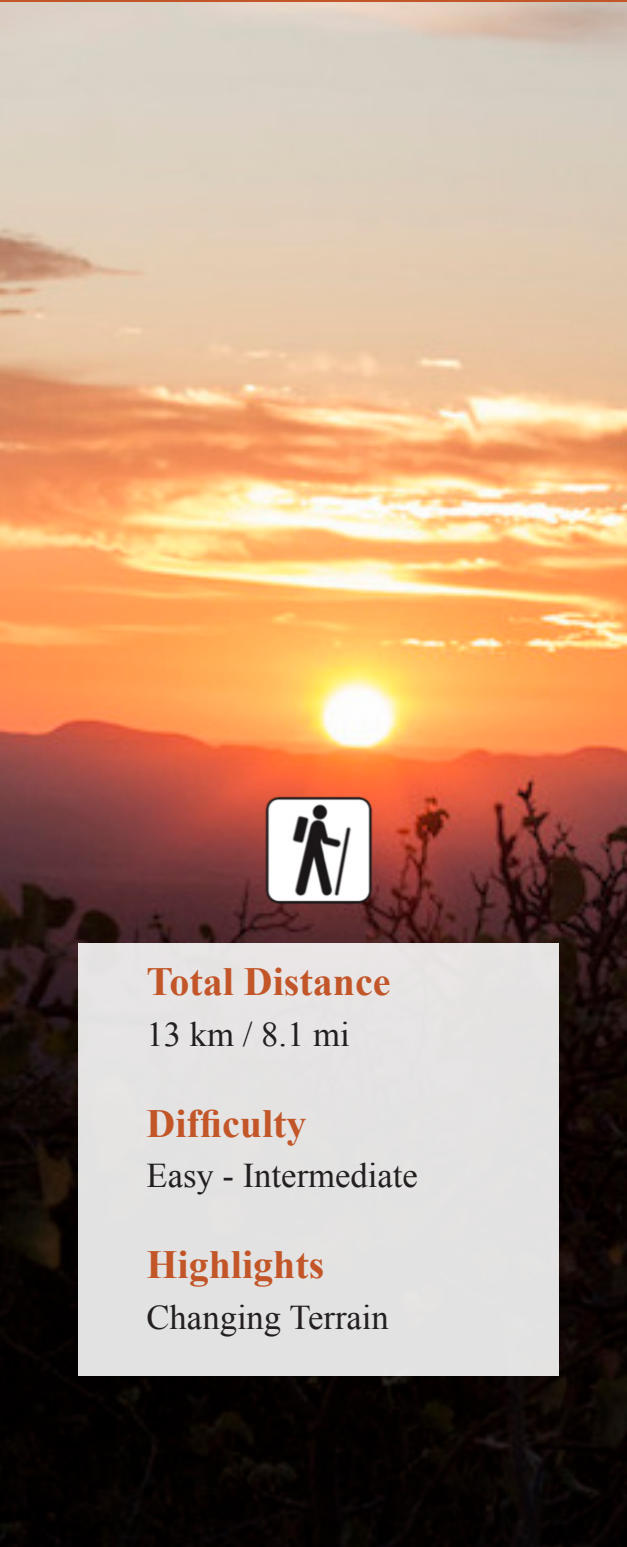
Did you know...

The views of the mountain range on this hiking-only trail is not the only draw: the water spring is a completely unique feature not normally found in dry desert-like lands.

LAS CRUCES TRAIL

This is a moderate 13-kilometer (8.1-mile) trail that takes approximately 4 to 5 hours to hike.

Starting from Los Pisos, this trail takes you from 500 meters (1640 feet) to sea level and ends at the exclusive Rancho Las Cruces Resort along the shore of the Sea of Cortez. Please contact them directly for availability, prices, and reservations.



Total Distance

13 km / 8.1 mi

Difficulty

Easy - Intermediate

Highlights

Changing Terrain



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Did you know...

This hiking-only trail connects our remote wilderness camp with the Rancho Las Cruces resort. Highlights of this trail include amazing rock gardens filled with solid desert granite—which are contrasted by the back-drop of deep turquoise waters belonging to the Sea of Cortez.

LONG TRAIL

This is an advanced hike of more than 21 kilometers (13-miles) that follows an historical trail that was carefully reconstructed by our crew in 2015 and 2016.

The Long Trail includes three major climbs: Portezuelo de Caballos, Portezuelo de La Calerita, and Portezuelo de La Bebelama.



Total Distance

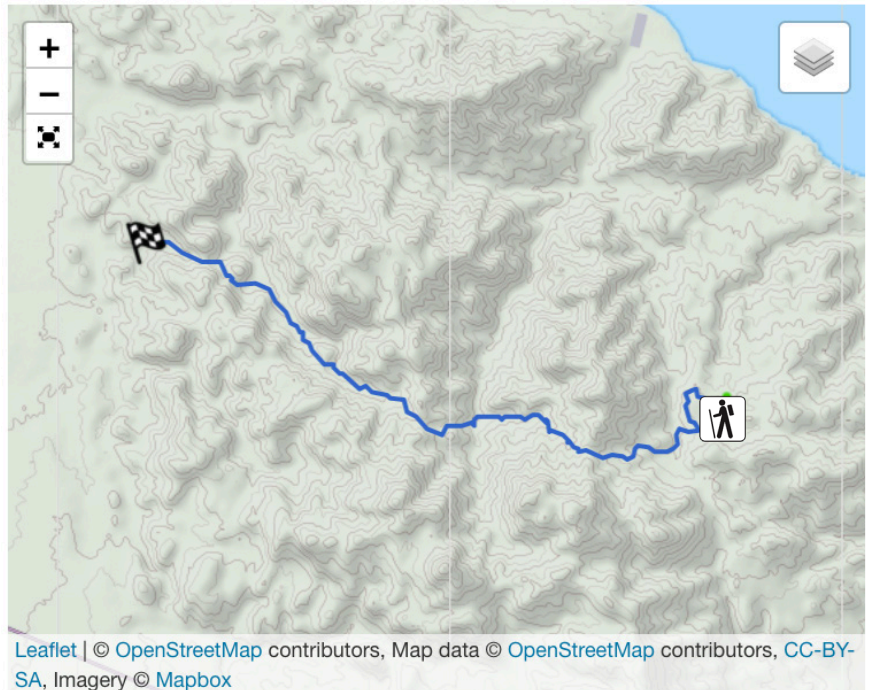
21 km / 13 M

Difficulty

Advanced

Highlights

Overcome 3 Mountain Passages



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Did you know...

This is part of our annual Don Diablo trail-running race. Starting from Los Pisos, you will cross the mountain range toward La Paz, ending just behind the city. It is as rewarding as it is challenging, and you will find the essence of self as you cross the remote wilderness.

MIDDLE MOUNTAIN TRAIL

This is an easy to intermediate hike of 4 kilometers (2.5-miles) that takes you from our Chivato Ranch to our Dos Hermanos Ranch.

Along the way, there are lovely views of La Ventana Bay, Cerralvo Island, and Sierra de la Laguna, the highest peak in the state of Baja California Sur.



Total Distance

4 km / 2.5 mi

Difficulty

Easy for Hikers

Intermediate for Bikers

Highlights

When hiking, the climb up to the Cruz; when biking, the ride through Cabeza de Caballo as that section is largely up hill.



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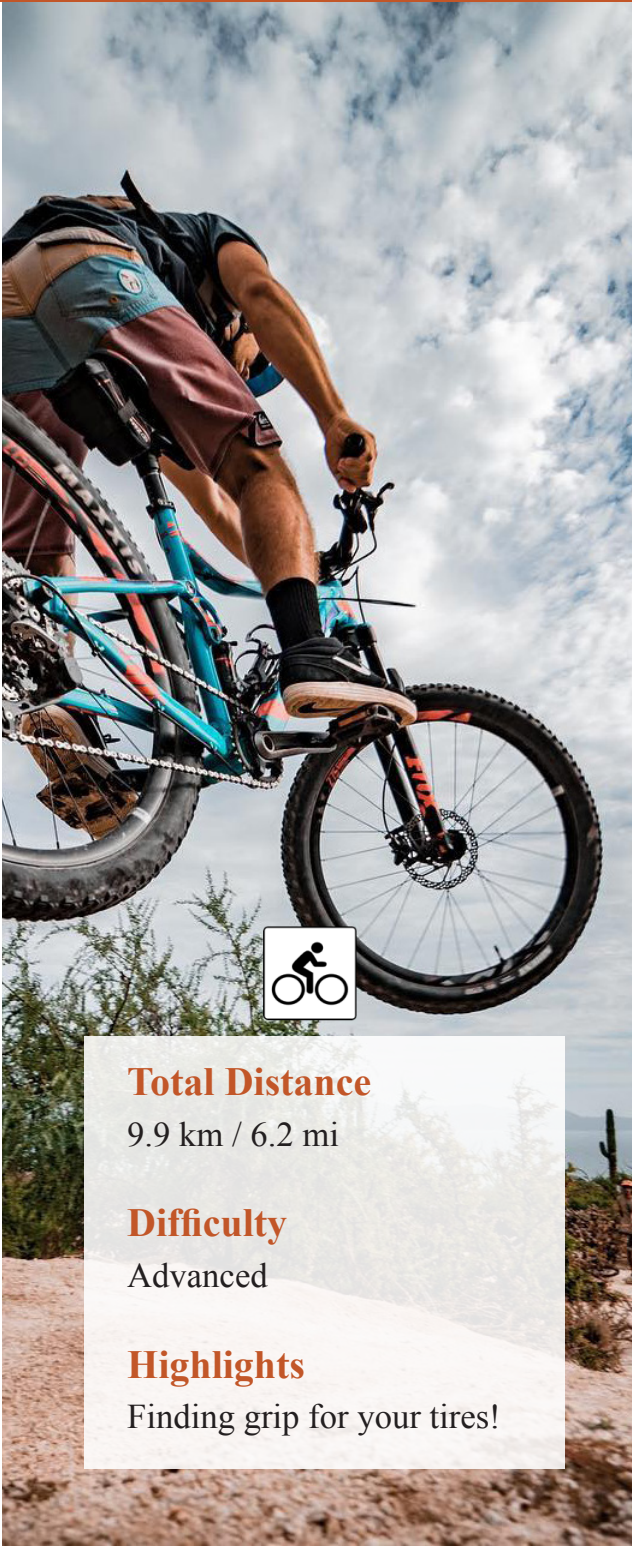
Did you know...

This multi-purpose trail (bike it, ride it, or hike it!) is easily one of the most beautiful trails at Rancho Cacachilas. It runs from our outdoor resort to Dos Hermanos, where we have our creamery and seed garden. It is regularly used and the views of the Sea of Cortez are stunning.

EL SALTO TRAIL

This is a relatively easy trail of 9.9 kilometers (6.2-miles) with an overall elevation gain of about 300 meters (984 feet).

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Total Distance

9.9 km / 6.2 mi

Difficulty

Advanced

Highlights

Finding grip for your tires!

Did you know...

This biking-only trail has a challenging section of an accelerating trail that connects to other trails between Chivato and Dos Hermanos. It is fairly technical, but incredibly fun, and it takes you deep into our mountain range.

SANTA ROSA TRAIL

This trail was designed using IMBA and built by our carefully trained crew. The result is an impressive 9.1-kilometer (5.7-mile), single track trail that winds its way through the mountains, passing large boulders and oases with palm trees. Feel the adrenaline as you descend serpent switchbacks and reward yourself with spectacular views of the mountains and sea.

This is for riders with solid technical skills to navigate the challenging terrain.



Total Distance

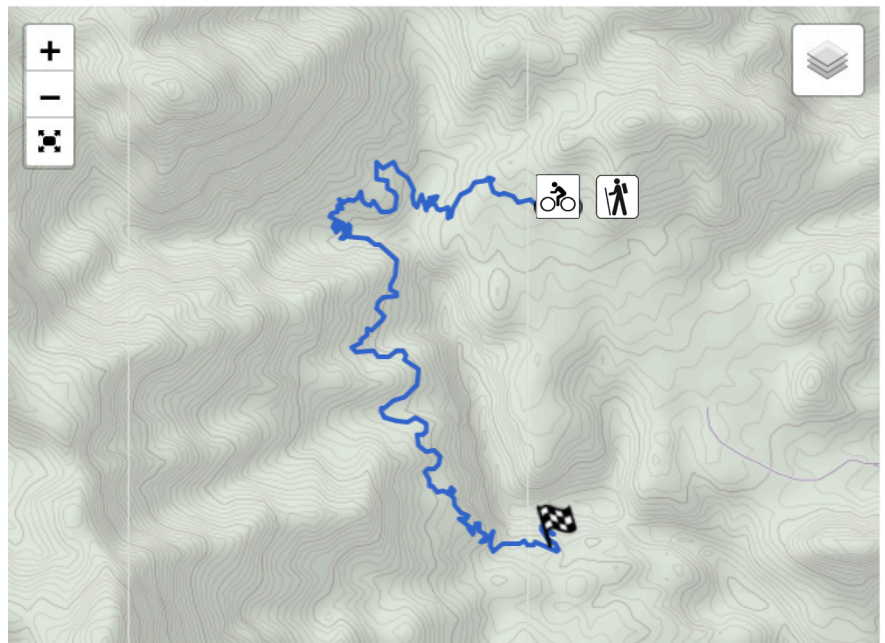
9.1 km / 5.7 mi

Difficulty

Intermediate

Highlights

Switchbacks



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Did you know...

The Santa Rosa Trail is our pride and joy, as it launched the start of our network. It is a flow trail that takes you through accelerating switchbacks. The trail ends at Canoas, a historical hub nestled deep in the canyons for lunch!



SKY TRAIL

This is an advanced 11.8-kilometer (7.3-mile) hike that climbs up to the ridge of the Sierra Cacachilas mountain range, more than 1000 meters (3281 feet) above sea level.

Starting near Rancho Chivato and ending at Canoas, hikers are treated with 360° panoramic views of sierra, sea, and sky — a bird's-eye view of the greater La Paz region.



Total Distance

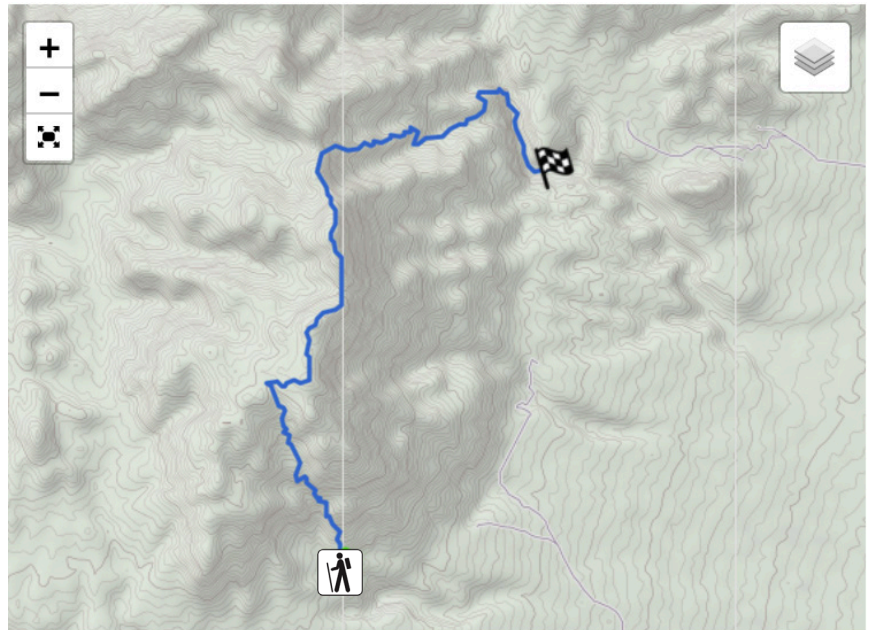
11.8 km / 7.3 mi

Difficulty

Advanced

Highlights

The Summit (but so worth it!)



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Did you know...

This is our most challenging trail, taking you from 400 meters above sea level to 1000 in only a few *km*. The reward is its 360° degree views of La Paz and La Ventana Bay. This trail is currently for hikers only, but construction is underway for a biking trail.



**NEW TRAILS
FROM OUR TRAIL SYSTEM
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

NEW TRAILS



Trail Rating: Beginner

This trail network is perched on a mountain overlook that offers 3 different beginners loops. Palo Blanco is a 2.5 kilometer loop that follows the perimeter of the plateau. Monte Cristo is an easy 2.3 kilometer ride on flat land with a few corners that will help you hone in on your skills. Monte Cristo loops around on the inside of Palo Blanco. The final loop is Lomboy, a leisurely 2.7 kilometers of fun that is the perfect cornering experience. Combine all three of these loops using the 2 kilometer connector road to complete the Monte Cristo Plateau!



Trail Rating: Intermediate

La Palmillosa is an extension of the Santa Rosa Trail. This single track trail of 8.2 kilometers takes you to the top of La Reina, an old mining shaft. From there you can descend into Cuchillos Pintados, an old mining trail rebuilt to IMBA standards. This intermediate trail loops back around to the Santa Rosa Trail where you can decide your next move. You can either keep riding into Canoas or head back to camp.



Trail Rating: Advanced

This technical descent of 886 meters loops you back to Chivatós Adventure Resort & Camp. When riding out of Chivato take La Trinidad Trail and connect to La Cruz for a fun ride back to camp. To extend your ride, take our beginners trail—El Garambullo—and make as many loops as you would like in either direction.

NEW TRAILS



Trail Rating: Intermediate

La Trinidad is named after an old mine shaft. This intermediate trail of 2.7 kilometers departs from the dirt road at the back side of Chivato and connects with The Middle Mountain Trail and El Salto. This scenic trail brings the wow factor with its views of the surrounding mountains. The Resort Camp also has some rock challenges to test your skills on and several view points.



Trail Rating: Beginner

This beginners loop of 560 meters is perfect for kids! They can sense the feeling of the trails and adjust to the terrain conditions. Make endless loops on this figure 8 design to get the hang of mountain biking! It is located at the end of La Cruz and on the way to La Trinidad.



Trail Rating: Intermediate - Advanced

This intermediate to advanced 5.8 kilometer trails connects the El Salto trail and Dos Hermanos ranch with the Santa Rosa Trail taking you to Canoas. This trail offers incredible views of the mountains and the bay. It is a technical trail with punchy climbs, but not to worry, you will be rewarded with an incredible descent.

NEW TRAILS



Trail Rating: Intermediate

This 11 kilometer trail is an extension of the Long Trail. This trail begins at Los Pisos and leads you down the mountain, through a canyon, offering views of different islands in the Sea of Cortez. The hike ends at the beach of Agua Caliente, named so because of its hot springs. This trail is a portion of the course for the Don Diablo trail race.



Trail Rating: Intermediate

Journey out of Los Pisos to find this 2.1 kilometer trail that guides you into the mountains. This trail leads to the ancient pictograph rock art paintings left by the Guaycura people. The Guaycura were hunter-gatherers that lived in these mountains prior to the arrival of the Spanish.



MOUNTAIN & BIKE HUB



Come on in...

Our [full service bike shop based in El Sargento, Baja California Sur](#) offers bicycle rentals, bike repairs, and a complete assortment of bike gear and apparel. Not to mention the high-performance mountain bikes we have for sale!

Our Mountain & Bike Hub is also your easy-access point to the private Rancho Cacachilas complex of working ranches, adventure resort, and wilderness camps. **All day tours and visits depart from this location.**



[Learn or brush up on your technical riding skills at our Pump Track!](#) It caters to all mountain biking skill levels; bring your own bike or rent one of ours. This is also a popular venue for private parties. One week minimum advanced reservations required, catered food, and beverages available.



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