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# Caves of La Palma

## Guide to the caves with GPS co-ordinates

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<sup>1</sup>Photo Cueva de Perdido

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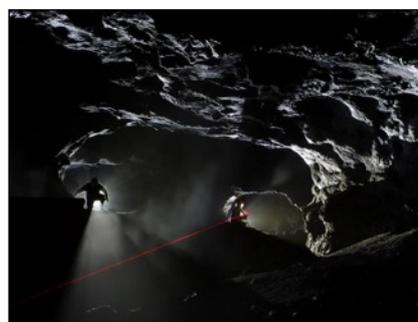
**GPS UTM/UPS WGS 84 R 0213393 3169840**

Perdido is located on the west side of the island, on the sea cliffs near the village of Todoque.

It is accessed from the sea cliffs accessed by walking down a track in-between two large water pools in the Banana Plantations.

At the end of the track is some steps down through a hole in the wall.

This takes you to the cliff tops where you follow a very narrow goat track along about 50m to the east where you come across the multiple entrances of Perdido.



Description:

Perdido is a very dark, iron filled lava tube that has quite high humidity due to the banana plantations that lie above it.

It is a network of larger chambers and small tubes many back filled by collapses and picon.

There are two entrances that provide a very small round trip, with some very orange crystals on the roof.

Further in the cave there are multiple ways on many of which end in collapses, but if the right way on is found, there is some very attractive passages near the end. (see centre photo)

## Cueva de Las Moradas and Bob Mine

**GPS UTM/UPS WGS 84 R 0219199 3173492**

Cueva de Las Moradas (Purple Cave) is situated near El Paso

A mostly linear cave with some interesting bones and a fossilised tree. Ends in some very narrow squeezes. There is really nothing purple about this cave so don't expect to be impressed by colourful hues.

Next door to Arenal (RHS on approach) there is an old bonded mined adit. This is very much worth a visit. You will pass through numerous different geological lava flows of all colours. The walls are very anechoic so talking to a friend as little as 5m away feels very strange. 15min journey (approx 7min each way)

The land owner in the dip is a very sociable man and may show you some legendary giant footprints in the rock on the path way (going uphill) Please be courteous with parking.



## Cueva Arenal

**GPS UTM/UPS WGS 84 0221165 3176157**

Very short but impressive cave just inside the national park boundary. (approx 100m)



## Sistema de Los Cardos 1165m

**GPS UTM/UPS WGS 84 Los Cardos 0221549 3175141**

Probably the easiest of the Lava tubes to find, however the furthest and largest entrance closes down quite quickly to make a squeeze.

Well worth the push you enter larger passage again with a network of passages to explore. There are some stunning colours through all 3 parts of this system.

Each tube seems to have its own Characteristics, the right most one being smooth and tubular the left hand one, course and fractured.

Some excellent benching in the further reaches, past the squeeze.



## Showcave Todoque

**GPS UTM/UPS WGS 84 Todoque 0217411 3167235**



Recently closed to cavers as the Cabildo have started works to make this a show cave. Work is due to be completed shortly.

An excellent show cave with fine morphology , and laminar flows, colours and lava drip. Interspersed with stunning daylight shafts sending beams of sunshine into the cave.

