

REGULATIONS FOR VISITORS WHO WISH TO USE THE TELESFORO BRAVO TRAIL (RAMBLETA-PICO DEL TEIDE)

1. In these regulations a ‘visitor’ is understood as any individual or group that spontaneously or through a planned outing enters Teide National Park in order to enjoy its natural beauty, ecology and the high quality of its environment. This does not include people who carry out activities in the National Park for reasons related to work or study, to provide public services or for other reasons that have been authorised by the Administration of the National Park.
2. The Telesforo Bravo Trail is the only path that visitors are allowed to take to Pico del Teide and its use requires prior authorisation. In addition, visitors are not permitted to leave the trail at any time.
3. The carrying capacity of this trail at any given time is 50 people. Therefore, no more than 50 people can be authorised to use the trail at the same time.
4. The carrying capacity at any given time of the section of the trail which enters and borders the crater of the volcano is 10 people. Therefore, no more than 10 visitors can be on this section at the same time.
5. Visitors are not authorised to walk all the way around the crater or to enter into the crater itself as it has been declared a Reserve Area.
6. The Administration of the National Park will adequately mark off and indicate through signs the beginning and end of the trail.
7. In order to use the Telesforo Bravo Trail visitors must apply for an access permit from the Administration of the National Park.
8. Interested parties can apply directly for an access permit to Pico del Teide and each applicant can have up to 9 companions included in their permit.
9. In order to better control the groups using the trail, the day has been split into two-hour periods in which the trail can be used. Visitors must choose the period in which they will use the trail. These periods are:
 - From 9:00 to 11:00 AM.
 - From 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
 - From 1:00 to 3:00 PM.
 - From 3:00 to 5:00 PM (if you choose this period, keep in mind that the last cabins of the Teide Cableway come down around 4:30 PM and sometimes earlier, especially in winter).

Visitors are not permitted to apply for authorisation to access the trail in more than one two-hour period of the same day or for more than one access permit per week, unless the trail or cableway had been closed for technical reasons or due to bad weather for more than three days in a row, making it impossible to reach Pico del Teide on the days originally authorised.

10. The permit can be obtained in the following way:

- Via Internet on the Reservation web page provided by the Autonomous Organisation of National Parks
<http://www.reservasparquesnacionales.es/real/ParquesNac/index.aspx>
- Visitors can access the Internet to obtain permits in the Administrative Office of Teide National Park, although the National Park is not responsible if there are no Internet connections available at a given moment.
- Permits can be applied for until 2 PM of the day prior to which visitors wish to use the trail.
- In any case, obtaining the permit depends on availability.

11. The permit will be given for a specific time period on the day chosen by the visitor, as long as there is sufficient carrying capacity and the conditions outlined in these regulations are followed, especially points 3, 8 and 12.

Throughout the year the cableway is often closed for technical reasons or due to bad weather; if closed the day you intend to use it your permit will still be valid on the first day (and only the first day) in which the cableway is again available after the date specified on the application. However, this exception is only valid for three days counting from the date specified on your application (including that date), even when weather conditions have not changed and the cableway remains closed. If, due to these circumstances, on a given date and time period the carrying capacity specified in point 3 is surpassed, those people and their companions who applied for the permit on the current date will be given preference. Visitors who are in the situation described above should expect not to be given access to the Telesforo Bravo Trail by the personnel of the National Park when the carrying capacity specified in point 3 of these regulations has been met.

12. Up to thirty (30) spaces are reserved during the first time period (9-11 AM) and another ten (10) in the third period (1-3 PM), which can be applied for by tourism companies or independent professional trail guides, if they are based in Tenerife and have an office on the island. The guides must be officially certified by the Government of the Canary Islands and also be certified to work as a guide in Teide National Park by the Patronage of this protected space. A Registry of companies and guides that meet these requirements will be established.

Access permits will be given to guides and up to 19 companions during a specific time period and date, although this quota will not be subject to the second restriction specified in the last paragraph of Point 9 in these regulations.

13. It is obligatory for each person named on the permit to show their D.N.I, passport or official identification document, as well as a copy, when they reach the Telesforo Bravo trail, if so required by Park personnel. If the person who applied for the permit is unable to do so, the permit will be annulled for the applicant and all of the companions named on the permit. In

addition, the personnel of Teide National Park reserve the right to deny access to the Telesforo Bravo trail to any companion that refuses to show their official identification document.

The permit is not valid if the person who applied for it is not present.

Unless justified, if an applicant who received a permit does not use the permit they will be unable to apply for another permit for three months.

14. To make the requisites involved with obtaining permits readily accessible, these regulations will be published on the web sites of the Government of the Canary Islands (gobiernodecanarias.org), the Spanish Ministry of the Environment and Rural and Marine Affairs (marm.es) and the Cabildo of Tenerife (tenerife.es).
15. Visitors who spend the night in the Altavista Refuge in order to see the sunrise from the crater do not need a permit to access Pico del Teide, as a copy of their stamped application to spend the night in the refuge will serve the same purpose, in accordance with article 7 of the *“Comunicación de acuerdo de fecha 29/07/98 sobre Reglamentación del Refugio de Altavista”*. These people must have left the Telesforo Bravo trail before nine o'clock on the current day. To travel along the Telesforo Bravo trail after that time, it will be necessary to request the normal access permit.
16. Applicants assume all risks derived from accidents that could occur due to the danger of passing through this area.
17. Teide National Park is exempt from all responsibility that may arise through this activity.
18. If bad weather conditions (mainly snow and ice) or any other reason make it impractical or dangerous to use the Telesforo Bravo Trail, the Administration of the National Park could prohibit access to Pico del Teide and close the trail for as long as it deems necessary. In this case even visitors with permits would not be able to use the trail.

Federated mountain climbers who are able to justify their abilities, have the necessary equipment (in particular mountain climbing boots, crampons and ice axes) and have the recommendation of one of the regional federations of FEDME [the Spanish Mountain Climbing Federation] can apply for a special permit when the terrain is covered with ice or snow and the Telesforo Bravo trail is closed. In this case, after the petition is studied, the Administration of the National Park could give a specific authorisation to cross even Restricted Use Areas (as long as they are covered with snow), and/or to access Pico del Teide. Applicants assume all risks derived from the dangerous conditions, and are responsible for any accidents that could occur and damages that could be caused to the environment, Teide National Park will not be held responsible for any consequences that may occur during this activity.