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Parque Nacional Los Glaciares - Seccional Lago Viedma

Huemul Mount Circuit Season 2022-2023

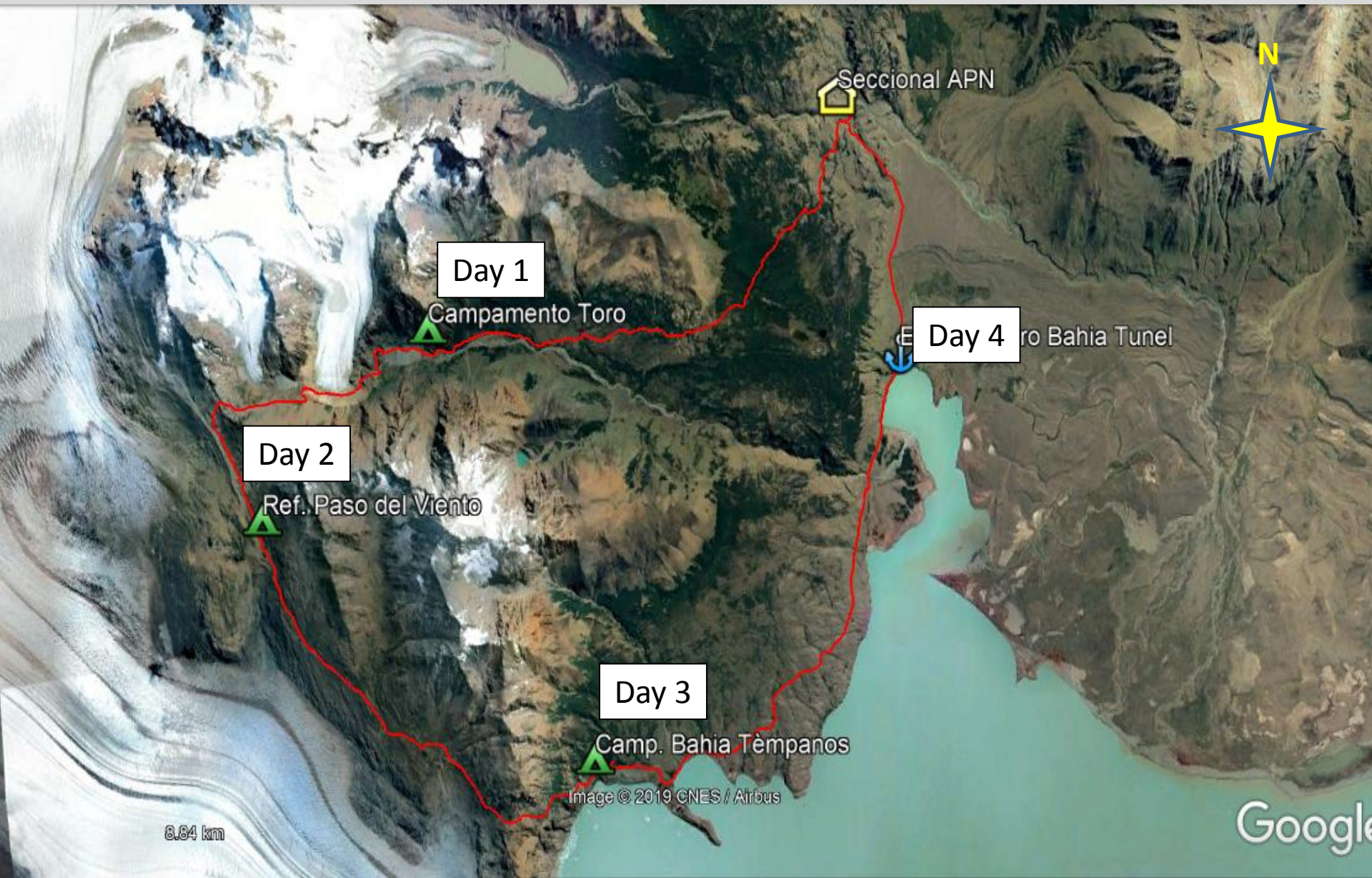


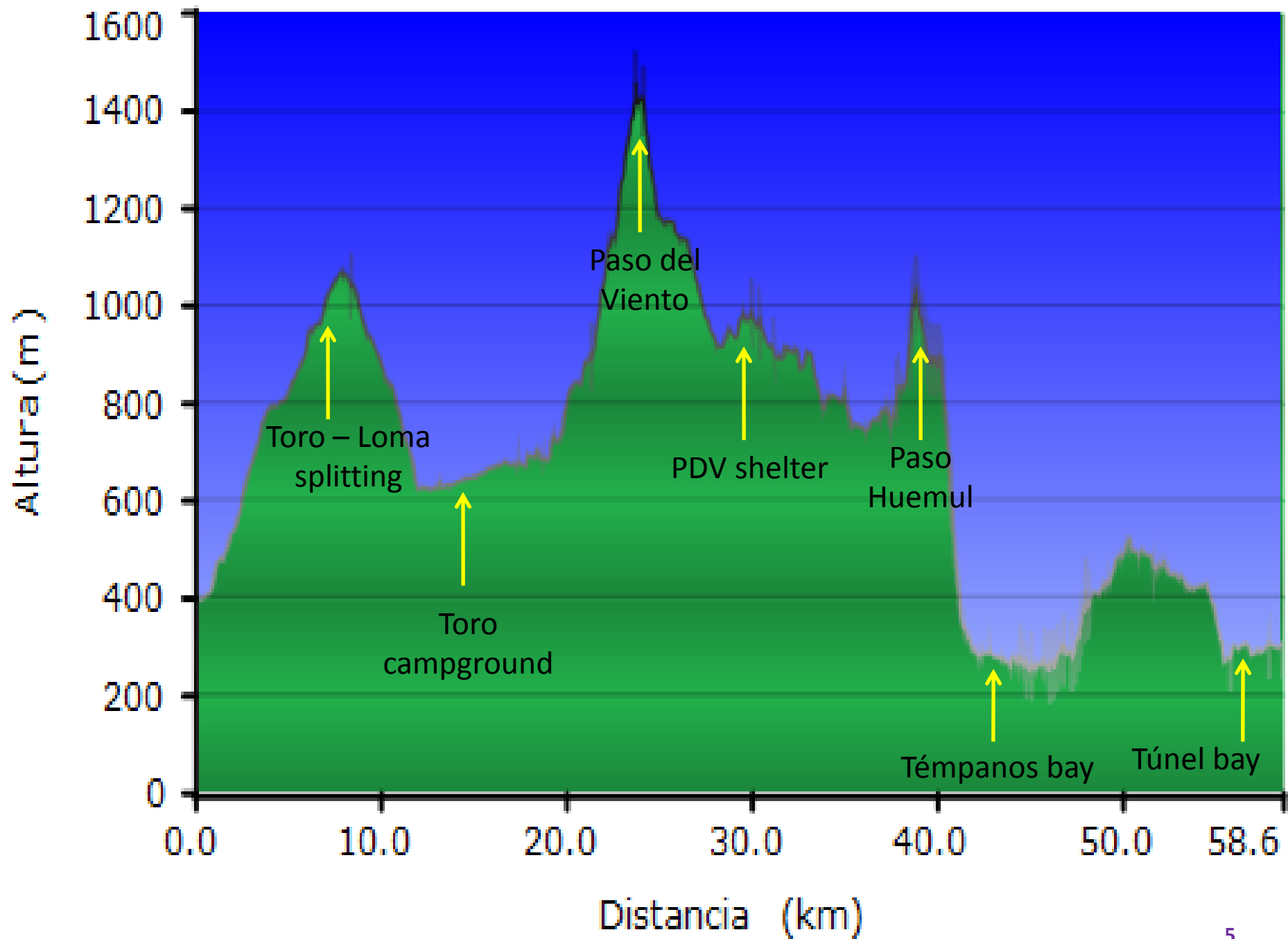
Main characteristics of the circuit

- Remote area (\neq traditional trails).
- Extreme weather conditions.
- Objective risks of the environment.
- Trails without maintenance.
- Not enough signs on the trail.
- Physically demanding and long duration days.
- Difficulties in helping you out in case of emergency.

Main characteristics of the circuit

- 4 days, 3 nights (recommendation).
- 65 kilometers for the hole circuit.
- 1000 meters of level at most.
- 26 hours (total).





WARNING



- Mountain activities are dangerous. You or your stuff can be damaged.
- These instructions are not exhaustive. Any explanation can't replace your own experience and criterion.
- Do not forget that you are responsible for your own safety.

Day 1: El Chaltén- Toro lagoon

- Average time: 6 hs.
- Distance: 15 kilometers.
- Difficulty: intermediate.
- Campground: Laguna Toro



Laguna Toro-Loma del Pliegue Tumbado splitting

TORO LAGOON



LOMA DEL PLIEGUE





Marshy areas

- Flooded ground.
- Follow the yellow sticks.

STREAM CROSSING



TÚNEL RIVER VALLEY



PASO DEL VIENTO



TÚNEL GLACIER



TORO LAGOON



TORO
CAMPGROUND



TÚNEL RIVER



Day 2: Toro Lagoon – Paso del Viento

- Average time: 6 hs.
- Distance: 12 kilometers.
- Difficulty: High.
- Campground: Paso del Viento Shelter.

Tha APN don't recommend this trail in windy days.



Day 2: Toro Lagoon – Paso del Viento

- Túnel river crossing:
 - ✓ Alternative 1: zip line.
 - ✓ Alternative 2: cross the river by foot.

WARNING: the APN is not responsible of the wrong use of the installations and the damage that can be cause from their use.



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TÚNEL RIVER ZIP LINE

RECOMENDED GEAR

Harness

Thin cord (35 meters)

Locking carabiners (2)

Steel carabiner (1)

Safety line (1)



Previous skills in using this kind of installations are indispensable.



!!!WARNING!!!



- Never clip yourself to the steel wire with an aluminium carabiner.
- To clip yourself directly to the steel wire, use a steel carabiner.
- Aluminium carabiners can only be clipped to the pulley.
- You can use the thin cord to get the pulley from the other shore.

Steel carabiner



Aluminium carabiner



Getting the pulley





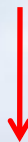
IMPORTANT: Toro-Paso del Viento traverse for the day.



- If you want to complete the circuit TORO-PASO DEL VIENTO-TORO in one day, remember that at your return the level of the river could be deeper.
- Importance of using the zip line.
- Consider taking with you a sleeping bag and food for a night out of the campground.



Paso del Viento



Túnel glacier

TÚNEL GLACIER CROSSING

- The getting on and the getting out of the glacier change periodically.
- Unstable ground. Be careful with falling rocks.

TÚNEL GLACIER CROSSING.

- In usual conditions, crampons are not necessary.
- stay a few meters away from the moraine.
- Don't go down to the Túnel Superior Lagoon.





WARNING: getting in and getting out of the glacier is extremely dangerous

Going down from Paso del Viento to the shelter



Refugio Paso del Viento (APN)

- Common use shelter. To sleep, use your tent.
- To avoid mice, don't leave garbage or food inside the building.
- Take care of the building. It's for everyone use and it's very difficult to maintain it.
- The water from the lagoon and the stream is drinkable. If you need to wash or go to the bathroom, go away from water sources.



Day 3: Refugio Paso del Viento – Témpanos bay

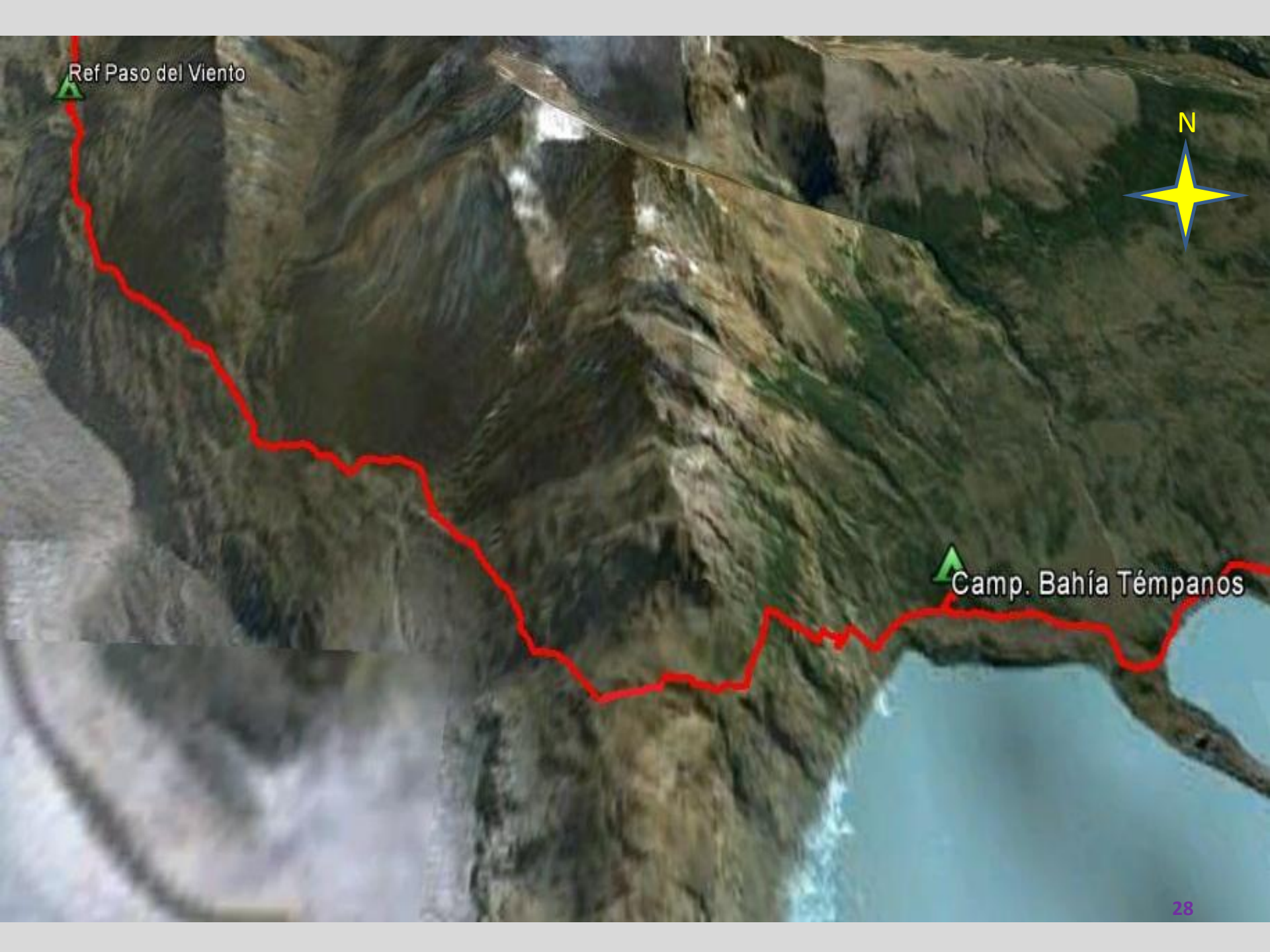
- Average time: 7 hs.
- Distance: 16 kilometers.
- Difficulty: high.
- Campground: Bahía de los Témpanos.

The APN don't recommend this trail in windy days.



Day 3: Refugio Paso del Viento – Témpanos bay

- Be careful with strong winds, specially in Paso Huemul.
- Be careful when you get across rivers.
- Paso Huemul: rugged ground, going down.



Ref Paso del Viento

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Camp. Bahía Témpanos



Getting across Paula river: be careful with the river level.



Paso Huemul



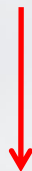
De los Juncos lagoon



Don't go on to the lagoon, take the left trail



Paso
Huemul



Red
moraine



De los Juncos Lagoon



Paso Huemul



Take your **left** after you go up to Paso Huemul (northeast). Don't go down to the the valley that you are going to find on your right.

- It's forbidden to camp in Paso Huemul. There is a former campground that is close right now. Help us to recover the vegetation in that area. To camp, go on to Témpanos Bay.

- Vegetation presence over the trail. Be careful with branches and roots.

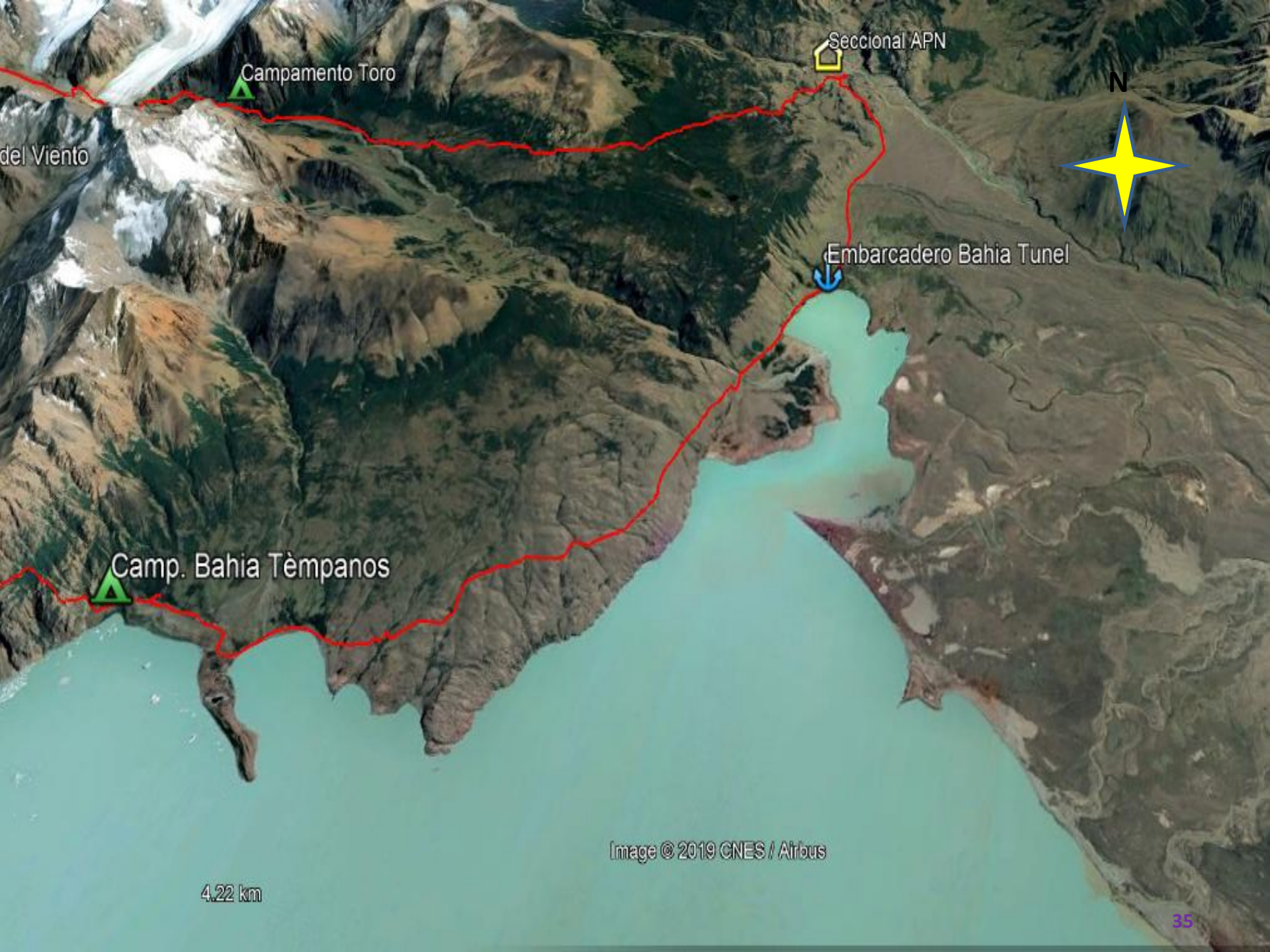
- Sloped ground going down. It's recommended to use sticks for the descent .

- To camp, go down until you reach Viedma lake.



Day 4: Témpanos Bay – Túnel Bay

- Average time: 7 hours.
- Distance: 20 kilometers.
- Difficulty: intermediate.



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del Viento

Embarcadero Bahia Tunel

Camp. Bahia Tèmpanos

4.22 km

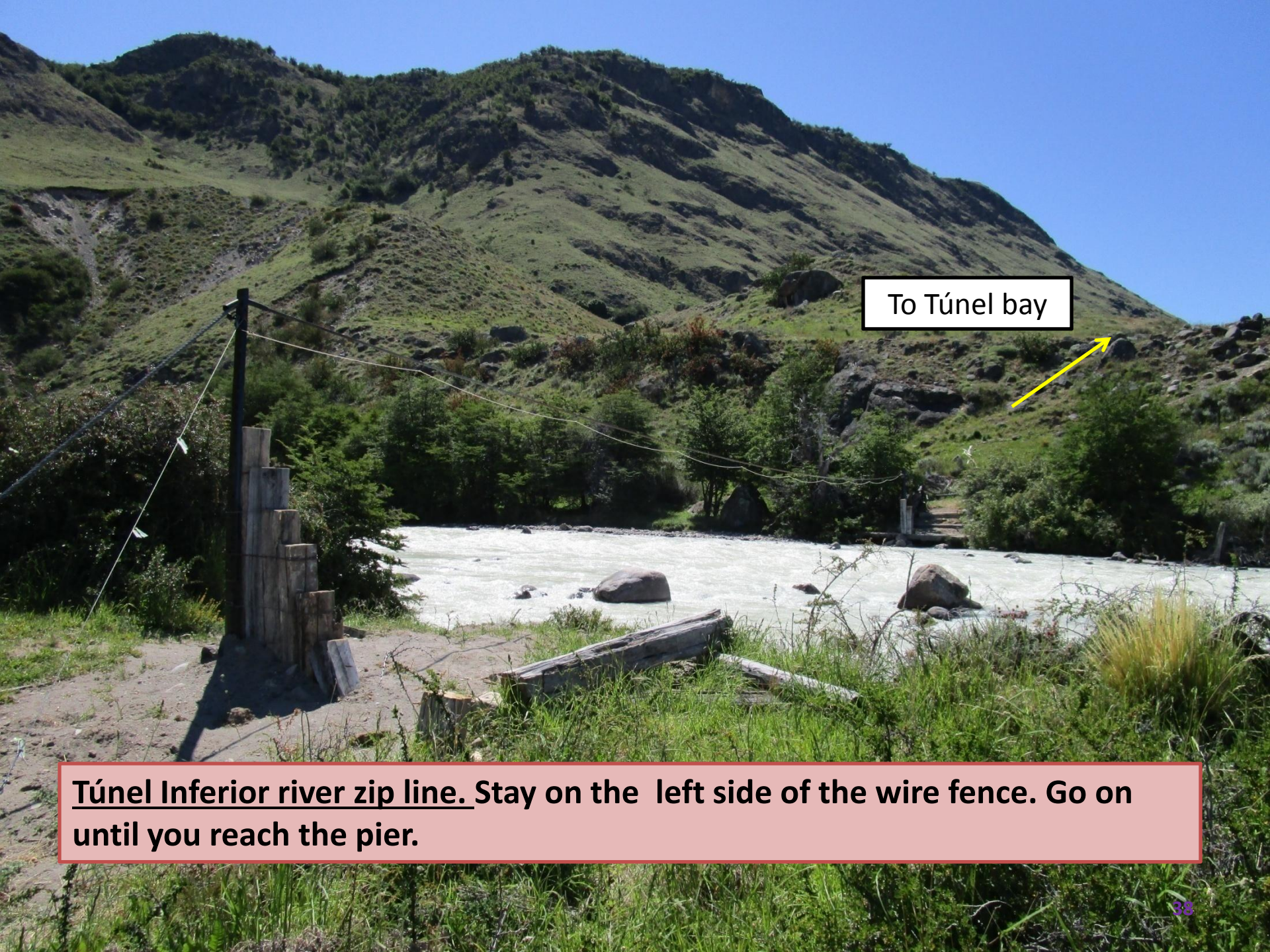
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Follow the sticks to go from Témpanos Bay to Túnel. **WARNING:** some sticks can be fallen or covered with vegetation.



RECOMENDATIONS

- Presence of many trails caused by the cattle.
- Presence of cattle. The APN don't recommend drinking water that is stagnant.
- Getting across Túnel river:
 - ✓ Zip Line.
 - ✓ By foot.



To Túnel bay

Túnel Inferior river zip line. Stay on the left side of the wire fence. Go on until you reach the pier.

From Túnel bay to the National Park office, follow the yellow markings on the wire fence to the gate and then follow the yellow sticks.



Recomended gear

- Camp Stove (per group).
- 1 Steel carabiner(per group).
- Topographic map (per group).
- 35 meters of thin cord (per group).
- 2 locking carabiners (per person).
- 1 harness (per person).
- 1 safety line: rope, daisy chain (per person).

Remember that you are visiting a National Park. It's our duty to protect this place for the future generations...

- Return with all your garbage, including the organics.
- Completely forbidden to make fires with wood. Use your camp stove.
- Take care of the water, our most valuable resource. If you are going to the bathroom or you need to wash, stay 50 steps away from water sources.
- Camp only in designated campgrounds to avoid the erosion of non-impacted areas.

Enjoy the nature without taking risks!

- Personal and mandatory registration.
- Remember that there are many risks associated to the wilderness areas, some of them unforeseeable.
- Don't overestimate yourself and don't underestimate the environment. In case of an accident, it can take us many hours to get in contact with you.
- At your return, please notice the APN. 48 hours after your stipulated return, the National Park will begin search and rescue activities.

¡Good luck and enjoy the traverse!

