




ATMA HILL

 3550m

 45mins - 4hrs

 Easy

 2.5k - 10k





TREK SUMMARY



This walk affords exceedingly good views of the Cordillera Blanca, whilst being a very pleasant doable walk for all, whether recently arrived or fully acclimatised. Affording perhaps the best close up, earth bound views of the Cordillera Blanca.

Atma Hill offers a great way to ease into things and acclimatise at your own pace. With little elevation gain or loss, the walk is peaceful & relaxing whilst offering exceptional views back onto the Huandoy & Huascarán Peaks. Pass small Andean Adobe mud houses, through a small forest, and pick your spot for lunch with 360-degree views of the Cordillera Blanca & Negra.





DESCRIPTION



- 1** From the driveway (roundabout), in front of the main accommodation block, head out on the compacted track that you probably originally arrived on.
- 2** On the pasture land turn right on the T junction after 200m, this is at a 1m high standing stone (we worked hard on that) this will take you down a more worn mud track through medium pine trees planted down either side.
- 3** After 200m this reaches the compacted gravel road as the mud track comes out of the pastureland. GO STRAIGHT AHEAD onto this compacted gravel road,
- 4** After 50m walking with the mountains on your left hand side this road bends 90 degrees to the right. Follow this road now leading you AWAY from the mountains behind you, after 350m you will reach a T junction, at this T junction take the RIGHT hand arm, noting the CONCRETE 17KM MARKER on your left hand side.
- 5** After a few hundred meters you will reach the quarry where they get the aggregate from for the road works. GO THROUGH THIS QUARRY joining a small trail on the other-side of the ridgeline. Follow this trail staying parallel & just above the irrigation ditch. Contour round the hillside, passing various inhabited adobe abodes & ruins of older ones. If in doubt at any junction keep to the left (or high).
- 6** Reaching a dirt cart track, turn left onto it to reach a small football pitch in Chuhuarca cross this to join another track to the right which leads you further along the ridge-line, at a junction keep left, skirting by a small adobe house before heading straight up the hill, or taking the road which zig-zags up. Reach the highest point & choose your picnic spot.
- 7** Return by the dirt cart track, with the ridge-line now on your left, on the last small hill on your left before reaching the quarry is a small fortress and corrals for animals - a good spot for panoramas.



MAP

Below is a map for Atma Hill, with numbered markers that refer to the indicated steps on the previous page.

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