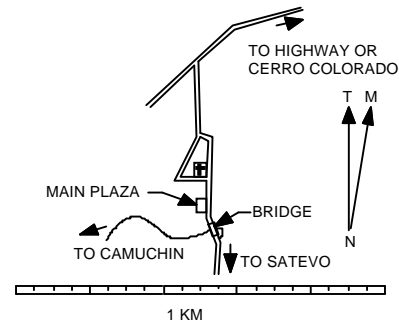


Batopilas

Batopilas is a small town of mining origins in the bottom of the Batopilas Canyon. The only transport to it is a daily bus from Creel. Private vehicles with good road clearance can make the journey, but consider these things before going:

- * The road is pretty rough and the shaking likely will loosen joints in the vehicle's body as well as put strain on the suspension.
- * The road is only one lane wide and for long stretches the one lane is quite narrow. If you meet a truck or bus coming the other way you'll face an awkward moment.
- * If you drive you'll miss the scenery that makes the trip worthwhile.



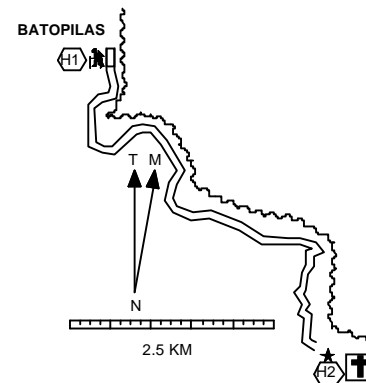
A number of hotels offer comfortable rooms at reasonable rates. Hotel Juanita and Hotel Mary get especially good marks from people who've stayed there.

Satevó

Trail Data Length each way = 6.7 km. Exertion index = 170 going, 175 returning. Maximum elevation = 589 m.



Satevó is a small village a few kilometers south of Batopilas. A pleasant ramble on a dirt road takes you directly from Nigromonte Street near the central plaza (Plaza Felipe Vega) to the oldest church in the Chihuahua area (c. 1640). You should have plenty of time to walk down after you've arrived in Batopilas and got settled in your hotel room.

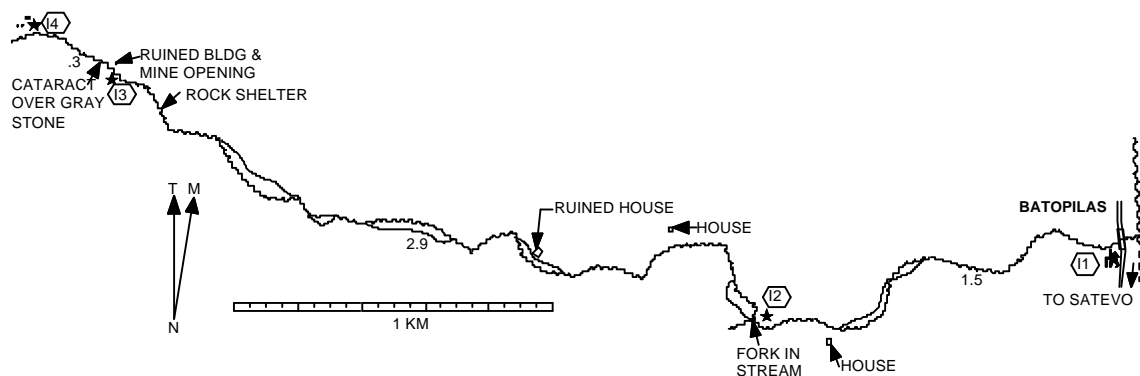


Camuchin

Trail Data Length each way = 4.7 km. Exertion index = 350 going, 56 returning.
Maximum elevation = 872 m.


The hike to Camuchín, an abandoned mine, starts out badly. Just after you leave the central plaza in the direction of Satevó you cross a little bridge. For Camuchín, duck under the bridge and follow the stream bed. The stream meanders about on the flat gravel bed, splitting and rejoining, so you have to keep jumping streamlets to keep your feet dry. Fortunately, this is the worst part of the hike, so you'll know right away whether there's too much water for you to make it. Once you reach the stream's fork things get better. You take a foot trail that goes between the branches and then follow the stream on the right up a pretty, leafy canyon with many cascades and cataracts. At the end there's some scrambling over boulders to be done, and then you reach the old mine. Before going inside check the floor of the mine to see if it's flooded. There are the remains of some ore-processing equipment a little further on.

On the way back, there's nothing to stop you from going up some of the other canyons. You can't get lost because you just have to follow the water downstream back to Batopilas.



Cerro Colorado

Trail Data

Batopilas to village: Length = 11.2 km. 
 Exertion index = 475 going,
 305 returning.
 Village to mine: Length = 2.7 km. Exertion
 index = 340 going, 25 returning.
 Maximum elevation = 1017 m.

Good for mountain bikes as far as the village.

The trail to Cerro Colorado crosses desert hillsides along the Munerachi River until you reach Cerro Colorado village. There are three stream crossings, two of which require wading. At the village you'll see the gray scar of the mine opening above on the Cerro Colorado mountain. To see the mine up close, cross the suspension bridge behind the village and follow the donkey trail up the hill (tough donkeys!).

If you go inside, be sure to have your flashlight because there are pits awaiting you in the gloom.

On the way back, if you underestimated your water consumption you should be able to find water or soft drinks at the tiny store at the far end of the village on the left side of the lane.

This trail is the first part of the trail to Urique, a multi-day trek.

