

Ciudad Victoria

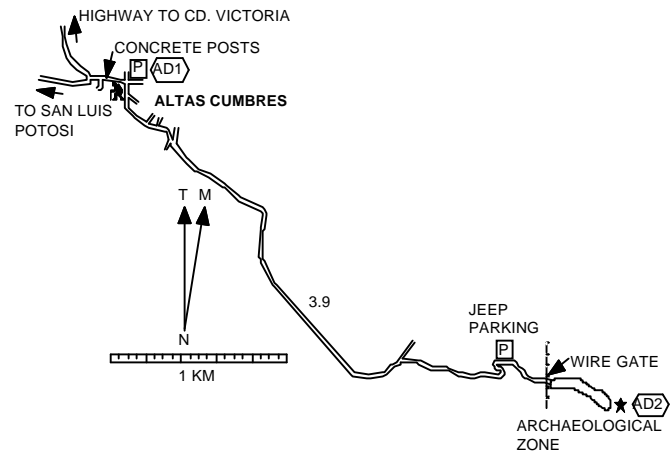
Balcon de Montezuma

Trail Data Length of round-trip circuit = 3.9 km. Exertion index = 80 going, 290 returning. Maximum elevation = 1259 m.



The ridge between Altas Cumbres Village and the simple ruined settlement known grandly as Balcón de Montezuma shows a rich concentration of dryland plants including cactuses, agaves and desert palms, along with drought-tolerant deciduous trees.

The ruins amount to some circular house mounds and some farming terraces that look to have been formed naturally and improved by moving some rocks around. It was occupied from 200 BC to the 16th Century.



The turnoff to Altas Cumbres is at Km 154 on the old highway from Cd. Victoria to San Luis Potosí. The highway leaves Cd. Victoria from the SW end of town, and is called Calzada General Luis Caballero in the city.

If you go from Cd. Victoria, the turnoff is to the left at a blind curve. To avoid the awkwardness of a head-on collision, go on another .3 mi (.5 km) to a wide spot where a small car or truck could turn around or .9 mi (1.4 km) to a better turnaround.