

## Madera

### Cuarenta Casas

**Trail Data** Length each way = 1.1 km. Exertion index: 75 going, 250 returning.  
Maximum elevation = 2223 m.

Cuarenta Casas has cliff dwellings like those in the Four Corners area of the US. To see the dwellings involves hiking down and up the sides of Arroyo Garabato, a small, pretty canyon, on stair-stepped switchbacks.

To get there, go through Madera on the main street, Calle 3a. Continue north on the highway to Km 43 and turn left. Follow the poor dirt road .8 mi (1.3 km) to the parking lot.

The closest accommodations are back in the direction of Madera, at Hostales Paraíso Madera Peñitas. They have rustic but clean cabins and a campground with restrooms and hot showers for tents or RVs. At Km 8.4 turn east at a sign for Presa Peñitas. Cross a cattle guard, go .9 mi (1.4 km) to another cattle guard and another .3 mi (.5 km) on a compacted road to the entrance.

