

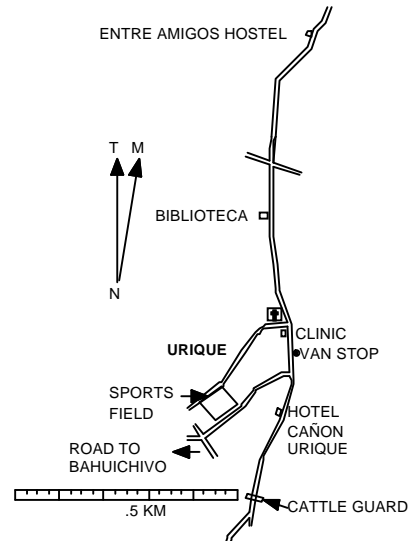
## Urique

This little mining town is reached from Creel by riding the train as far as Bahuichivo and the once-a-day bus to Urique. It doesn't get a lot of foreign visitors, probably for three reasons: the journey is slow and tedious; accommodations choices are limited; and the hikes available have lower payback ratios than those around Creel and Batopilas.

But travelers to Mexico often ask for destinations that are less touristy and Urique has that feature even though it can meet travelers' basic needs.

In 2004 the Hotel Cañon Urique seemed to be the only one operating, with small, basic rooms that were clean and comfortable, with private bathrooms and hot water. There also is a hostel, called Entre Amigos, operated by an American with a quixotic approach to hostel design and management. The Restaurant Gran Cañon del Urique shares ownership with the hotel; the two face each other on the main street. The other choice, at least in 2004, was Restaurant Plaza, which is favored by the hostel's clients.

Urique offers three hiking routes. The Naranjo hike and the Guadalupe Coronado hike are similar, following streams up canyons. In fact they share their first segments. Both cover arid terrain but there are cool, shaded arroyos on the way.



## Naranjo

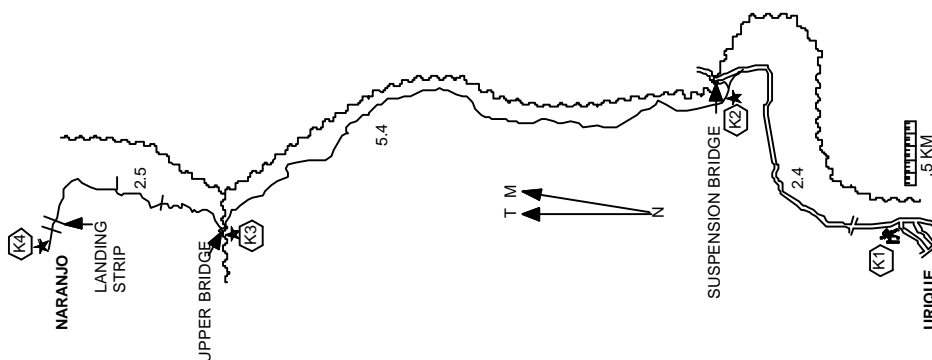
### Trail Data

Urique to upper suspension bridge: Length = 7.8 km. Exertion index = 465 going, 145 returning.

Upper suspension bridge to Naranjo: Length = 2.5 km. Exertion index = 335 going, 10 returning. Maximum elevation = 1183 m.


Follow the jeep track upstream and go past the suspension bridge. Stay on the left side of the stream as far as the next suspension bridge. If in doubt, always go uphill and parallel to the stream.

When you reach the upper bridge, you may be content to rest amid the cascades and pools just downstream. That makes a worthy destination by itself. To go on, cross the stream and follow the donkey trail up the hill. At the top, Naranjo will turn out to be a scattering of houses on a plateau.

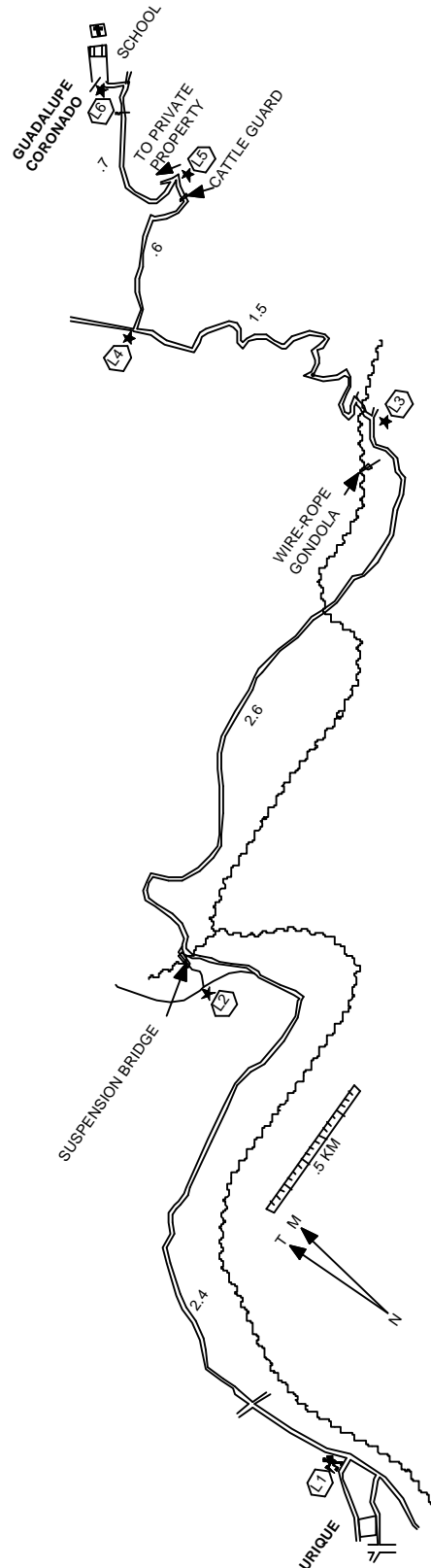


## Guadalupe Coronado

### Trail Data

Length = 7.8 km. Exertion index = 310 going, 190 returning. Maximum elevation = 675 m. 

Guadalupe Coronado is a church and a school plus a few houses. To reach it, go across on the first suspension bridge and follow the jeep trail.



## Guapalayna

**Trail Data** Length = 5.6 km. Exertion index = 175 going, 125 returning.  
Maximum elevation = 585 m.



Guapalayna is a little village with a dirt street and nothing that distinguishes it from other little villages. The road there is dusty and gets enough traffic to annoy walkers, but it's short, not steep, and has good views of the Urique River and the overhanging cliffs.

