SOUTH VALLEY · FIELD GUIDE

Tipón from Cusco: how to read its channels, fountains and terraces

Tipón is in the community of Choquepata, in Oropesa district, Quispicanchi province. From Cusco, follow the road toward Sicuani and take the turnoff for the park. The line ends at a reference point on the road approach. If you have arranged transport, confirm where you will be dropped off and picked up.

Open directions to the park

01 · Channel

Where does the channel change direction?

02 · Fountain

Where does the flow split and where does it come together?

03 · Terraces

Can you see two levels and a section of channel at the same time?

Pause and put the details together

Choose a spot with a wide view. Pick out a high point and a low one. Find a visible section of channel and trace its direction with your eyes. If it disappears, move to another permitted viewpoint or work with the section you can see. A sketch of two levels and a line is enough to remember what you saw.

Before you set out

Agree on a meeting point · The road turnoff and the park are separate points. If your ride drops you at the turnoff, arrange the last leg and your return as well.

Choose a route that suits your mobility · The site has changes in level. Ask which areas are open and what you can see from the sections you are comfortable walking. Wear shoes with grip and take your time on damp stone.

Protect the stonework · Follow staff directions. Observe from marked paths and keep off the walls and out of the channels. Leave the water outlets untouched.

Note the detail that caught your eye
