

A landscape photograph showing a wide, flat area covered in grey volcanic ash. In the background, a large, rounded hill is covered in dense green forest. The sky is blue with some light clouds. A white vertical line is positioned on the left side of the image, separating the date text from the main title.

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# EXPLORING WEDNESDAYS

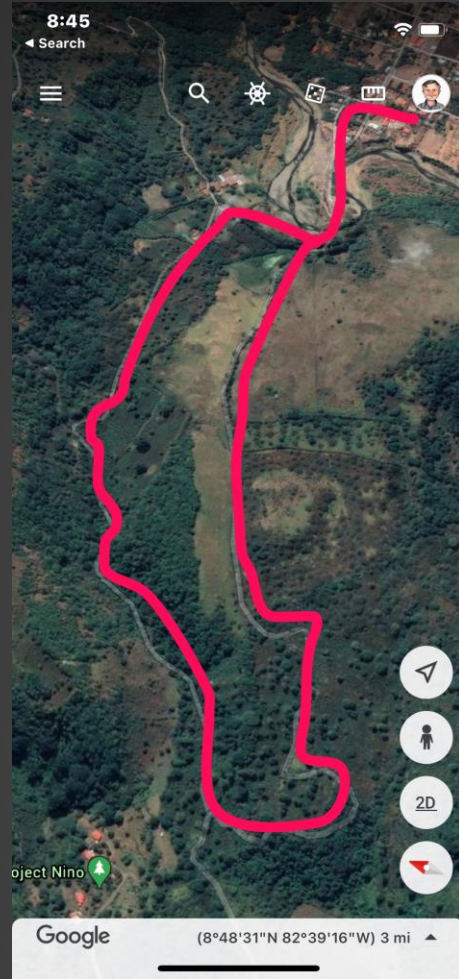
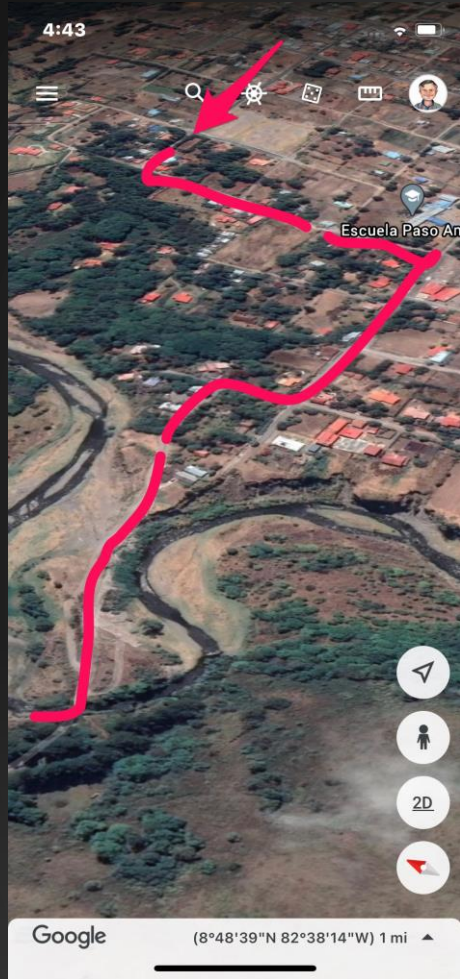
Maps really are not accurate

Fun, fun, fun

A photograph of three people standing on a bridge with a metal mesh railing, looking out over a river valley. The valley is filled with dense green trees and a river flows through the center. The scene is bright and sunny. The word 'IDEA' is overlaid in white text on the left side of the image.

# IDEA

- Get together and have fun with friends every week or so
- Discover some of the gems in Paso Ancho and get some exercise at the same time
- Have some shared adventures



## PLANNED ROUTE

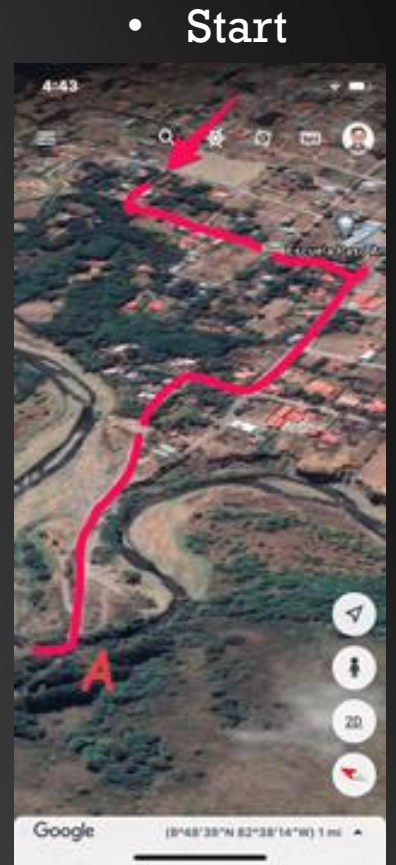
THE PLAN WAS TO DO ABOUT A 2 TO 2.5 HOUR LOOP UP Quebrada El Caño and up the hill into the Parque Internacional la Amistad (Friendship International Park). This was the route we planned last time !!

# ACTUAL ROUTE

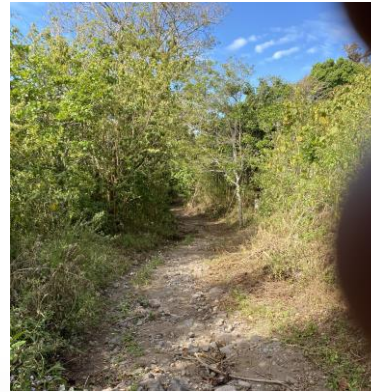


- The map suggested that there was a loop path (yellow)
- We never found it
- So we ended up backtracking instead of looping

- The planned 2.5 hr wander turned into 3+ hrs
- We did a couple of interesting stream crossings



# ALONG THE ROAD & UP THE PATH





# STREAM CROSSINGS



# ANOTHER STREAM CROSSINGS



**WHO SAYS  
YOU NEED  
BOOTS**





# THE ROAD BACK

# VITAL STATISTICS

- The intrepid explorers: Darla, Pat, Ana, Paul
- Total Steps: 18,000+
- Total distance: 12 km (7.4 mi)
- Time taken: 3+ hrs (9 am to 12:15 pm)
- Who needs boots – it is just a stroll – Darla is a beast
- Consensus: We will be back to have another adventure next week. Fun, fun, fun and good companionship.