WHERE TO SLEEP & REFUGE SERVICES

The place counts with a Refuge, with a capacity of 50 people, with kitchen and main dining room, the car leaves you at the door of it. Services:

***Use of refuge:** It allows the use of the main dining room and the 2nd floor where the beds are.

* Gas Kitchen.
* All Cooking gear.
* Wood Fire Place.
* Boulder's Crash-pads.
* Beds, good mattresses, sleeping bags, down blankets and classic blankets.

*** Camp Site:** There is only one sector next to the refuge. You can use all the facilities of the Refuge for free. The beds are not included (2nd floor).

***Toilets:** the use of bathrooms free recommendable to all those that visit the area of the refuge Hatun Machay.

***Cafeteria:** The service of dining room and cafeteria offers drugstore products (cookies, chocolates, cereal bar, etc.) hot drinks (Tea, cafe and hot chocolate) and cold drinks (Gaseosas, mineral water), Wines in bottle, and Beer. –Only in high season--

***Garbage:** The refuges count on its own garbage baskets, but anyway try to go back to the city with your own garbage and contribute with the cleaning of the Touristic Complex of Hatun Machay.

*** Rescues and First aid:** The refuge counts on a basic medicine kit. Medicines are not for sale. In case of feeling malaise or ailment, consults to the refuge keeper, who will act consequently. The medicine provision runs on behalf of those who ingest them. In case of serious accidents, the rescues are coordinated by the refuge keepers that summon the people who take part in the initial phase of the operation.

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ARCHAEOLOGY in HATUN MACHAY.

In Hatun Machay, the divinity is close to us, and not because this stone forest is at 4,200 m.a.s.l., but also because, by centuries, native communities have considered these impressive rock formations as their protectors.
Millions of years have passed since they came out from the bottom of the ocean and now stand tall, all-powerful and protective for those to dare to visit to them.

We don't know since when, but the settlers of the heights of the Pampas Chico Community, in Ancash, call to this enormous stone forest Hatun Machay, a word in Quechua that means Big Cave.
The name responds without a doubt to the presence of more than twenty rocky shelters, kinds of caves of two meters of depth, that lodges in their interior carvings and cave paintings of indeterminate origin, but that gives testimony to the divine characteristic of this place.

Hatun Machay was a sacred place to which people arrived to settle down temporarily. And this affirmation is sustained in the carvings and cave paintings that are located in the periphery of the stone forest.
It's notable the amount of carvings that represents, from prehistoric reptiles to some paintings, that make you think about the Carved Heads of Chavín.
There are also geometric designs and drawings that invoke images of the Executor Gods of the north and the divinities of Andean cosmos.



We can see here representation of several cultures, similar to the engravings of the Recuay culture, remenents of Chavin, there are figures with conics hairdos, but at the same time there are paintings that belong to the "litico period". Without a doubt, the place was a kind of pilgrimage site where the different cultures from the region could congregate. In Hatun Machay man made constructions that have been found in the local surroundings and in many way, they are related to the stone forest, such as summits of defensive character, stone adornments and imposing stone monoliths, of almost two meter high.



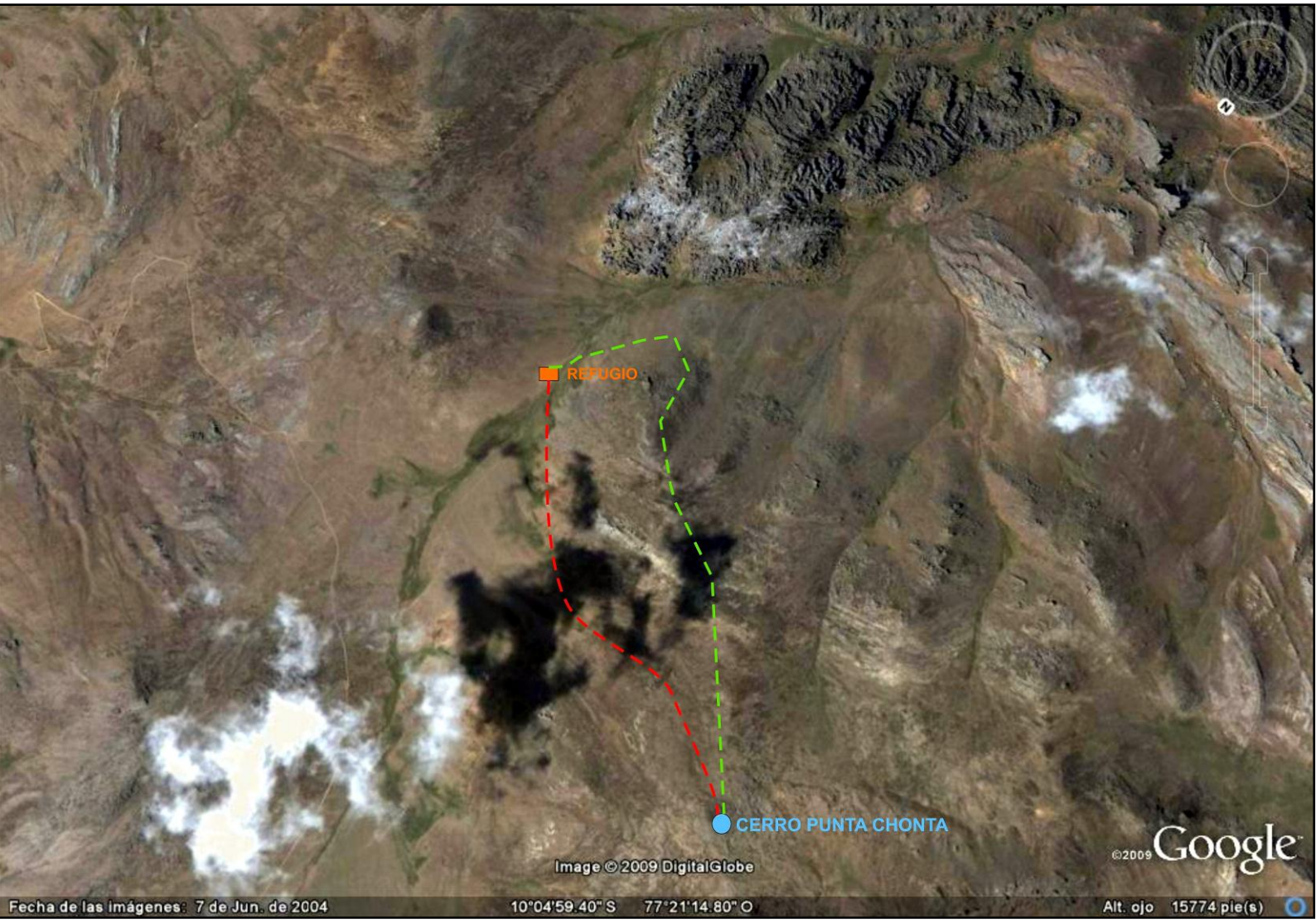


HATUN MACHAY TREKKING

Trying to understand the secrets Hatun Machay require that you spend more than 1 day in its dominions. When the night falls, the rocks become even more mysterious and because of the light of the Moon they can adopt different forms. They are like mute giants that offer themselves to shelter us, meanwhile the cold that descends below zero forces to us to shelter inside. During the day you can do different long walks in or around the rock forest:

PUNTA CHONTA:

Began our walk towards the viewpoint of Chonta: Pre-incaica Fort, up to 4800 m.a.s.l. from where all the Huayhuash mountain range can be appreciated, part of the White Mountain range, and to the ocean too!
To get there a brisk 1 ½ hour walk up the north face of the hill behind the refuge will deliver you to the top.



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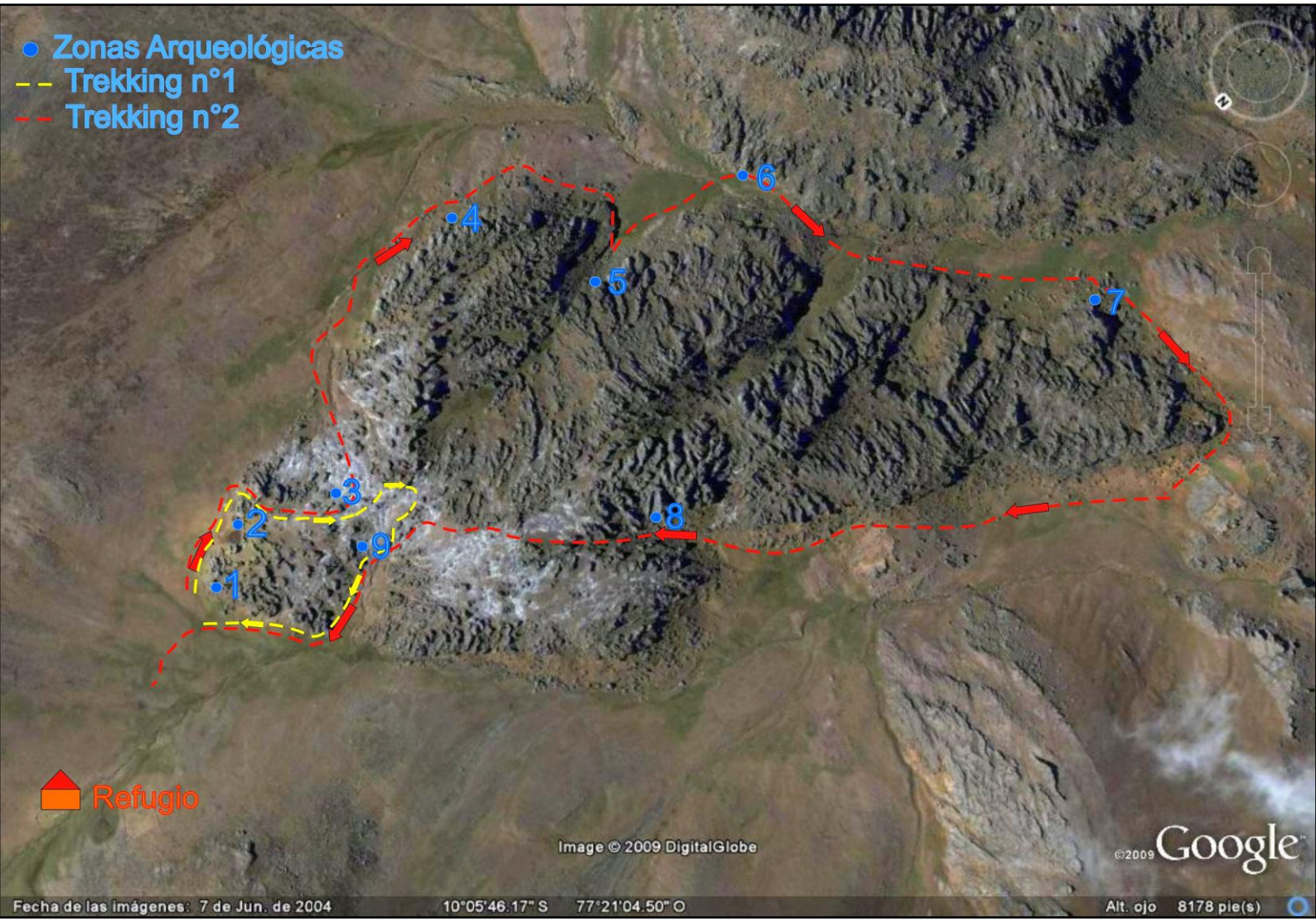


TREKKING 1:

Short hike in the first part of the Rock Forest,

TREKKING 2:

It's a hike of 3 - 4 hours around the Rock Forest, where we will be able to observe several caverns like rocky shelters with cave paintings, drawings carved on rocks, and as well as the formation of the rock forest and the different landscapes around it.



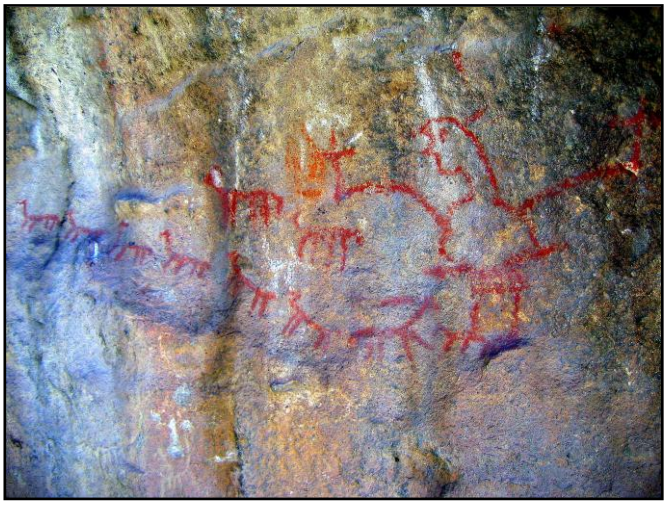


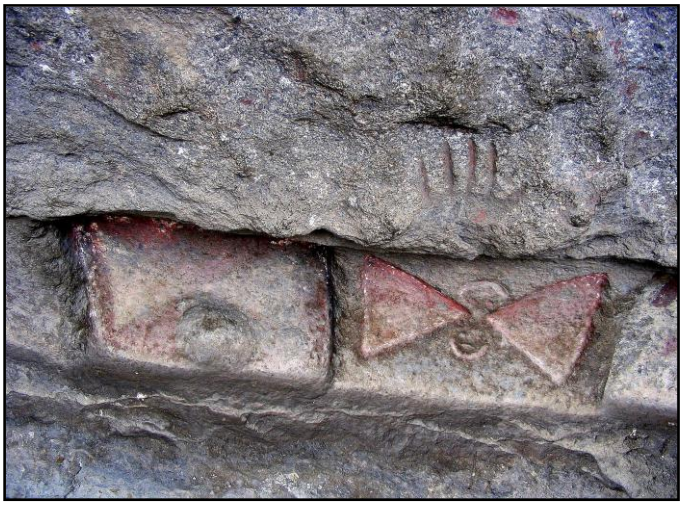






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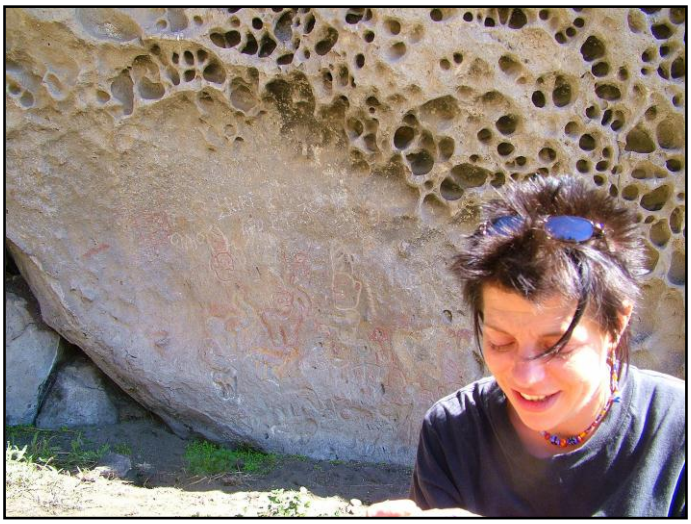


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IS GOOD TO KNOW...

**If you are going to Hatun Machay:
Take your own food, if you are going to spend the night.
You should always have warm clothes and sun block with you, is really warm during the day, but after sunset, the temperature drops down.
Comfortable shoes to walk on mountain trails.

* Don't burn or dig garbage, you have to take back with your own garbage.
* Take enough plastic bags for your garbage.

**When you are climbing, Hygiene and needs:
* be away at least 50 m from the water resources and paths. Take your own toilet paper with you in a plastic bag. Be responsible.
* Don't use soap in the rivers.

**If you are going to the mountain, take this advises:
* Leave a plan of your itinerary with someone of your trust, and let him know the date back.

If you don't know the place where you are going, you can ask to: **Andean Kingdom:**

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