



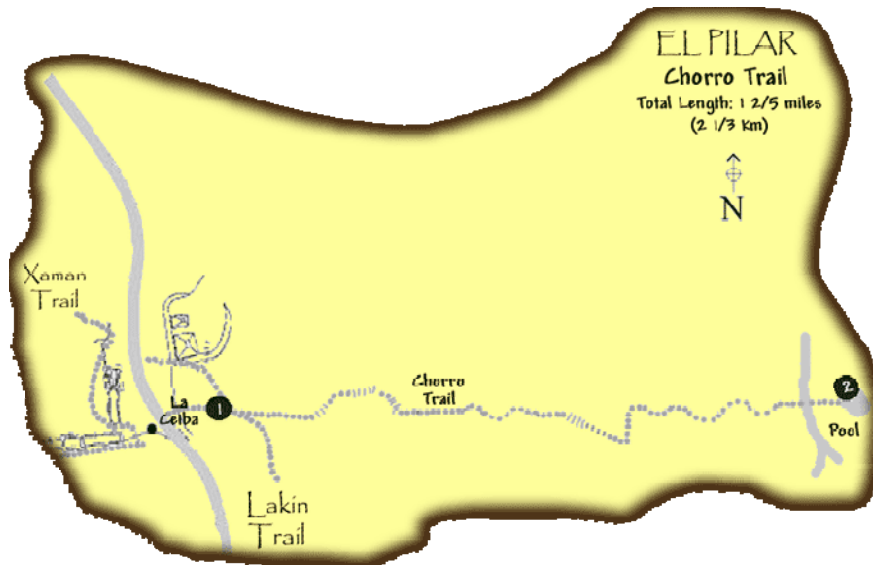
Chorro and

El Pilar Community Creek

Trails~ These trails are primarily nature walks through the variety of forest landscapes that surround El Pilar. Both trails are rugged, so water, sturdy shoes, and a hat are highly recommended.

Chorro is an old place name that was known as a village more than 150 years ago and is the site of small ancient Maya center. The trail to Chorro takes you 2 3/10 km (1 2/5 mile) down the escarpment and into the flatlands beyond.

Given the broken nature of the terrain, walking one-way at a leisurely pace could take more than an hour. Once there, you can look for the small center and see the damaged stream from the mistreatment of the landscape. Rest a little here for your return trip. If you have a guide and driver you could request that they fetch you at this pleasant spot and save the arduous walk back.



The El Pilar Community Creek Trail is a short but energetic walk covering 1 1/2 km or 1 mile. The trail drops down to the creek side and follows it towards its source but makes a quick ascent up to the Caretaker's house. Average walking time on this trail can run 45 minutes. Several rest stops break up the invigorating walk and allow for observation. As the local animal life is drawn to the water sources, this trail is especially good for spotting some of the rainforest mammals. Having binoculars handy would be a benefit.

This trail was built with the help of the Friends of Conservation Development. Working with the El Pilar team, they prepared a delightful guide of local lore and experience represented in the stops along this trail. This unique guide offers remarkable insights into the changing relationships among the people and forest of this enchanting place.

