DID YOU KNOW?

The Trail to Panama's Highest Peak Reopened in 2026 After a Landslide Shut It Down

The Camiseta route up **Volcán Barú**—the roughly 27-kilometer round trip that leads hikers and authorized 4x4 vehicles to the summit of Panama's highest peak, at **3,474 meters**—was closed after a landslide struck the “La Nevera” sector of the mountain. In **July 2026**, Panama's environment ministry, MiAmbiente, announced the route was reopening after crews cleared the debris and completed a risk assessment.

The reopening came with new rules. MiAmbiente is now permanently monitoring the mountain and tracking weather conditions that could trigger further landslides, and every hiker or driver attempting the summit must go with an accredited, experienced guide under official tour authorization—no more independent treks up the volcano.

For Boquete, Volcán Barú isn't just scenery; on a clear day the summit offers a rare view of both the Pacific and Caribbean coasts at once, and the trail is one of the valley's signature draws for hikers willing to make the overnight climb. MiAmbiente's warning still stands, though: intense, unpredictable rainfall could close the route again with little notice.

Sources:

• Newsroom Panama, “Via the Camiseta Route in Boquete, MiAmbiente Announces the Reopening of Access to the Barú Volcano” (2026)