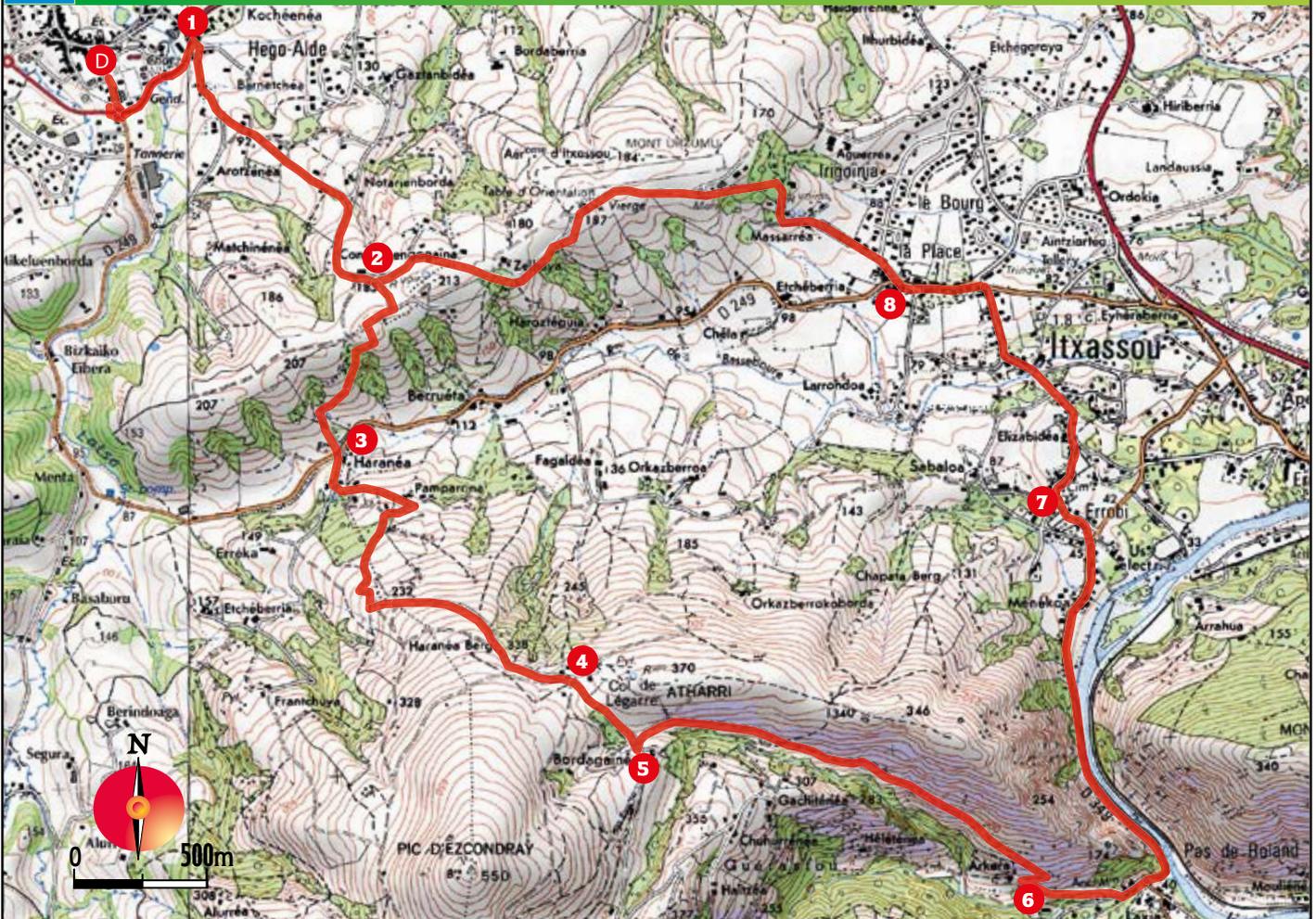


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Mountain biking circuit - Basaburu – Atharri

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D Espelette
Market square

GPS : 625909 - 4799691

2h00

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D to **8**

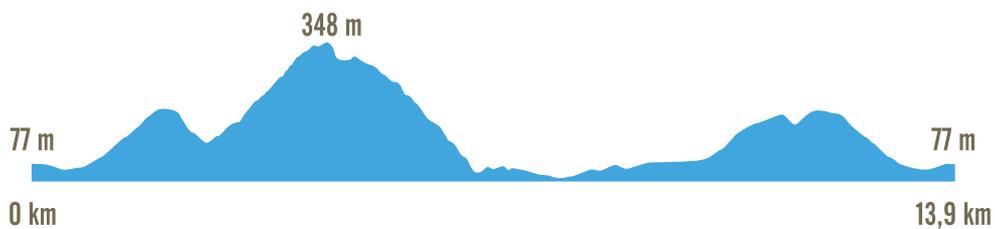
13,9 km

+589 m
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Not to be missed

- Panoramic views from the slopes of the airfield
- Panoramic views from the Col de Legarre
- Pas de Roland and gorges along the RD 349
- Ixassou church
- Espace Ateka exhibition centre

Profile of the route



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Route without major difficulty, to discover the territory of the neighbouring municipality, Itxassou. The route rises rapidly and offers magnificent views. It then heads into the gorges of the Nive via the Pas de Roland. The steep relief means this tour is suitable for regular mountain bikers only.

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Getting to the departure point :

Start from the market square, close to the village centre and near a large carpark opposite the Doxpi restaurant.

From the market square **D** 625909 - 4799691, take the road towards the roundabout. Go round this and turn left towards Cambo. After 400 meters at the start of the hill, take the “Attalaiako Bidea” path **1** 626182 – 4799825 on the right. The first difficult part of the route is approaching (140m difference in altitude) with a climb leading to the summit of a hill separating the municipalities of Espelette and Itxassou. As you approach the summit, do not continue in the direction of the electricity pylon but take a small road on the right **2** 626847 - 4798971, which goes directly to the ridge. At the next crossroads, at the entrance to “Kondixenekogaina” Farm, leave the road, following the track leading to the right.

After 200 meters of almost flat ground, turn left. The slope is steeper and the downhill section is relatively technical. The path which is fairly wide is quite stony and a stream sometimes forms during storms. Watch out for the barrier across the path. At the end of this downhill section, you will come out onto the RD 249 road at Haranea **3** 626729 - 479835.

Carefully cross the main road and take the road opposite. Then, at the next crossroads, turn left on the Col de Legarre road where you will start the second climb of the route (210 m ascent). This very steep climb made up of a series of zigzags leads on a tarmac road to the sides of the Pic d’Ezcondray and Mont Atharri. At the col **4** 627588 - 4797533,

the view over Itxassou and the Basque coast is magnificent. Start the descent and then after 300 meters, just before “Bordagaina Farm”, leave the

road taking a small dirt track **5** 627822- 4797300 on the left. This climbs slightly before going down in the direction of the Pas de Roland. This technical descent on a narrow path is not very complicated but concentration is required (a few rocky sections). Always watch out for hikers who may be on the path. At the end of a 1.5 km downhill section (260m descent), you will come to a tarmac road

6 629270 - 4796824. Follow this downhill to the Pas de Roland, then through the gorges of the Nive on the way to Itxassou on the RD 349. Here the road is sometimes narrow so watch out for cars. At the entry to the village take the road on the left to the

church and cemetery **7** 629325 – 4798221. Ride past the cemetery. Continue towards the schools and straight on as far as the Pelota court. Turn left on the RD 249, towards the centre of the village of Itxassou. After passing the fronton wall, take the

airfield road on the right **8** 628738 – 4799001 and begin the last climb (90m ascent). Enjoy the views from the plateau. At the airfield building turn left and take the “Attalaiako Bidea” path 2 which leads back to Espelette village by the route you followed

at the start.

1,8 km

2,6 km

4,4 km

4,75 km

6,55 km

8,55 km

9,8 km

12,1 km

13,9 km

HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR ROUTE

Levels and signposting



Difference in altitude : the total cumulative difference is given for each circuit.



Length : an indication of the length of each circuit is provided. This takes into account the length of the circuit, climbs and possible difficulties.



Circuits VTT / VTC

Different circuits are identified by numbers. They are matched to coloured numbers according to their difficulty.

Green ▶ Wide, smooth path. All levels, possible on a hybrid bike.

Red ▶ Technical path. Suitable for advanced bikers, technical skills required.

Blue ▶ Path is fairly smooth. Suitable for the occasional user of mountain-biking trails.

Black ▶ Very technical path. Advanced technical and physical level required.

Follow the signs so you stay on the right path.

Hiking trail sign	Sentiers de pays et PR®	GRP®	GR®	VTT	Equestre
Right direction					
Turn left					
Turn right					
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GPS coordinates of routes

The reference format is WGS 84 – UTM 30T
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MOUNTAIN BIKING CODE

- ▶ Weather 08 92 68 02 64 or 32 50 or visit www.meteofrance.com
- ▶ European emergency number 112
- ▶ For your own safety, use marked trails and respect the direction of routes.
- ▶ Do not overestimate your ability. Mountain-bikers should control their speed in every situation.
- ▶ For your own safety, do not forget your helmet.
- ▶ Bring food, drink and suitable clothing.
- ▶ Please proceed cautiously and be courteous when overtaking or meeting hikers.
- ▶ A mountain-biker knows that pedestrians have priority and respects the Highway Code.
- ▶ Respect private property and crop-growing areas. Close gates.
- ▶ Watch out for agricultural and forestry trucks, do not block their way.
- ▶ Do not disturb the peace and quiet of wild animals.
- ▶ Do not pick wild flowers, fruit or mushrooms.
- ▶ During the hunting season watch out for beats and hides.
- ▶ Do not throw litter, keep quiet and respect the environment.
- ▶ If you go alone, let someone know your planned route.
- ▶ Let the Tourist Office know if you notice something is missing or unusual on the cycle path.
- ▶ Do not hesitate to contact professionals if you would like to make your outings more enjoyable.

Caution!

During the seasons for pigeon hunting (October to November), group beats (year-round) and stubble-burning (December to March), some circuits should be avoided. Find out more from the Tourist Office.



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