

VTTAE N°69 - Le tour de Saint-Pée

OLORON-SAINTE-MARIE

ELECTRIC-ASSIST BIKES#MOUNTAIN BIKE

The route, located entirely in the city of Oloron Santa-Marie, begins at the edge of the Saint-Pée sports esplanade, nothing more natural for a city called "active and sports city". Then, you will arrive on the banks of the Vert, a beautiful tributary of the Gave d'Oloron, which you will discover from bridge to bridge, through the districts of Saint-Pée d'en Haut and Saint-Pée d'en Bas, where the site of Pont Noir deserves a contemplative or sports break (exercise parcours). Your bike's battery will be underused because the elevations are modest. Upon returning to the Bois de Haut, you will follow a long narrow path that is very playful, which is woven between the trees; Control your pace and fine-tune your bike's direction, front wheel control is essential.



<p>Départ : OLORON-SAINTE-MARIE Arrivée : OLORON-SAINTE-MARIE</p>	<p>Distance : 11 km</p>	<p>Dénivelé : 70 m</p>	<p>Durée : 1/2 jour</p>
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<p>P Chemin de la Gravette (camping)</p>	<p>+ Appel d'urgence : 112</p>
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! Les montagnes basques et béarnaises sont des espaces pastoraux. Evitez de partir avec votre chien. Dans tous les cas, tenez-le en laisse. Merci !

★ À ne pas manquer

- **The river "Vert" (3,6 km).** The Vert is a river that comes from the Barétous valley and the town of Arette. Well oxygenated and preserved, its water is home to many fish (trout, goby, eel) that fishermen covet. It is even said that one can encounter a small white-legged crayfish, a protected species!
- **The banks (barthes) of Saint-Pée (8,2 km).** At the foot of the Bois de Haut, the single-track trail

approaches an area of pedestrian bridges that allow you to cross the wetlands, the Barthes (common name up to Bayonne), characteristic of the surroundings of rivers subject to significant outcrops or floods, such as the Vert.



Étapes

Step 1. From Oloron Sainte-Marie (camping) to Pont Noir (Sain-Pée d'en bas). Follow the Gravette paved road next to the Pyrénées Nature campsite and take the right lane at the intersection at the foot of the hill. Drive through the fields and groves until you reach the D919. Carefully cross this road and continue in front along the (paved) road of the Poète (cross). At the next T-junction (beautiful Béarn house), turn right in the middle of the houses. 150 m after the Saint-Pée d'en haut church (agricultural shed), turn completely left onto a gravel path downhill. Near the river, follow a path to the right, then an alley that runs along an animal park.

Step 2. From the Pont Noir (Sain-Pée d'en bas) to the D919 (château Lavigne). At the level of the playground and the Pont Noir parking lot, take the bridge and immediately turn left onto a good track parallel to the Vert. 500m further, ignore the track on the left and drive directly to the foot of a wooded hill (cultivated fields on your left), in Eco mode in a slightly uphill profile. At the following intersections, go left twice to cross a bridge over the Vert and drive to the D919.

Step 3. From the D919 (château Lavigne) to bois de Haut (Bélandre's track). Carefully follow the D919 to the left for 200m. In front of the Lavigne castle, turn right onto a path that enters the Bois de Sanguinat (gentle ascent). At an intersection, follow the path to the left, elongated into the forest. Cross a first forest trail and take the correct single-track trail in front. This descends to a second track (Bélandre).

Step 4. From bois de Haut (Bélandre's track) to Saint-Pée d'en haut (chemin des Barthes). At the end of the Belandre trail, make an S (bridge) right / left, and go up a wooded valley on a path. Once on the third track, follow it to the left for 200m to the first corner, where you must take a new path to the right. This path will cut a fourth track (continuity of the path just to the left) and cross a wetland (grid). You will reach the curve on a road to Lapuyade, which goes directly to Saint-Pée d'en Haut.

Step 5. From Saint-Pée d'en haut (chemin des Barthes) to Oloron Santa-Marie (campsite). At the intersection with the D919, carefully follow this road to the right for 300 m to find on the right, between two houses, the Bacarrau path you

took on the outward journey. When taking it against the direction, using one last time the electric assistance, go up gently to the foot of the hill to return to the Pyrenees Nature campsite and the starting point.

★ Équipements

- Picnic area
- Water point
- Ablutions

★ Attention

- Saint-Pée d'en Haut, crossing the D919
- Château Lavigne, 200 m along the D919
- Saint-Pée d'en Haut, 300 m along the D919

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