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The iron reserves of l'Ouzom have been exploited since antiquity. Ferrières, etymologically speaking, means the presence of ore or forges. The story of the mine of Baburet is linked to the story of the valley, which is cut in two, with its left bank in the valley of Ossau and its right bank in the Val d'Azun, and witnessed many disputes over the mines, the forges and the woods. Nevertheless, the mine attracted many workers of different origins. During its golden age, a railway was built to take the ore to the lowland. Now dismantled, the line served to split the road in two. One of its renovated bridges allows the passage of the "Eurovelo" cycle route.



Départ : **FERRIERES** Arrivée : **FERRIERES** 



Distance: 3 km



Dénivelé: 235 m

Dénivelé négatif cumulé : 0 m



Temps de parcours : 2h





## Étapes

- **Step 1. Reach the panorama of the oak.** Start in front of the church. Cross the bridge and turn left. Go up on the track to the right to reach the cemetery Cimetière des Echartes. Continue to go up on the track to the place known as the Panorama du chêne.
- **Step 2.** Go to the royal gallery. From the Panorama du Chêne, follow the track and take the one that goes up to the left. Continue on this one in a hairpin turn to the right. Lovely view. The path Chemins des mineurs. Turn left, follow the grassy path that goes up and is quite steep, and leads to the royal gallery (Galerie royale). The path is laid on mine rubble; look for rusty stones rich in ore.
- **Step 3. Go to gallery 620..** Go down and pass by a barn. Go and see the Gunpowder gallery 50m (around 164ft.) to the left. Retrace your steps and continue to the left. The path is narrower and like a balcony. In a hairpin turn, fitted out with a staircase and a barrier, go down to gallery 620.
- **Step 4. Reach gallery 556..** From gallery 620, you have a beautiful view of Ferrières. Be careful, it's a steep and craggy path: do not let any children run there. Go up by the same path and continue the circuit on the balcony path. Back on the road, go down to the right to reach gallery 556. You will see the railway. Continue to go down on the road and turn left to go back to the start.



### À ne pas manquer

- The view from gallery 620.. From here, enjoy a lovely plunging view of the village of Ferrières.
- View of the mountain. Very beautiful view of the mountain from the cemetery Cimetière des Echartes.



#### **Attention**

• Mind the narrow and steep paths



### **Recommandations utiles**

Appel d'urgence: 112

Préservez-vous Préservez la nature Respectez la montagne

Les montagnes basques et béarnaises sont des espaces pastoraux. Evitez de partir avec votre chien. Dans tous les cas, tenez-le en laisse. Merci!



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