

# Balade patrimoine dans les faubourgs ouvriers de Nay

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This circuit through the town of Nay, between Bearn and Bigorre, will allow you to discover the urban growth of the fortified town beyond its walls, a growth linked to the Industrial Revolution. Thanks to an economic and manufacturing boom, the fortified town of Nay quickly expanded outside its outer wall perimeter. The growth of its suburbs arose from an influx of workers and the general increase in wealth (first came drapers, associated with wool and linen production, then makers of furniture and cowbells). Finally, large factories were constructed, contributing to the expansion of the town. A large part of this circuit follows the riverside, making it a perfect walk on hot days. Realising how fast the Gave de Pau flows through the town gives a better understanding of where our ancestors got the power to enable this industrialization.



Départ :  
**NAY**  
Arrivée :  
**NAY**



Distance : **4 km**



Dénivelé : **45 m**

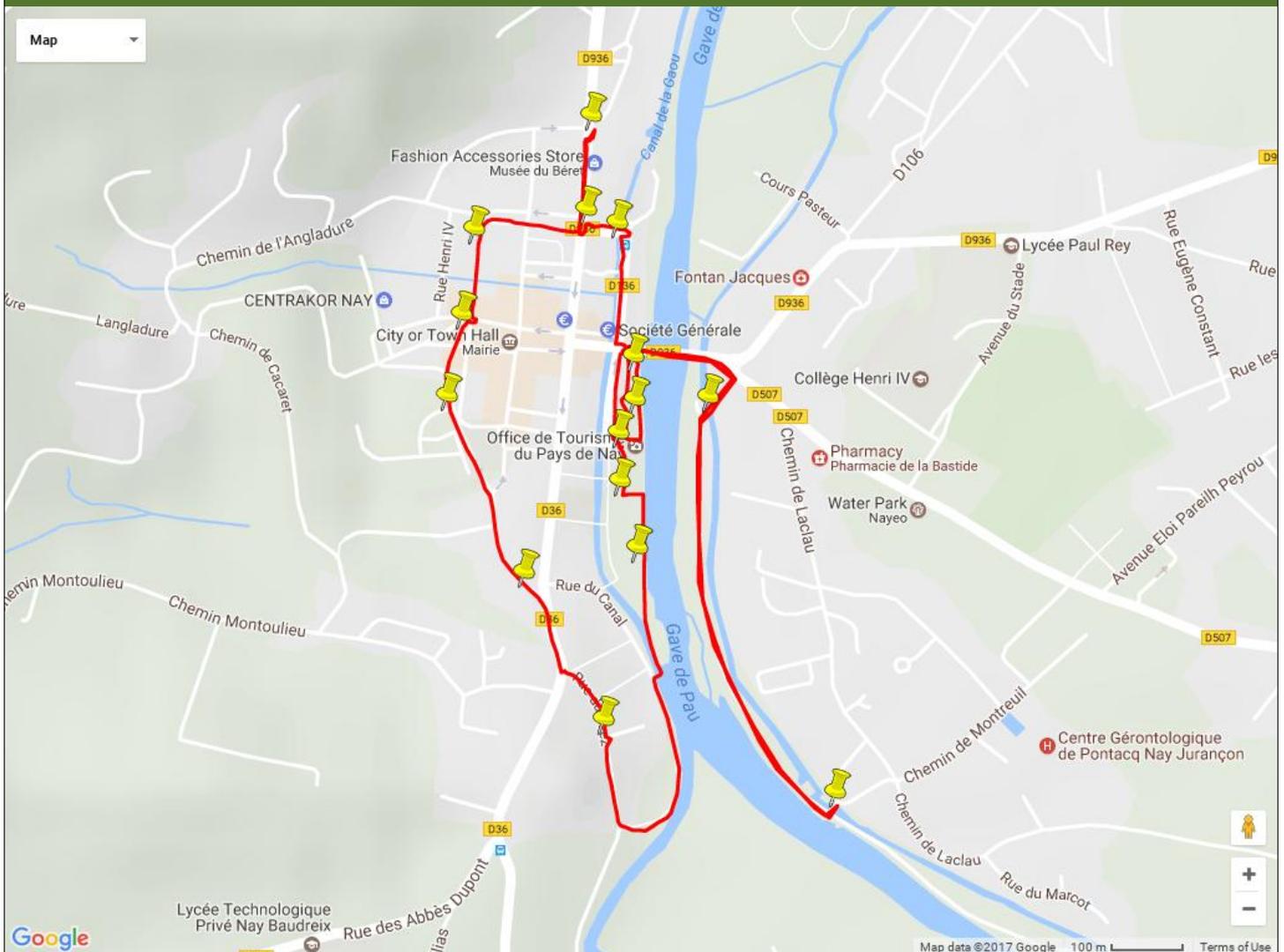
Dénivelé négatif cumulé : **0 m**



Temps de parcours : **2h**

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### Étapes

**Step 1. Reach a manufacturing suburb of the fortified town.** Leave the tourist office in the direction of the fronton wall. Turn left along the Gave to reach the royal manufacturing works. Continue along the Gave. Be careful on the path, a bit narrow and slightly raised between the Gave and the canal. Bypass the dam on the canal going to the left then cross a footbridge to the right. Turn left. Go along the canal. After a park, go up the steps to the right. At the top follow the road that goes to the right. Follow the street Rue du Béze. At the stop sign, go down to the right during 100m (? 328.08ft.) and turn left on the street Rue du Dr. Talamon, a manufacturing suburb.

**Step 2. Reach the old Gibert furniture factory.** Continue on the street Rue du Dr. Talamon. At the first crossroads turn left then at the second go straight ahead to the Saint Joseph old people's home. Cross the square Place Marcadieu going to the right. Behind the covered market cross the road and turn left on the street Rue des Remparts to the furniture factory Gibert.

**Step 3. The old Berchon factory.** With the old factory Gibert on your left, turn right at a small square (Placéra). Turn at the second left onto the street Rue Gambetta and go to the museum Musée du Béret. From the museum retrace your steps and turn at the first to the left where there is the old Berchon factory.

**Patrimoine.**

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**Step 4. Reach the old mill (la Minoterie), now an arts centre.** Cross the road that goes alongside the Berchon factory and continue to your left. Turn to the right in front of the fire station and follow the street Rue de la poste.

Cross the road D9-36 at Claracq bridge and go down into the park. Continue in the park along the Gave to enjoy the green surroundings, the shade and the view between the Gave and the mountains. Retrace your steps in the park, go up to the bridge and cross it. At the roundabout (rotary) turn at the first to the right, then once again to the right on the road Rue du tennis to look at the Washhouse. Cross the canal and turn left. Continue between the Gave and the canal to the old mill (Minoterie) and the hydroelectric power station.

### À ne pas manquer

- **Minoterie (The old mill).** Remains of an industrious community, this old mill had been abandoned for 15 years. Completely left to ruins, a lot of will and energy were necessary for its rebirth in July 2001. This space of 1500m<sup>2</sup> (? 16145.87ft<sup>2</sup>) is divided into 4 levels: 370m<sup>2</sup> (? 3982.65ft<sup>2</sup>) for the exhibiting modern art, 50m<sup>2</sup> (??538.196ft<sup>2</sup>) for the art lending library, 2 artists' studios, 1 engraving workshop and an archives centre.
- **View of the Gave de Pau and the mountains.** Very beautiful clear view of the mountains from Claracq bridge.
- **The walk in the park.** Enjoy the shade during this short walk along the Gave de Pau to enjoy the view of the mountains, rest awhile on one of the benches and enjoy the park.

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### Attention

- Careful when crossing roads

### 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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