



Autumn colors near River Ega



Small wetland in Zufia



Panoramic view of Estella/Lizarrta

The SAC known as Sierra de Lóquiz covers an expanse of more than 13,140 ha, encompassing the Sierra de Lóquiz mountain range and a wide section of surrounding valleys. Among the different vegetation formations, those that stand out include the Aleppo Pines and Holm Oaks which take up a large space in the Protected Natural Area. Moreover, there are Pyrenean oaks and European beech trees. In terms of fauna, there are a number of catalogued species and some that are threatened, with populations of the beautiful beetle known as the stag beetle and various species of bats such as the bent-wing bat, as well as a nurtured and biodiverse population of birds.

9. Coinciding with kilometre point 12, different farm, agriculture and industrial plots are reached which lead the traveller, along a straight section over a kilometre long, to the old station of Murieta. Zigzagging

5. Metres after passing kilometre point 5, the asphalt is left for a gravel trail on the left. Leaving the riverside

8. At the end of the decent, the Ubarria brook is overcome and the route continues in parallel to road NA-132-A, with the oak grove on the right and the agricultural land on the left.

4. The asphalt gives way to a gravel path leading faithfully along the route of the old railway line until, slightly before kilometre point 4, it turns left to cross road NA-7454 and via Estación street, the town of Zubielqui is entered. Road NA-132-A is crossed by means of the first zebra crossing, and, after passing between its houses, Zubielqui is left behind by the asphalt trail that leads to the right of the road.

7. Once past the town's cemetery, a new oak grove is reached on the left and cropland on the right. After kilometre point 9 a left turn is made to fully enter the oak grove and face a staggering descent, with slopes of up to 7%, which will delight experienced cyclists, but less experienced travellers should take care

3. After more than 3 kilometres, the Nature Trail's interpretation panel precedes a lit tunnel slightly over 150 m long and after this, the River Ega is crossed via a bridge for this purpose. Here a nurtured landscape of alder trees gift the scenery with extraordinary beauty.

6. The traveller enters the town of Zufia guided by the urban signs that direct towards the rest area, which has a natural fountain and is guarded by two small lagoons. Once the second small wetland has been passed, kilometre point 8 marks the beginning of a fun decline past the last houses in Zufia and a new oak grove, shortly afterwards crossing a small wooden walkway and road NA-7310.

2. The trail goes down the town center until it reaches street, then advancing along the old, original railway line. Along a section that is shared with motor vehicles, the town is left behind, enjoying fertile vegetable gardens on both sides, making the most of the River Ega floodplains

vegetation behind, that is due to the presence of streams and brooks, an incline of just over one kilometre commences which plunges the traveller into a deep oak grove. The district of Metauten can be made out on the left of the trail, with the Sierra de Lóquiz mountain range dominating the landscape.

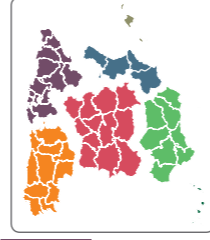
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ESTELLA-MURIETA SECTION



THE OLD STATION OF ESTELLA: STARTING POINT OF THE VASCO-NAVARRO RAILWAY JOURNEY

The railway adventure starts in Estella, in the old train station. Vegetable gardens on the floodplains of the River Ega bid farewell to this town in Navarra, tracing the river among riverside forests and dense oak groves. Sprinkled along the route the beautiful towns of Zubielqui and Zufia are visited, with the Sierra de Lóquiz mountain range dominating the scenery, and this section coming to an end at the old station of Murieta.



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Since 1993 the Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food's Nature Trails Program aims to restore former transport infrastructures such as railway tracks, cattle trails and traditional routes, for public use and enjoyment.

These routes take us to the countryside to discover the biodiversity and beauty of our precious natural heritage, and discover the villages, sights, traditions and people that are part of the unique cultural landscape of our country.

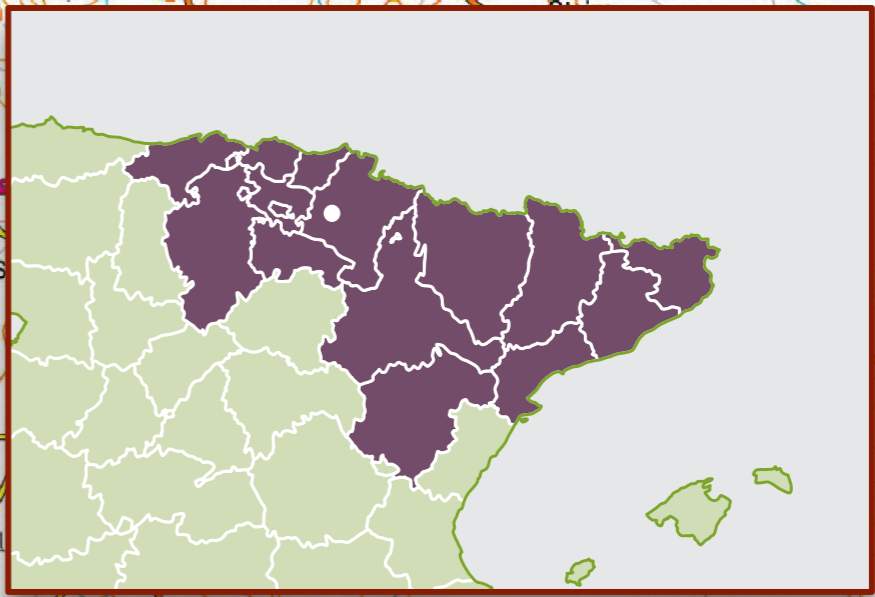
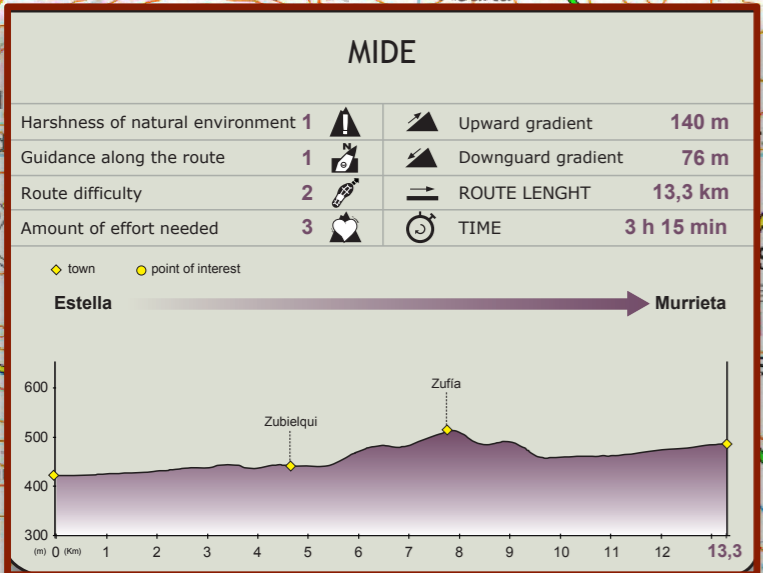
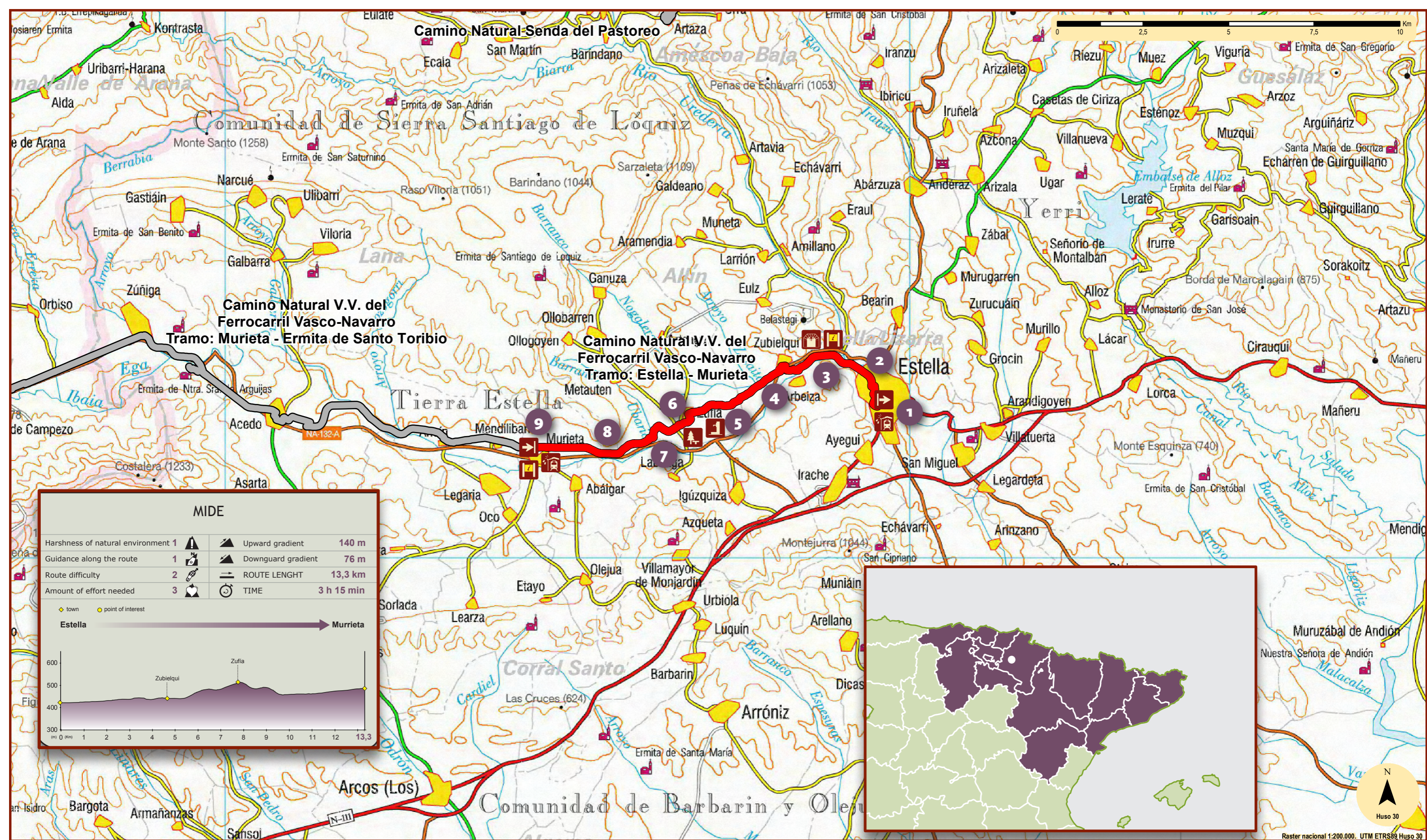
We invite you to visit them and offer you the keys to enjoy the trip. In this brochure you will find a brief description of Basque-Navarre Railway Greenway Nature Trail. Estella to Murieta section and the map for the journey, along with recommendations to make the most of this experience. We only ask one thing of you: do not forget to leave everything as you found it. The conservation of these pathways is also your responsibility.

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- Informative panel
- Rest area
- Former station
- Fountain
- Lighted tunnel



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