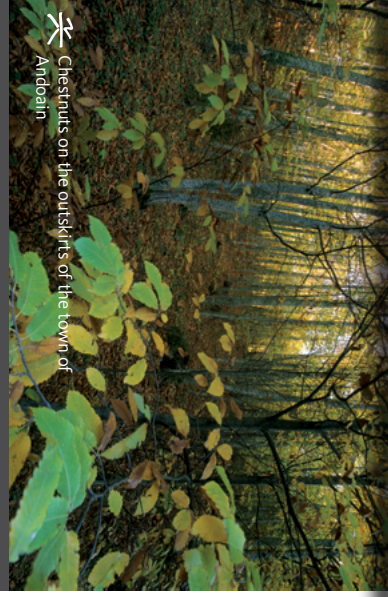


View of the nature trail



Chestnuts on the outskirts of the town of Andoain



Leitzarán

The quality of the waters of this river is outstanding and there is a great biodiversity, so sport fishing is very often practiced here, with species such as trout, eel or minnow.

LEITZARAN RIVER PROTECTED BIOTOPE

Listed protected biotope. In 1995, this natural space which comprises 74 hectares includes the Letizaran and its riverbanks, from its entrance in the province of Gipuzkoa to a few kilometres before reaching the town of Andoain.

THE PARISH CHURCH OF SAN MARTÍN DE TOURS

This Baroque church, which was built between 1759 and 1770, has a Latin cross floor plan with a three-aisle nave. The ribbed vaults and the arch ribs that make it rest on classical pillars. In the central section of the façade, a monumental tower stands out, as well as the steps that give access to this church.

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which was listed as Protected Biotope in 1995.

6. On the way to Letizaran, the route crosses a high viaduct, from where you can see magnificent views of the river; after crossing it, a few metres further on, you will have to pass over the Otieta tunnel, which is 280 metres long and which is the longest in the route. After exiting the tunnel and continuing for a short stretch, the nature trail ends by connecting to the pathway network of the natural space of the Valley of Letizaran,

behind some steps towards the bottom of the valley, or carry on to Letizaran.

1. The path begins behind an industrial warehouse, located to the left of the entrance to this peaceful town via the GI-131 road. The trail runs along the route of an old railway track which used to connect Navarre with the province of Gipuzkoa, and which is part of Camino de Santiago.
2. After crossing a first tunnel, it continues to the southwest, entering the town. On its way, it leaves a children's park next to some buildings on its right, whereas on the left side green meadows alternate with farming areas. The trail continues upwards across the streets of the town, passing by the top part of the parish church, next to the Tourist Information Bureau.
3. When it reaches this point, the trail runs along the old railroad track again, between stone walls, and continues following a street for some 300 metres and then turns left along a red cobblestoned lane which leaves the town.
4. After passing by some benches and a fountain, the trail reaches a wooded area of oaks, maples, chestnuts and other species, and then enters a tunnel which is almost 100 metres long, well-lit and in good condition, taking the trekker to an area outside the influence of the town centre.
5. The trail continues by advancing up the hillside between forests and pastures until a fork where you can either enter the recreational area of Olazar Park



CHARMING RURAL TREKKING

Andoain is a peaceful town located in the northeast of the province of Gipuzkoa, where the widening of the valley of Oria begins, at the foot of the Belkoin mountain, between Donostia-San Sebastián and Tolosa.

In its beginnings, it was fought over by both municipalities, before becoming a town in the 17th century. Within its environment, it currently combines country houses and small industries and is an excellent operational base for trekking enthusiasts, as you can check during this barely longer than two kilometers easy route that traverses the town.



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Since 1993 the Ministry for Agriculture, Food and the Environment'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 Plazaola. Andoain-Leitzarán Nature Trail 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.

TELEPHONES OF INTEREST:

- Andoain City Council: 0034 943 30 08 30



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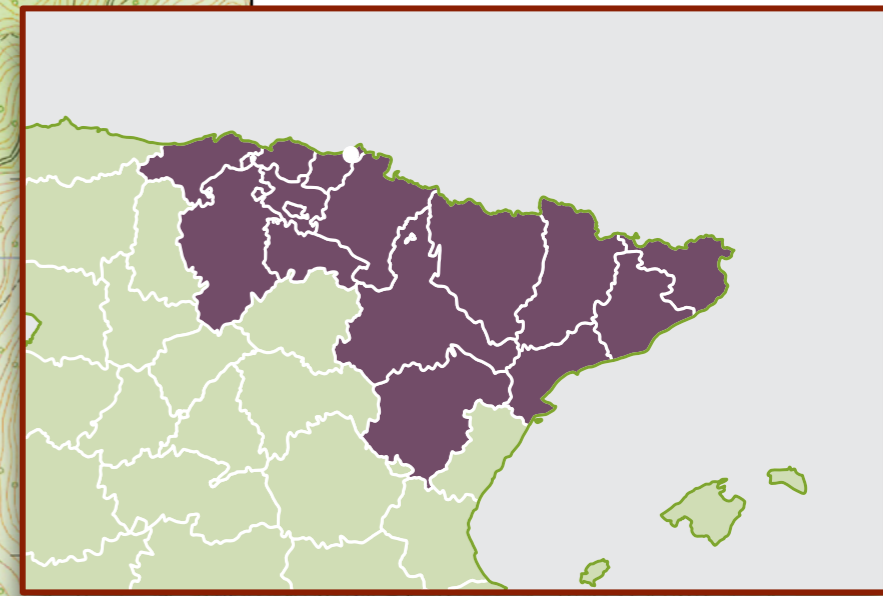
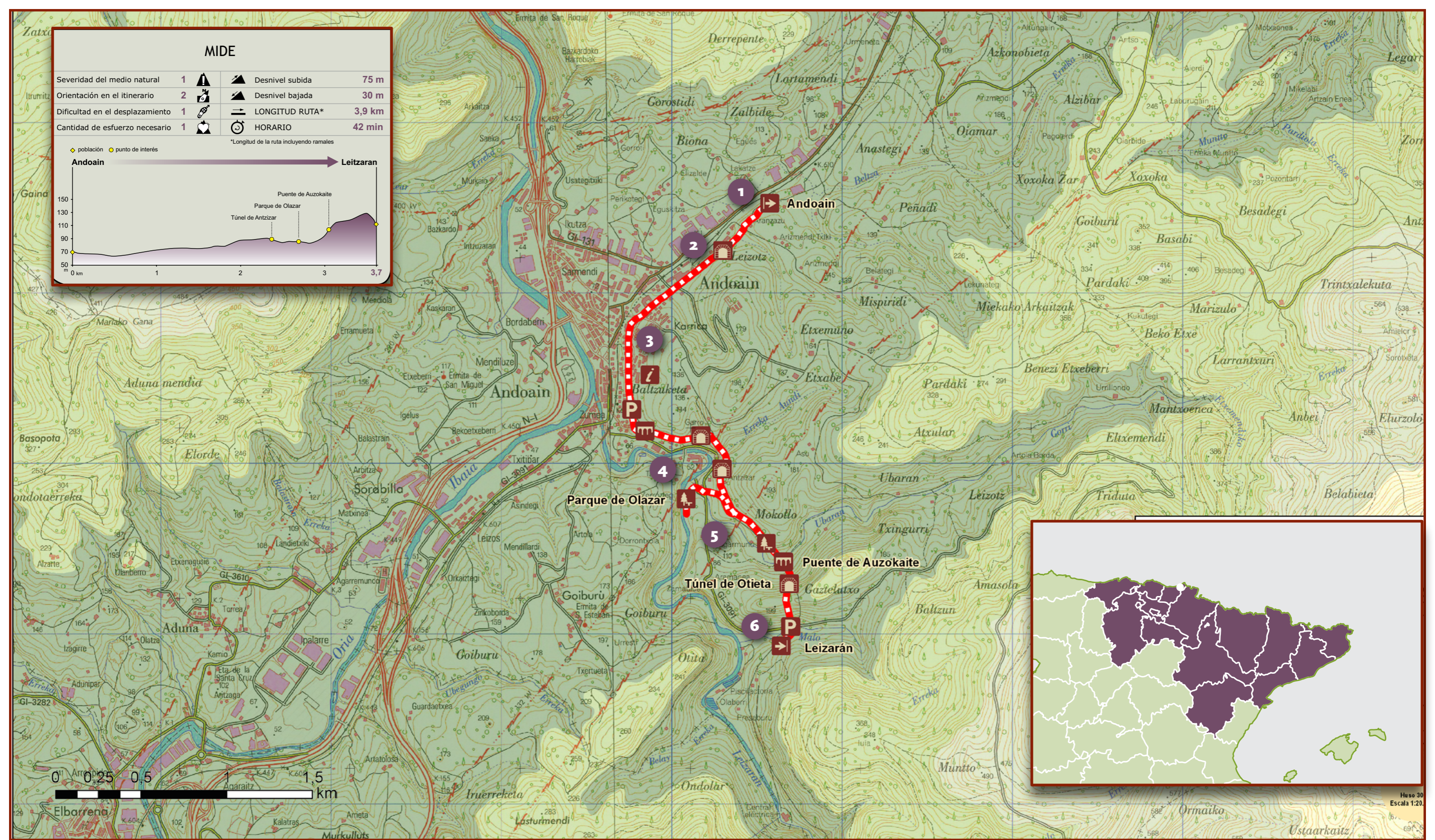
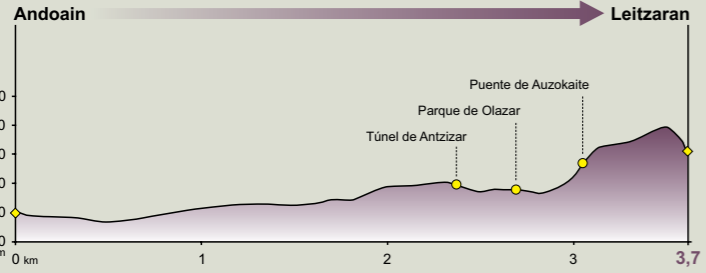
NATURE TRAIL PLAZOLA. ANDOAIN- LEITZARÁN SECTION

MIDE

Severidad del medio natural	1		Desnivel subida	75 m
Orientación en el itinerario	2		Desnivel bajada	30 m
Dificultad en el desplazamiento	1		LONGITUD RUTA*	3,9 km
Cantidad de esfuerzo necesario	1		HORARIO	42 min

*Longitud de la ruta incluyendo ramales

población punto de interés



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NATURE TRAIL PLAZAOLA. ANDOAIN -LEIZARÁN SECTION

- Starting point
- End of trail
- Parking lot
- Information office
- Bridge
- Rest area
- Tunnel



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