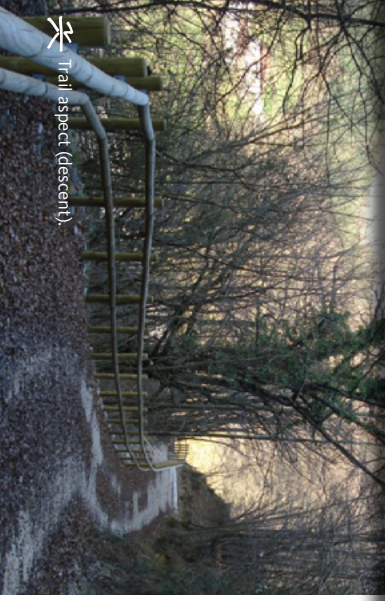


View from the trail of the bridge of Ventas.



Trail aspect (descent).



Start of the trail at the forest area of Migeltxo.

**9.** The area of Kaxarna is the perfect environment for resting and bathing. It is also the ending point of this nature trail. From this spot, you can follow two different paths: the Senda de los Pescadores (SI-NA 140) or the Sendero de Aitxita (SI-NA 131). They both connect this nature trail with Iurtzun, passing by an old ironworks and by the impressive limestone narrow passage of Dos Hermanas.

**7.** The trail continues alongside river Larraun towards the town of Latasa, through durmast and Pyrenean oak groves, and small gardens and meadows, where flock of fatxa sheep can usually be found grazing. As the trail comes closer to Latasa, the oak forest leaves its place to beech

**4.** The trail continues alongside river Larraun. After leaving it behind, in between the clearings of the dense woodland, you can make out the small town of Urritza.

**6.** After passing through the non-illuminated tunnel about 160 meters long, the route continues along a stretch that crosses an original bridge of Plazaola, which is used to get around the Basaburua stream. From this spot, trail users can get a splendid panoramic view of the surroundings, where the beautiful eighteenth-century single-span stone bridge, the remains of the old ironworks of Pastaola and of a small hydroelectric power plant stand out.

**3.** Following the route, you will come across another walkway that will let you get around river Larraun. On its banks, there is a riverbank woodland with numerous willows, alder trees, blackberries and hawthorns. The water of this river is the home of an important trout community. River Larraun is part of the Upper Salmon Region of Navarra, where a sustainable management of trout wildlife populations is carried away. A small wooden walkway over Regata Cesal leads to the first meadows of the trail. Their grass is enjoyed by the native latxa sheep, whose precious milk is used to produce the famous Idiazabal cheese.

**8.** Going back to the nature trail, you will need to cross the NA-4130 road, go over river Larraun via a new walkway, carefully cross the NA-1300 road and go under the A-15 highway until you reach a crossroads with the NA-7503 road leading to the town of Goldaratz, where you can meet the path GR-21. The trail continues parallel to the NA-1300 road, offering good panoramic views of mount Arrikeita. You will cross this road a couple of times and, finally, after a stretch down the valley next to the river, you will get to the resting area of Kaxarna.

**2.** To the left, you can see part of one of the old iron and steel complex where iron ore coming from the Gipuzkoa mines used to be transformed into metal.

**5.** Running parallel to the A-15 highway and passing by the municipal cemetery, the trail meets river Larraun again, whose particular head spring located in the town of Iribas, at the foot of the Aralar Mountain Range, has given it the nickname of the Guadiana from Navarra. Leaving the service area of the A-15 highway on the side, and once you have carefully crossed the NA-1300 road, the trail runs along the sketch of the old railway of Plazaola.

**1.** The starting point of this nature trail is located in the resting area of San Migeltxo, around kilometer 8.4 of the NA-1300 road connecting Lekunberri with Iurtzun. This first stretch of the trail goes along the aforementioned road on a gravel surface completely conditioned for trekkers and cyclists. After crossing the first walkway over river Larraun, the trail plunges into a beech forest where hawthorns and hollies grow.”

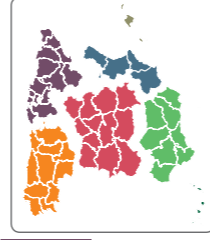
**8.** At this spot you will find signposts from the Imotz-Basaburua Trekking Network (Herrien Arteko Xendak), which is a network of old country tracks that have been recovered and which serve as a connection between different towns.

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### A WALK THROUGH THE HUMID NAVARRA, FOLLOWING RIVER LARRAUN

This nature trail takes up again part of the sketch of the old railroad of Plazaola, narrow-gauge steam railway which connected Pamplona with San Sebastian. Along the 6.3 kilometers of this route, travelers will take their steps following river Larraun, as they enjoy a peaceful stroll through the valleys of Imotz and Larraun, traversing beautiful beech and oak groves alternating with numerous meadows and hedgerows nearby populations centers such as Urritza and Latasa. They will also be able to admire the traditional architecture and take pleasure in the rich gastronomy of this area of the Humid Northwestern Navarra region.



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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 the Plazaola 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.

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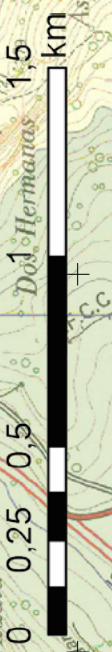
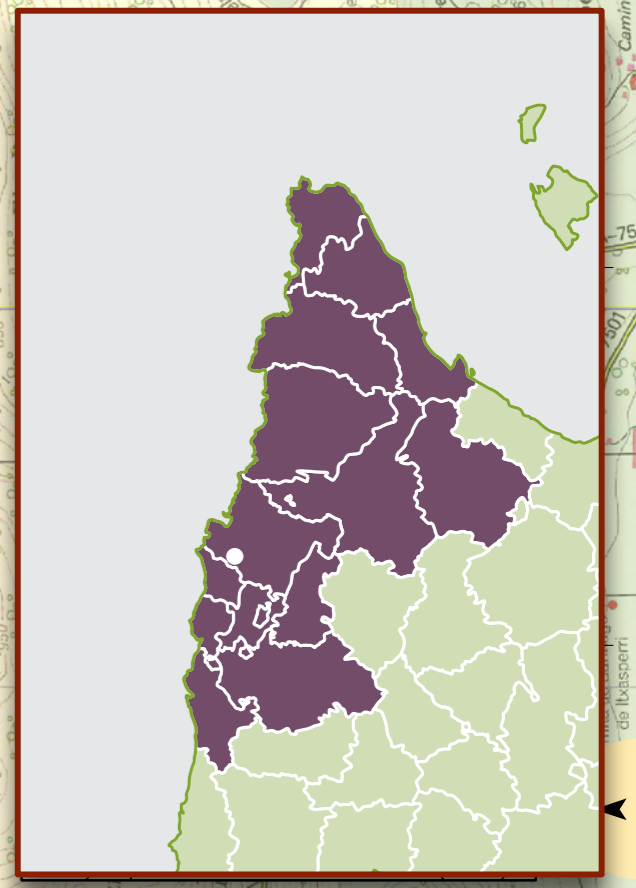
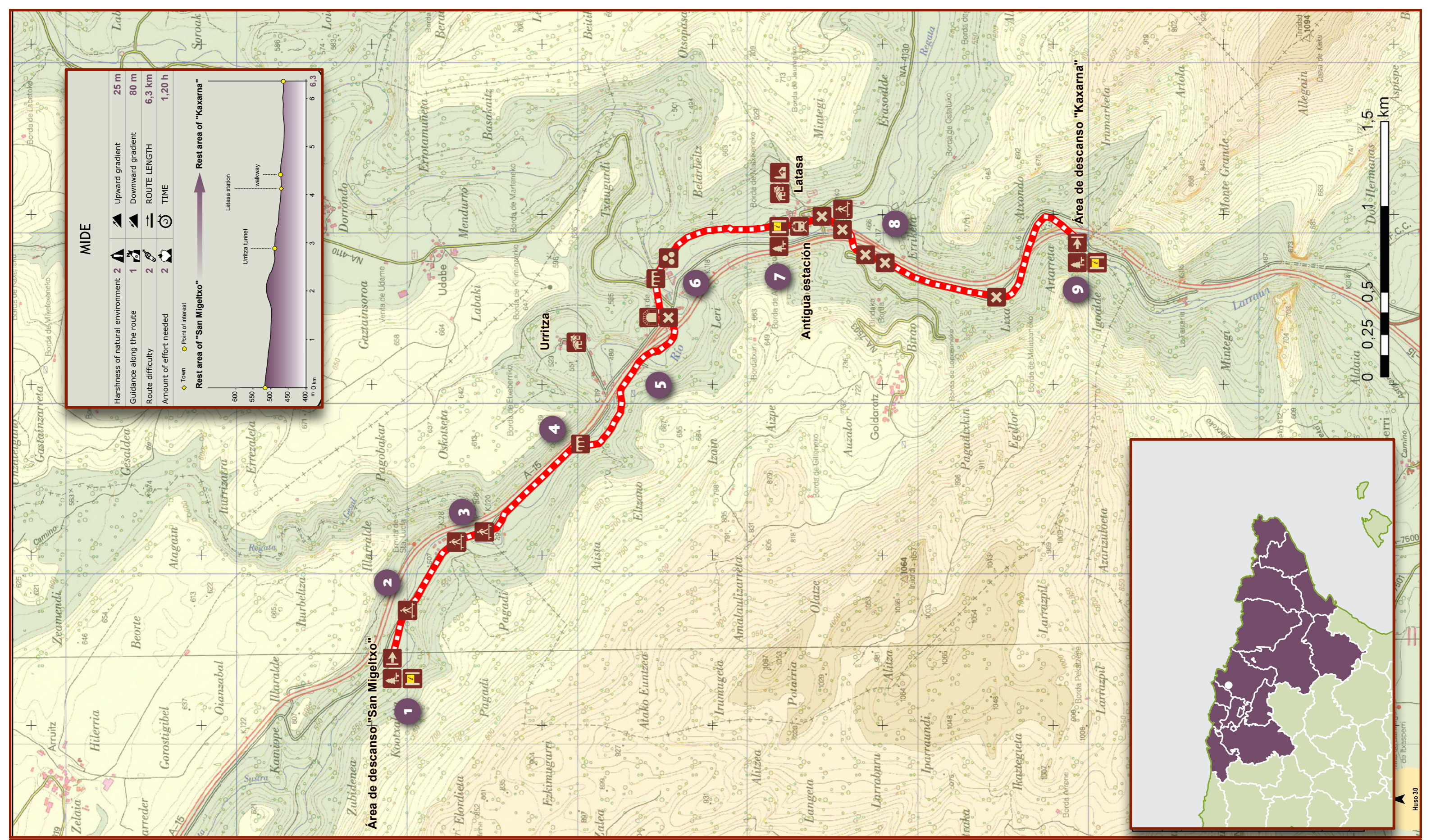
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**MIDE**

Harshness of natural environment	2	▲	Upward gradient	25 m
Guidance along the route	1	📶	Downward gradient	80 m
Route difficulty	2	👣	ROUTE LENGTH	6,3 km
Amount of effort needed	2	🕒	TIME	1,20 h

◆ Point of interest

**Rest area of "San Migeltxo"** →



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