



Guide to the  
**Nature Trails**  
of Spain

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NORTHEASTERN PENINSULAR  
NATURE TRAIL  
**BASQUE-NAVARRESE  
RAILWAY**

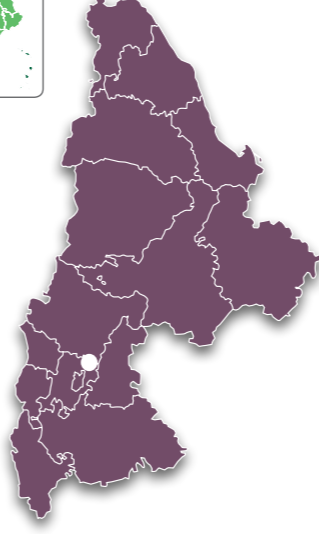
1. This trail, whose itinerary is well indicated, begins at Murrieta, with a gentle and steady ascent. Having crossed the town, the trail reaches the old station, which has been restored as the City Hall. From this point, it continues towards Mendibarri through a trail where vehicles are also allowed, even though there is little traffic.
2. The trail enters Ancín through the cemetery and crosses the town centre arriving at the old station and current City Hall. After crossing the Ega River, it gets near the mountain slope, while the best view of the Lokiz Range can be enjoyed to the right.
3. Before reaching the town of Acedo, some signs indicate a branch avoiding a lost stretch from the original railway route. There is also another short missing stretch in Acedo, so the town must be crossed to arrive at a rest area next to the restored municipal washing place. From here, the trail continues through a small bridge to return to the old railway route and enters a deep cutting towards the tunnel of Arquijas. Although this 1,415-metre long passage is well lit, it is advisable to carry a torch in the equipment, as well as warm clothes since the damp tunnel is cold inside.
4. After exiting the tunnel, the trail continues towards the Ega River, between the Lokiz and Codés mountain ranges, and takes a forest track leading to the nearby hermitage of Nuestra Señora de Arquijas. After crossing the river through a large viaduct, the mid-slope uphill

5. trail provides the traveller with an unrivalled view of the gorge of the Ega River from the surroundings of the small tunnel of Peñón. After this passage, the trail reaches the wide valley of Campezo. Having crossed the access road to Zúñiga, we reach a rest area next to the ruins of the old local station, in front of which a long straight path leads to Santa Cruz de Campezo. At this point, bollards appear for the first time in order to prevent vehicles from accessing the trail.
5. Visiting the medieval town of Santa Cruz de Campezo, which has a tourist information office about the Montaña Alavesa, is a must. A little further on, the trail goes near the Fresneda Park, where a wood walkway over the A-132 lets the traveller enjoy the beautiful view of the valley and the mountains surrounding it.
6. The trail leaves the Ega River behind and runs along its tributary, the Serrón. Then, it continues through the old railway route towards Antoñana, where we enter the town centre through a road with little traffic. Having crossed the A-132 through a walkway, the trail continues parallel to it through a small tunnel and over the river several times until the old railway gets lost amid the vegetation. Thus, an alternative path must be followed along the other bank of the river, reached by crossing a pedestrian bridge.
7. The trail continues through a track crossing the river once again through another walkway and, after going

8. under the A-132, the route heads towards an abandoned tarmac factory. However, the trail leaves this path just before reaching the factory through another track towards Atauri, a small town located at a narrowing of the river. When the trail reaches the old railway station, in front of which there is a disused tunnel, it continues through another dirt path that goes around the mountain and arrives at an open area where the hermitage of the Soledad is located.
8. After crossing over the A-132 again and arriving at the Zumalde Park, the trail goes through the original railway route again, which is now accompanied by a water supply pipe. Maestu welcomes the hiker with its magnificent station, now turned into the City Hall. Crossing the town, its majestic streets are well worth a walk, as well as greeting the "Papamoscas", a mechanical figure located in the church clock tower that moves its hand every full hour.
9. The last stretch of the trail crosses the A-314 through a metallic walkway and another quite short tunnel. The trail leaves the town of Zekuiano on the right to go down through a steep concrete slab towards the hermitage of Santo Toribio, where a picnic area indicates the end point of the trail opposite to the nearby mining area of Laminaria.



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Since 1993 the Ministry for Agriculture and Fisheries, 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 the Basque - Navarrese railway 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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The Montaña Alavesa and the western fringe of the Tierra Estella region are two neighbouring territories where population is scarce and there are plenty of steep mountain ranges. These mountains house transition forests between Mediterranean and Atlantic flora, while the numerous limestone cliffs in its landscape are a safe shelter for large birds of prey.



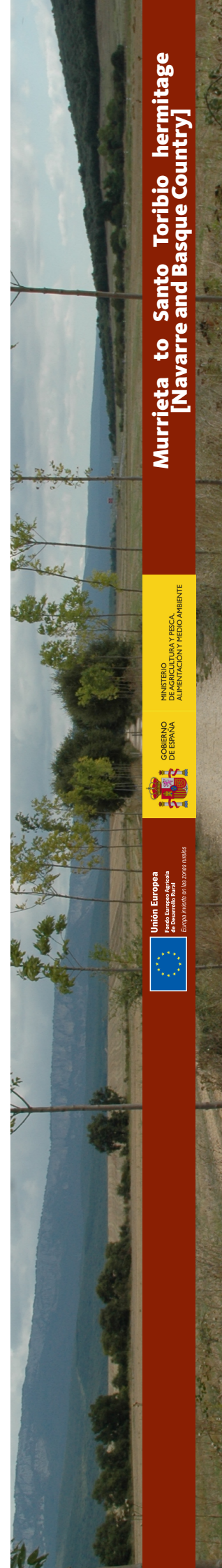
Bathing area in Fresneda Park

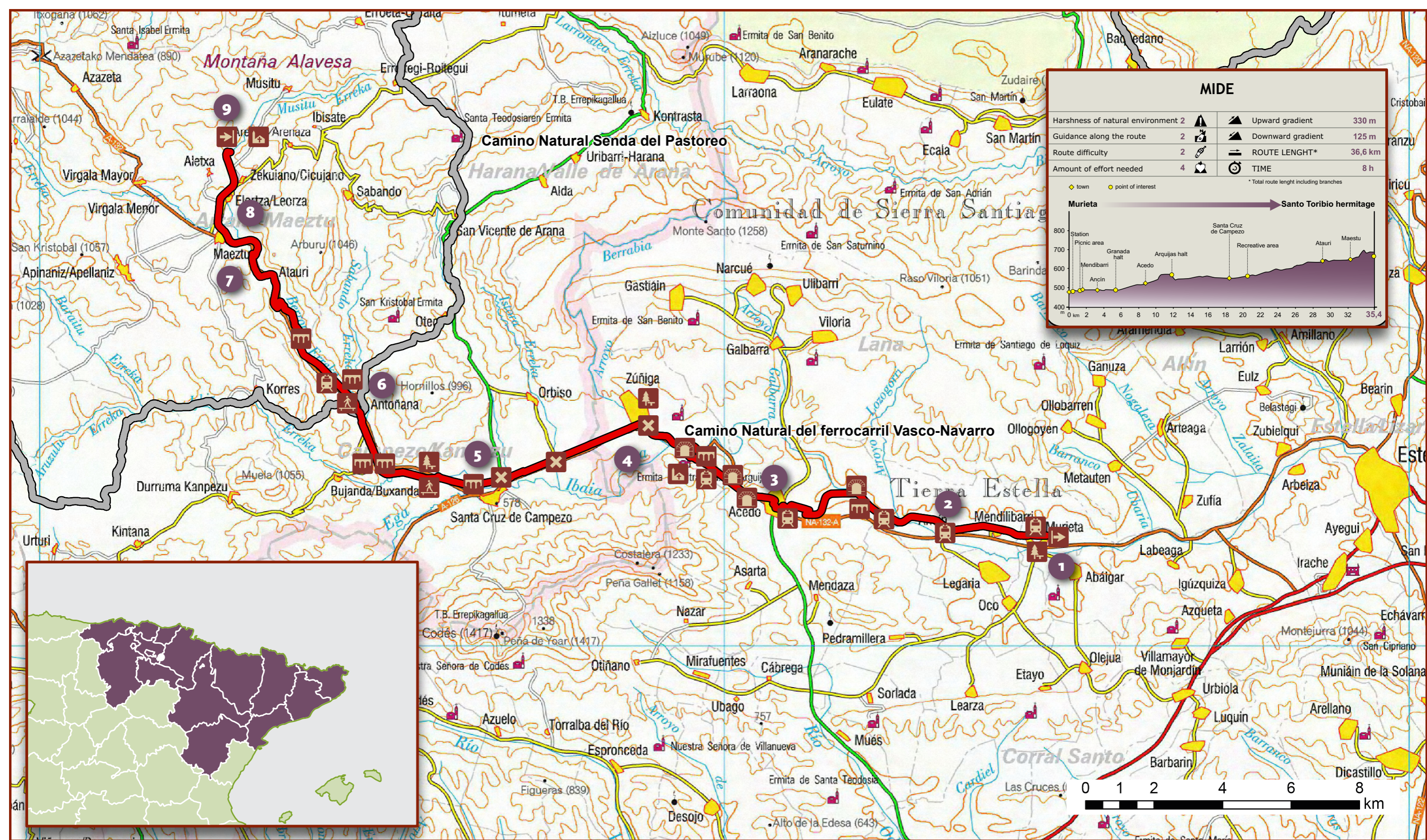


Wall Houses in Antoñana



Nature trail next to the Zúñiga station





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## NATURE TRAIL BASQUE- NAVARRESE RAILWAY

- Starting point
- End of trail
- Train station
- Rest area
- Religious building
- Tunnel
- Junction
- Walkway
- Bridge



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