



Aralar Natural Park

Prehistory Museum

Here is preserved the Basque Country's prehistory. More than sixty dolmens, tumulus, cromlechs, and menhirs can be seen in Aralar, the wide natural park shared by Gipuzkoa and Navarre.



To the Southeast of the Gipuzkoa territory, going on into the Foral Community of Navarre, the Aralar limestone massif is **one of the most outstanding mountain areas in the Basque Country**, talking about both height and extension. The same happens if we talk about its ecological values, its megalithic heritage, and its agricultural use: Aralar is the most important grazing area in Gipuzkoa, with the latxa sheep as the main protagonist.

The isolated silhouette of Mount Txindoki (1,331 metres high) is a reference point for mountaineers and trekkers. They can enjoy **endless small and big marked routes** through which they can go deeper into the landscapes of the Natural Park, with singular places such as the craggy 'Ataun dome', the Akaitz beechwood, or the Pardelutz glacial cirque.

Lizarrausti, in the Aia neighborhood of Ataun, is the **Reception and Visitor's Center for the park**, which houses a restaurant and a **hostel** with 36 bunks and a double room adapted for people with physical disabilities.

The most outstanding

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The Aralar Park is usually flied over by Griffon vultures, Egyptian vultures, golden eagles, and even bearded vultures. The European mink, together with the roe deer and the wild boar, are some of the 147 vertebrate species that have been classified. As the height increases, the holm-oak woods and the oakwoods of Aralar give way to the beechwoods and the rocks.

Situation:

Located to the southeast of Gipuzkoa, the park also extends through the neighbour community of Navarre. The part in Gipuzkoa enclaves in the villages of Ataun, Zaldibia, Abaltzisketa,

Amezketan, Lazkao, Tolosa eta Enirio-Aralar Union.

Access:

Through the N-1 road, exist in Alegia (towards Amezketan), Ordizia (towards Zaldibia and Larraitze) or Beasain (towards Ataun).

Classification:

Natural park.

Extension:

10,971 hectares.

Information:

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Schedule:

From Tuesday to Sunday, 10am-06pm.



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