

Field trip along the Aquitaine sandy coast - 29th October

Capbreton - Pilat dune - Arcachon Basin

From Biarritz to Bordeaux (with possible return to Biarritz)

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Time-table	Duration	Stops, topics and main contributors
8:00	1h00	Start from Biarritz – route to stop 1
9:00	0h30	Stop 1: Capbreton Car park of the "estacade" Overall presentation of Capbreton. Erosion issues and by-pass Contributors: Marie Claire Prat (University of Bordeaux) and BRGM (French Geological Survey)
9:30	0h10	Route in bus
9:40	1h00	Stop 2: Beausoleil car park Site of dune restoration in 2016 Walk along the dune footpath (from Beausoleil to the CCAS holiday residence – 1900 m length) 60-90' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution of an elected representative to explain the municipal stakes • The story (vineyard...) • Presentation of the plan by ONF (Office National des Forêts) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Technical terms brought into play ○ Results ○ the citizen participation
10:40	1h	Route in bus
11:40	0h30	Stop 3: Especier (south of Mimizan)
12:10	1h15	Route in bus to the Pilat dune
13:30	1h00	Picnic lunch - welcome area of Pilat (toilet) In case of strong rain possible shelter in the room of Point Glisse de La Salie
14:30	1h30	Stop 4: Visit of the Pilat dune (the highest European dune) with wonderful view over the Arcachon Basin Start from the staircase Walk on the dune to the central area Return down the staircase <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the site: passes and channels of Arcachon Basin, Pilat dune, history (Marie Claire Prat) • Development of the dune: BRGM • The "Great Site", public welcome: contributions of the "Syndicat mixte" and "Conservatoire du littoral"
16:00	0h10	Route in bus
16:10	0h30	Stop 5: the Gaillouneys site: restoration of the south area of the Pilat dune (depending on available time) Presentation of the current works by the " Conservatoire du littoral " and ONF
17:40		Two options: route by bus to the railway station and airport of Bordeaux or return by bus to Biarritz
	1h15	Arrival expected in Bordeaux at 19:00
	2h00	Arrival expected in Biarritz at 19:40

Note that a field-guide (in French and English) will be given to the participants.