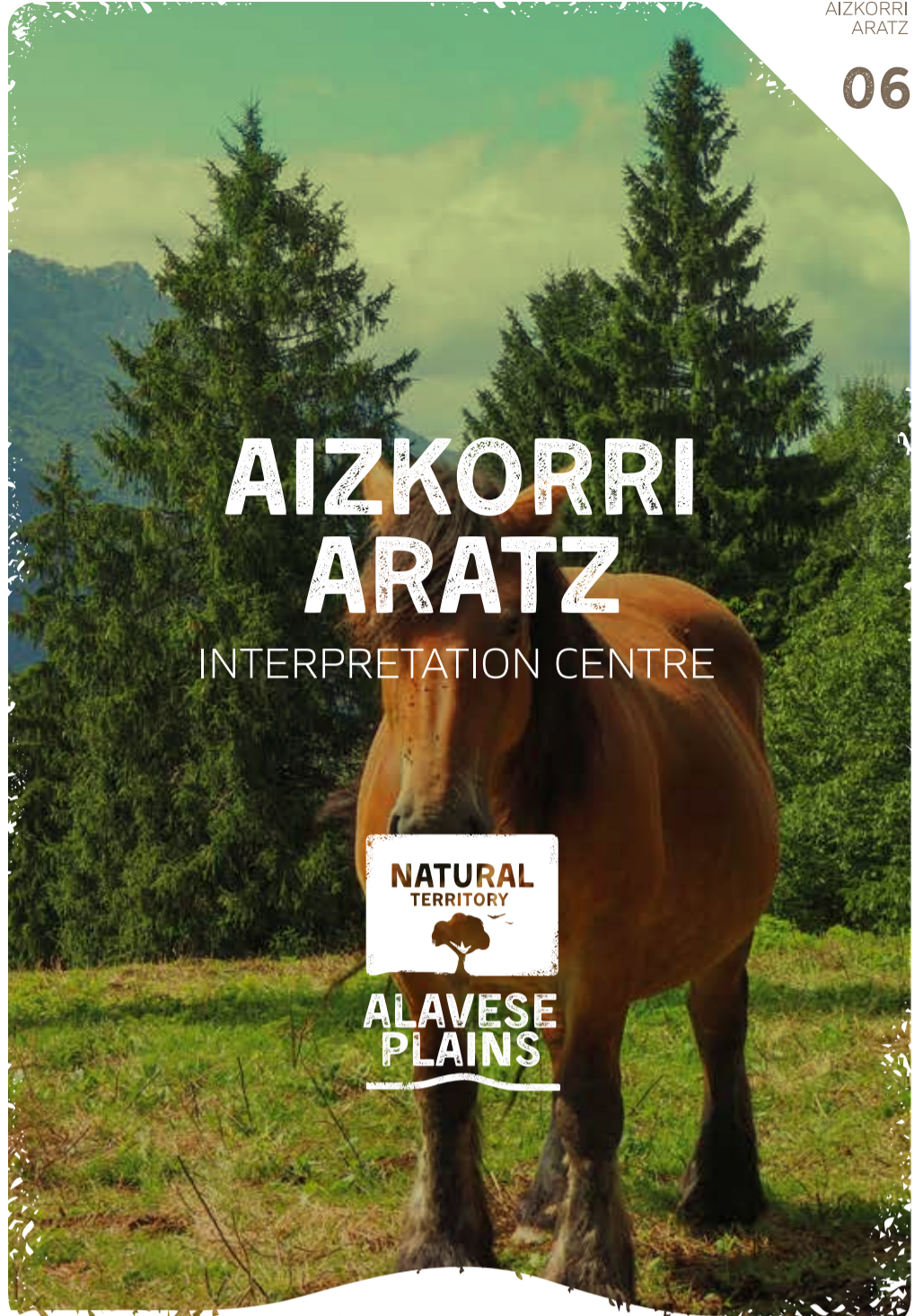
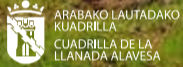


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# AIZKORRI ARATZ

INTERPRETATION CENTRE



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## AIZKORRI-ARATZ INTERPRETATION CENTRE (PARKETXEA)

Natural parks are areas that have not been transformed by human occupation or development. The uniqueness of their flora and fauna or geomorphological formations require that their natural resources and public use be managed in an organised way.

### Information.

The San Adrian tunnel is part of the inland Way of St. James. It is a natural tunnel going through rock and it connects Gipuzkoa and Alava/Álava. It is only 70 metres long, but there is a hermitage with the same name hidden inside. A medieval road leads up to it.

### SAN ADRIAN TUNNEL

### Suggestions.

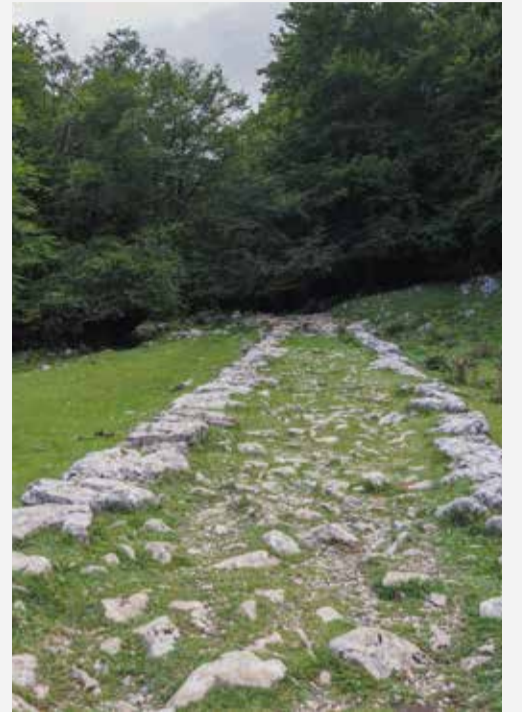
The parketxea has an interpretative exhibition of the natural park that provides information about the flora, fauna, culture and ethnography of the area. The "mitxarro", or grey door mouse, acts as the driver to take you around the area's natural resources. The facilities also have an area for renewable energy.





# AIZKORRI-ARATZ

NATURAL PARK



The Aizkorri-Aratz natural park is located between the provinces of Álava and Guipúzcoa. It is notable for its limestone mountains and endless beech forests. It has the highest summit in the Basque country: Aitxuri (1551 m). And, according to legend, the mythological goddess Mari can still be found among its peaks.

Most of the substrate is made up of Urganian limestone whose erosion has led to spectacular karstic phenomena; as are the La Leze pit, the San Adrián tunnel, the Urbia depression and the Aránzazu ravine.

There are extensive native forests conserved in the natural park, such as beech and sessile oak groves. In the highest part of the mountains the trees become more rare giving way to meadows resulting from the intense latxa sheep grazing which is traditional in these mountains.

## INTERPRETATION CENTRE



The interpretation centre for the park and the centre for renewable energy, which the town of Asparrena is a leader in, are located in the same building.

The "mitxarro" (grey door mouse) will take you through the natural resources of the area. It's a beautiful, friendly and curious animal that makes it possible to interrelate the themes and values of the town's heritage, including energy, the ecology of a beech forest, karst, archaeological remains, architecture, ways of communication, the founding of Araia, the cheese factory, the uses and customs of the people who live in Asparrena.

You can discover the natural and cultural heritage of the town through the animal and understand that the parts make up a whole and that sustainable development is the only possible future.



### PARKETXEA



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Tuesday through Sunday: 10:00-14:30 and 16:00-18:00  
• Summer hours (from April to September)  
Tuesday through Sunday: 10:00-14:30 and 16:00-19:00

• Closed Monday.

They organise guided tours for groups and monthly activities.