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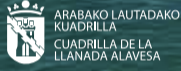


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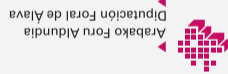


GARAIO PARK

MENDIXUR OBSERVATORY



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Suggestions.
You can do a self-guided tour, either on foot or bicycle, with the help of interpretive panels for the various ecosystems in the park. The Garaio information office has a bicycle loan service.

ULLIBARRI-GAMBOA RESERVOIR
With a capacity of 146 hm³, it is the biggest reservoir in the Basque country and it is part of a system of three reservoirs that fill a triple function: supply Vitoria-Gasteiz and Bilbao, regulate the level of the Zadorra river and provide space for recreation.



ULLIBARRI-GAMBOA RESERVOIR

Information.
Birds are the primary draw of the park. It is host to a multitude of aquatic birds and they are an indicator of the good health of the aquatic and land ecosystems that support them.

MENDIXUR ORNITHOLOGICAL PARK

One of the southern tails of the Ullibarri- Gamboa reservoir, declared Ramsar wetlands with international significance, lies near the town of Mendixur and the ornithological park. It is also part of Red Natura 2000.



It is an area with shallow water that has undergone a significant naturalisation process and has become a very important enclave for the animal and vegetable communities tied to aquatic environments. The variety and abundance of species that appear here throughout the year make this area a choice location.

Two paths lead to the park's observatories: The Biributxi path from which you can access the Buceadores observatory and the Errekabarri path that leads to the Carboneros observatory.

GARAIO PROVINCIAL PARK

The Garaio provincial park is located next to the old village of Garaio on the shores of the Ullibarri- Gamboa reservoir. The regional park makes a small 116 hectare peninsula that stretches into the reservoir to the level of the mouth of the Zadorra river.



It has two beaches, Garaio North and Garaio South, signalled with a blue flag that are surrounded by wooded leisure areas. There are life guard services from June to August, as well as showers and bathing platforms for people with reduced mobility.

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THE ULLIBARRI-GAMBOA RESERVOIR

The reservoir has signalled itineraries:

- Complete trip around the reservoir: Circular 44.6 km route
- Northern reservoir route: Circular 31.8 km route Landa provincial park
- Southern reservoir route: Circular 18.8 km route It joins Garaio and Azua. It leads to the Mendixur ornithological park to complete the visit.
- Garaio provincial park route: Circular 5.5 km route with 6 stops You can also get to the Mendixur ornithological park on this route.

You can also start the route in Vitoria-Gasteiz (from Gamarra), following the Vasco-Navarro green itinerary.



GARAIO INFORMATION OFFICE



Plz. Garaio 1 / TLF: 695 78 24 98
It also has two free car parks exclusively for caravans:
Day: inside the park from 8:00 a 23:00
Parking 24h: next to the entrance of the park.

MENDIXUR ORNITHOLOGICAL PARK



Free access all year round.