

## Collective public management

The Syndicat Mixte and its partners strive continually to preserve this fragile habitat, to ensure that it is highlighted and visited in the best possible conditions.

The Syndicat Mixte is a public institution comprising the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region, the Gironde Department and the municipality of La Teste-de-Buch



**2 million** visitors every year



**Over 4,000** schoolchildren reached



**9 tonnes** of waste collected in the reception area

Main gateway to the Grand Site, the Dune du Pilat reception area and its renovated wooden cabins offer a wide range of **services and facilities** to help you explore the site in an **environmentally-friendly way**: new cycle path and visitor trail, information areas, restaurants and cultural shops... **You're welcome!**

Plan your visit



Interpretive trail

Encouraging soft mobility

A dedicated space for environmental education

Qualitative commercial offer

The Grands Sites de France Network

Public action is guided by the

Grands Sites de France's national

policy, a government initiative

to protect outstanding heritage

landscapes such as the Dune du Pilat.



Marais Poitevin

Safeguarding natural areas and maintaining access for all

As the main owner of the Grand Site, the Conservatoire du Littoral addresses fundamental societal issues: preventing the disappearance and trivialisation of natural coastal areas. By purchasing the land, the Conservatoire du Littoral protects it in the long term.

## A protected natural site

An exceptional heritage site, the Grand Site de la Dune du Pilat is a **protected natural area** covering 6,875 hectares. The site is listed, which means that it benefits from strong protection at a national level.

Width **600 m**  
Length **2,900 m**  
Height +/- **100 m**  
**55 millions m<sup>3</sup>** of sand

**The forest...** adjoining the Dune was hit by an unprecedented fire in July 2022. Fire, security and rescue services, hundreds of men and women... rallied tirelessly to fight the flames and save this landscape, which is an inextricable part of the Grand Site.

# Dune du Pilat



Grand Site  site classé

Let's rise to its level

dune du Pilat

Free nature activities



Plan your visit to the Dune du Pilat  
[www.ladunedupilat.com](http://www.ladunedupilat.com)



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# The Dune du Pilat on the Bassin d'Arcachon



**Access to forest areas and unauthorised parking**  
Strictly forbidden

**Pilat or Pyla?**  
Only one spelling is correct. The dune is called 'Pilat', which comes from the word 'Pilot', meaning 'heap' or 'mound' in the Gascon language. This spelling can be found on maps dating back to the 18th century. However, the neighbourhood near the site is called Pyla-sur-Mer, locally known as Pyla.

**BUS LINE 3** Arcachon train station <-> Dune du Pilat / Plage de la Salie  
**DUNE EXPRESS BUS LINES** in July-August

## How to get here ?

During the summer months, when road traffic is heavy, it's best to use alternative modes of transport.

By bus and bicycle ... there are other ways to visit the Dune du Pilat!



## How to plan your visit ?

Check car park occupancy in real time at [www.ladunedupilat.com](http://www.ladunedupilat.com)



Thank you! By parking in the reception area, you contribute –through your fees– to the preservation and maintenance of this exceptional natural site. All the public revenue from parking fees goes back into managing the Grand Site: waste collection in nature areas, naturalist monitoring, free environmental education tools, etc.

## Rates

| High season       | Car | Motorbike | Motorhome Bus |
|-------------------|-----|-----------|---------------|
| Discovery rate 4h | 7€  | 5€        | 10€           |
| Immersion rate 8h | 9€  | 7€        | 12€           |
| Day rate 12h      | 11€ | 9€        | 14€           |



Car / Motorbike / Motorhome/ Bus  
No overnight parking from 2 a.m. to 5 a.m

## Permits

Are you a regular visitor to the Dune du Pilat? A season permit is available!  
Car / Motorcycle (€15) – Motorhome (€30)  
Go to

[www.ladunedupilat.com](http://www.ladunedupilat.com) > Rates and season permits

## Please respect nature, we are its guests!

- Access to forest areas is strictly forbidden
- Board sports are prohibite
- Fires are prohibited in all locations
- Dispose of your cigarette butts appropriately
- Bivouacs and wild camping are prohibited
- Dogs allowed on a leash
- Motorised vehicles are prohibited
- Respect biodiversity: do not disturb species, pick plants or take samples (plants, sand, relics, etc.).

## A few practical tips

- Pack your equipment according to the weather
- Always bring a bottle of water with you
- Avoid climbing the Dune during the hottest part of the day

## Discover the Dune

Make the most of your visit to the Grand Site by taking part in one of our **discovery activities**: guided walks, posted guides with telescopes, hikes, etc. Our mediators welcome you all year round (activities are free but booking is required).

Find the activities programme at [www.ladunedupilat.com](http://www.ladunedupilat.com).

