

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.

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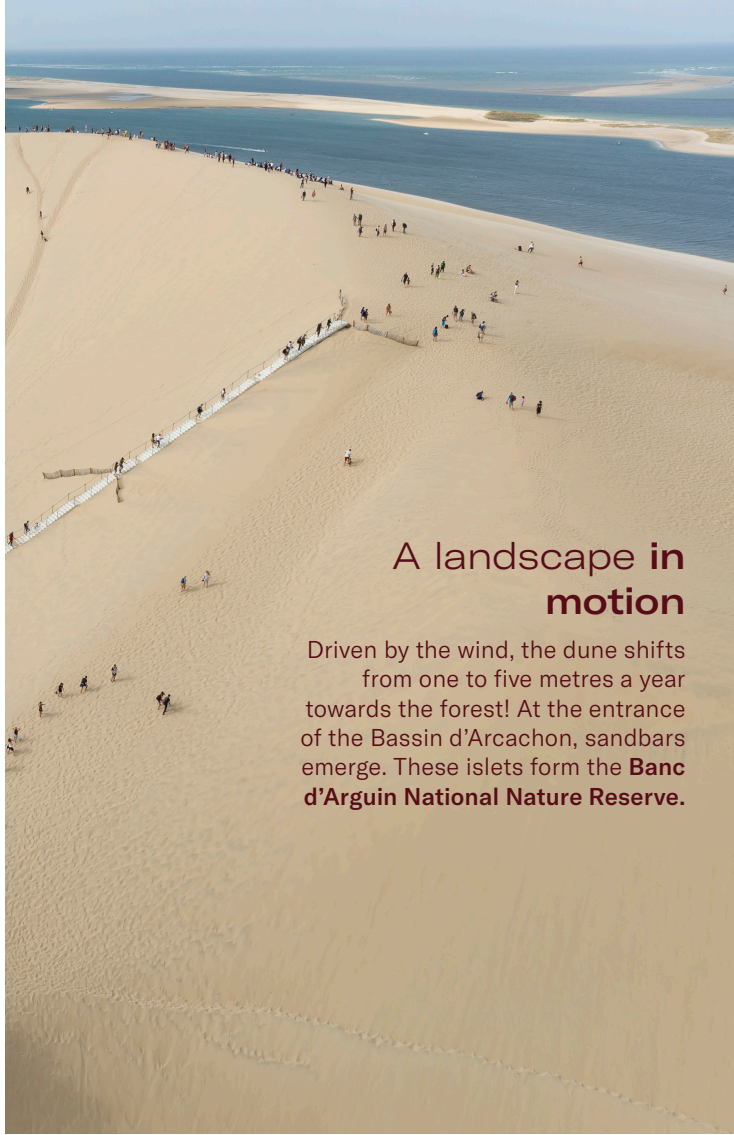
Safeguarding natural areas and maintaining access for all

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 landscape in motion

Driven by the wind, the dune shifts from one to five metres a year towards the forest! At the entrance of the Bassin d'Arcachon, sandbars emerge. These islets form the **Banc d'Arguin National Nature Reserve**.



Plan your visit



Interpretive trail

Encouraging soft mobility

Qualitative commercial offer

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!**



Free nature activities






Grand Site  **site classé**

Let's rise to its level

Dune du Pilat

Plan your visit to the Dune du Pilat
www.ladunedupilat.com

Grand Site de la Dune du Pilat reception area
Route de Biscarrosse RD 218 - 33115 Pyla-sur-Mer

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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

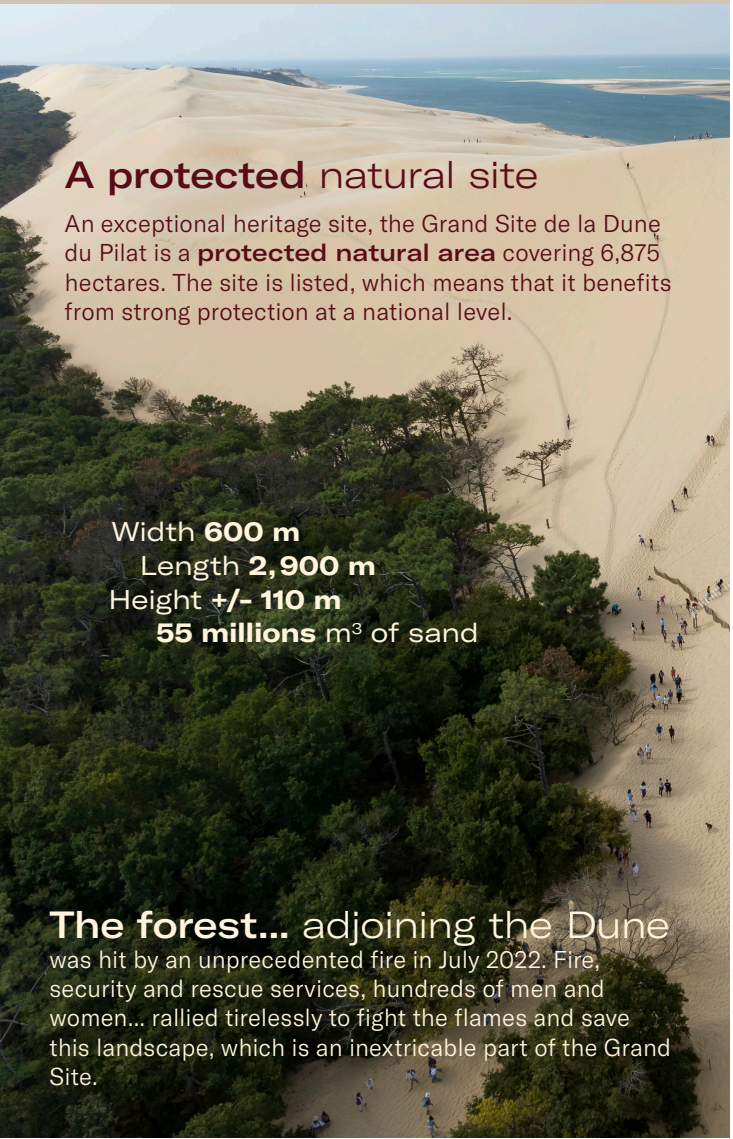


A protected natural site

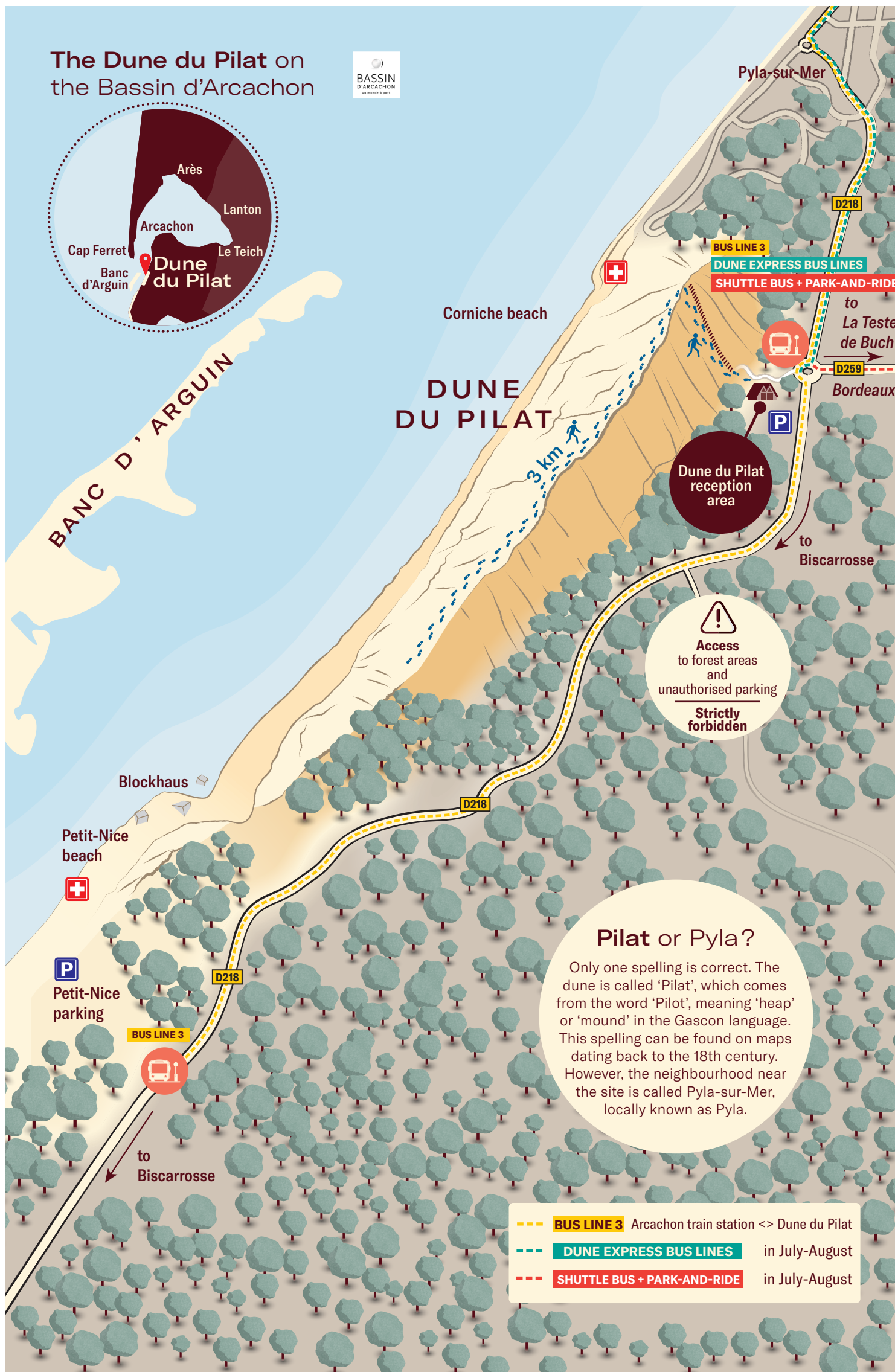
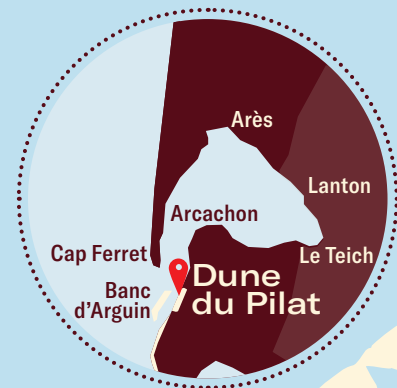
An exceptional heritage site, the Grand Site de la Dune du Pilat is a **protected natural area** covering 6,875 hectares. The site is listed, which means that it benefits from strong protection at a national level.

Width **600 m**
Length **2,900 m**
Height +/- **110 m**
55 millions m³ 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.



The Dune du Pilat on the Bassin d'Arcachon



BANC D' ARGUIN

DUNE DU PILAT

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
--- DUNE EXPRESS BUS LINES in July-August
--- SHUTTLE BUS + PARK-AND-RIDE 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



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.



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 > 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

