

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



After 18 months of work, the Grand Site reception area has been completely redesigned to improve **visiting conditions and integrate facilities into the landscape**. A cycle path, information point, environmental education centre, cultural shops and eateries... The entire team welcomes you to the renovated cabin village!

A new look for the reception area

Plan your visit



New interpretive trail

Preserving plant species

Encouraging soft mobility

A dedicated space for environmental education

High-quality shops and services

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

it in the long term.

By purchasing the land, the Conservatoire du Littoral protects

the disappearance and trivialisation of natural coastal areas.

Littoral addresses fundamental societal issues: preventing

As the main owner of the Grand Site, the Conservatoire du

access for all

Safeguarding natural areas and maintaining

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**.



Dune du Pilat



Grand Site  site classé

Let's rise to its level

Free nature activities



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



Grand Site de la Dune du Pilat reception area
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A protected natural site

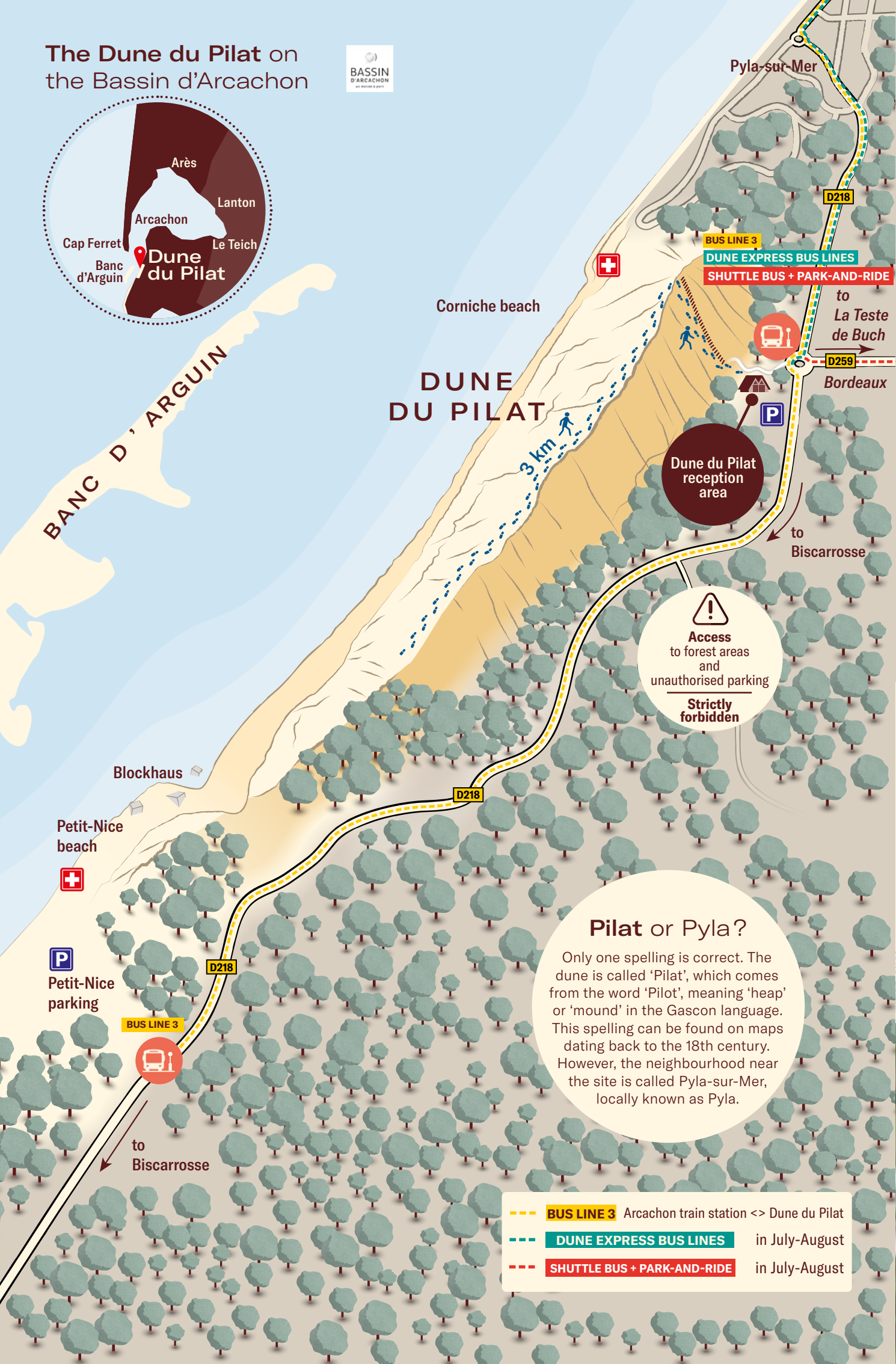
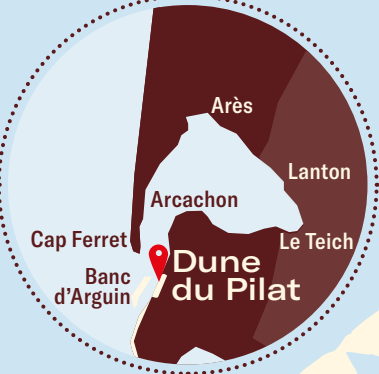
An exceptional heritage site, the Grand Site de la Dune du Pilat is a **protected natural area** covering 6,875 hectares. The site is listed, which means that it benefits from strong protection at a national level.

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



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

Permits

Are you a regular visitor to the Dune du Pilat? A season permit is available!

Go to

www.ladunedupilat > Rates and season permits

Please **respect nature**,
we are its guests!



Access to forest areas is strictly forbidden



Fires are prohibited in all locations



Dispose of your cigarette butts appropriately



Bivouacs and wild camping are prohibited



Motorised vehicles are prohibited



Board sports 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

