

Peyrehorade : the kiwi cache

Poi'z : Zéchopp

Route's thematic: History of commerce

Route's difficulty: 3/5

Route's ground: 3/5

Route's duration: 2h

Route's distance: 3.00Kms



Peyrehorade's market has been one of the most famous markets in the Landes area ever since the Middle Ages. Market day is Wednesday, from 8am to 12.30pm (all year long).



Hi terr'adventurers... My master chocolate-maker from Bayonne has given me a mission : I am to find a new ingredient to associate with the lovely taste of cocoa!



So that's why you came to the Peyrehorade market?! You're a clever old chap, Zéfaim!



Park your car at : [gps][`"N 43°32.638'", "W 001°06.201'", "43.5439667", "-1.10335"`]

1 . "Le marché aux porcs" : the hog market (N43°32.633' / W001°06.049')



In the 13th century, the Viscounts of Orthe, who were also the lords of Peyrehorade, founded a fortified city here. Located at the crossroads between Pays Basque and Béarn, on the Gaves Réunis riverside, the town prospered thanks to its port and commerce...



The hog market used to be located here. Nowadays, a poultry market takes place on Wednesdays... Livestock retailers and farmers gather here to sell their produce on the market stalls in the covered market and on place Aristide Briand.



Find the « Marché aux porcs ». inscription What date can you see beneath it ? Add the 4 digits together to get a 2-digit number.

Write this number down. It is the equivalent of A. A = ____



Follow rue du Château then take your second right, into rue du Vieux Port.

2 . Rue du Vieux Port (N43°32.680' / W001°06.201')



Let's see... Which of these products would go best with chocolate?



Chocolate ! Did you say chocolate? I used to travel the seas with a ship chock full of cocoa beans, from Mexico, all the way to Bayonne ?! Peyrehorade was a busy commercial port back in the day, and many goods were shipped between the town and Bayonne, the capital of the Labourd area.



This street used to lead to the old port, where « galupes », « gabares » and all kinds of boats would sail between the 2 cities. From the 13th to the 20th centuries, the maritime traffic was non-stop! Fabric, spices and fish were shipped in from Bayonne and wine, wood and slat were shipped back out of Peyrehorade...



Find the « compass » in the pavement. In the following coordinates, which number is missing ?

1°0_.

Write this digit down. It is the equivalent of B. B = ____



Take rue de le Synagogue then head to the next step.

3 . Saint-Martin church (N43°32.709' / W001°06.249')



Near the church, on place Aristide Briand square, is the spot where Peyrehorade's market takes place (Wednesday mornings all year round). Nearby, there is a covered market. Don't miss the traditional « Marché au gras » fair (from October to March) and our local delicacy : pigs' feet !



Pigs' feet ?! well, that certainly doesn't go with chocolate...



A few words if I may, about Saint-Martin church... Its style is Neo-Gothic and it was built in the 1850s. Way before that, in the Middle Ages, another church could be found inside the ramparts, built adjoining the gateway to the town.



In the 13th century, the city of Peyrehorade was surrounded by walls that were, pierced with two monumental doors and drawbridges. Today's church was located « Darré la Biele » (which means « behind the town»). How many little flowers are there above the doorway, on the arch?

Write this number down. It is the equivalent of C. C = ____



That's enough historical chit chat, Zabeth. Can't you see my friend here is getting desperate...



What goes with chocolate? Chocolate and... um... Oh dear...



Well then, off you go to Aspremont hill! They say Zéroïk discovered an amazing fruit there... it's said to be delightfully sweet...



Head towards rue Sainte-Catherine, leaving the church on your right side.

4 . The boat barn (N43°32.709' / W001°06.347')



This Basco-Landais-style house dates back to the 19th century. It belonged to the « Labarthe » family of boat-masters. This is where they stored gabare-stowing material.



Zisséo ! Don't sail off to Bayonne quite yet! I've got some goods for you !



Alright Zéfaim, but hurry. If you're not at Quai du Roc in 30 minutes, I'll have to leave without your cargo!



There is an anchor engraved above the door, a reminder of the building's former function. Have a look slightly higher and count the triangular air-holes.

Write this digit down. It is the equivalent of D. D = ____



Continue along the main street.



Be careful as you cross the railway tracks, as you head onto rue des Chapons.

5 . Jewish cemeteries (N43°32.808' / W001°06.499')



Behind the closed doors, there is an 18th century Jewish cemetery. It cannot be visited but its history is quite interesting. Please be respectful of this place of worship.



In the 15th century, there was a large Jewish community in and around Bayonne. These newcomers had fled the Spanish Inquisition. In Peyrehorade, they worked as merchants and bankers. They played an important role in the town's economic development.



Forgive me for interrupting you, Zéchopp... But you heard Zisséo, right ? We need to hurry! Let's go and find Zéroïk on Aspremont hill.



Continue along rue des Chapons then turn right into chemin des Maurisques [gps][{"N": 43.5478667, "W": -1.1098167, "E": 43.5478667, "S": -1.1098167}]. The town's first Jewish cemetery is located on the street corner – you can get a glance of it if you peer over the wall.

6 . Aspremont (N43°32.852' / W001°06.494')



Greeting friend'z ! Steep climb, isn't it?



Um... Zéroïk ? We're told you found an incredible type of fruit on Aspremont hill?



Ah, The Aspremonts! They were the first Viscounts of Orthe, my friend's and the lords of Peyrehorade. In the 11th century, they had a fortified castle built at the top of this hill. Alas, there's not much left of it...



Spot the massive plane tree, with its roots growing into the right side of the pathway. How many adult terr'adventurers would it take to join hands and wrap their arms all the way around the tree trunk? A tree hug!

1. About 3
2. More than 6
3. About 10

Write down the number of the correct answer.

Write this digit down. It is the equivalent of E. E = ____



Keep to your right, along the Aspremont pathway.

7 . Panorama of Peyrehorade (N43°32.790' / W001°06.271')



The fruit, Zéroïk ! I asked you to tell us about your amazing fruit...



Oh, of course. Here it is. Strange, isn't it ? And wait till you hear its name ! Oh dear, what does Sir Zarthus call them again ?!



Kiwi fruit! In the 1970s, Henri Pédelucq, an agronomic engineer, decided to cultivate this vine from New Zealand... The soil in and around Peyrehorade was perfect ! In fact, the southern Landes is France' largest kiwi-growing area! ...



From where you are standing, admire the view of Peyrehorade and its surroundings. Among the following statements, which can you NOT see ?

1. The kiwi fields, on the Gaves Réunis riverside (dark leaves, in season)
2. Saint-Martin church bell tower
3. The round towers of Orthe castle
4. The hog market

Write this number down.

Write this digit down. It is the equivalent of F. F = ____



Adour kiwis (« Kiwi de l'Adour ») are a flagship product with an « Indication Géographique Protégée » certification ! Just what my chocolate-master from Bayonne ordered ! I'll have three crates of these beauties, please !



Continue down the winding pathway. When you reach [gps][$43^{\circ}32.759'$, " $W 001^{\circ}06.264'$ ", " 43.5459833 ", " -1.1044 "], turn right into chemin d'Aspremont (one-way street). Carefully cross the railway tracks once again. In rue Sainte-Catherine, take the « carrerot » (pedestrian street) at [gps][$43^{\circ}32.719'$, " $W 001^{\circ}06.369'$ ", " 43.5453167 ", " -1.10615 "].



At the end of the pedestrian street, cross carefully and take rue du Port Neuf.

8 . Quai du Roc ($N43^{\circ} 32.657'$ / $W001^{\circ}06.407'$)



It's about time !



Oh, Zisséo thanks so much for waiting ! The fruit crates have been loaded onboard and are ready to be shipped to Bayonne! Off you go!



A few words about Quai du Roc... In the 19th century, before roads and railways developed, many boats came to moor here. There were flat-bottomed boats, as well as « tilholes », traditional fishing boats, and steamboats for travelers.



How many stone bollards with or without rings were there along the quay, to moor boats?

Write this number down. It is the equivalent of G. $G = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
Hint: behind the chain. An odd number under 15.



Walk along Quai du Roc towards the main roundabout.



Watch out for traffic ! Make sure you use the crosswalks to get to the castle. Enter the “courtyard of honour”, if the gates are open.

9 . The castle of Orthe (N43°32.642' / W001°06.269')



Did you find what you were looking for, up in Aspremont ?! Unfortunately, the fortress which used to stand proudly upon the hill no longer exists... But in the 15th century, the lords of Peyrehorade had a second castle built, and that one can still be seen today, right Zéroïk ?



There was a « caverie » here in the Middle Ages : a military construction whose purpose was to defend the doorway to the city, which opened up onto to “les Gaves”.



As the centuries passed, the Viscounts of Orthe and their successors modified the edifice many times and built the great stables located opposite the castle. The building was used as a hospital, a convent, a middle school and ended up becoming the town hall.



In the castle’s “courtyard of honour”, which ornament above the front door shows that the building’s architecture was remodeled?

1. A pulley, to haul goods up to the castle
2. A « mascaron » (grimacing human face)?
3. A Gothic stained-glass window?

Write this number down.

Write this digit down. It is the equivalent of H. H = ____

Hint: If the courtyard is closed, simply count the lions standing on their hind legs, on the coat of arms of the Viscounts of Orthe.



Leave the “courtyard of honour”. In rue Alsace Lorraine, turn left into rue Léo Lapeyre.

10 . The cache !



Be discrete, the cache is hidden in a busy area !



Thank-you for your help, friend’z ! My chocolate master is delighted with the new fruit we sent, and he’ll be using it as an ingredient to make his chocolate! Oh, it looks like my master is not the only one to benefit from our treasure!



Come one, come all ! Get Peyrehorade’s amazing new fruit, ladies and gentlemen ! Vitamins for your body and soul ! That’s right ! They’re green, they’re local, they’re a bit hairy... What ? No, of course I’m not talking about Zarthus ! I was talking about kiwi fruit !



If your answers are all correct, the cache's GPS coordinates will be green on the app. Click on "locate the cache" then let the app guide you!

Hint: well hidden, look carefully !

Coordinates: $N43^{\circ}32.(Ax4)((B+C)/3)'$ / $W001^{\circ}06.(H)(D+E)(G-F)'$

The mystery word is written in the log book, inside the container



Well done, you have found the cache!
See you soon for more adventures!



« Attention geocaching friends ! No need to lift rocks, pick walls apart, or uproot plants... the cache is most likely there, right before your eyes! Remember that your quest must remain environmentally friendly ! Thank-you ! »