

CYCLE EVENTS FOR 2022

**(Not as many events as previous years due to Covid.
Any new additions will be updated.)**

Below is just a small list of the mountain bike events available in the departments of the Gers (32), Haute-Garonne (31) and Hautes-Pyrénées (65).

Events take place every Sunday across the whole of Occitanie and start at 09:00 unless otherwise stated.

Road cyclist? Don't worry; there is a full calendar of events for you to partake in too in addition to what is listed below! The randonnées are open to all, any age, any ability and experience and to both licensed and non-licensed cyclists. Don't have a bike – **Bike camping france** can supply you with one.

• JANUARY

Sunday 16 January.

Challenge de la Lomagne - La Bikerienne. MTB event held at Beaucaire (32). 30 km.

This competition is held annually, previously consisting of four events but for 2022, reduced to three events. These can be ridden either competitively or as a randonnée.

Former professional road bicycle racer Nicolas Portal, born in Auch, Gers who was a Sporting Director for Team Sky, was a regular presence and sponsor at these events.

If you don't have a racing licence a medical certificate will allow you to enter the races.

Sunday 23 January.

Challenge de la Lomagne – La Romevienne. MTB event held at La Romieu (32). 30 km.

• FEBRUARY

Sunday 06 February.

Challenge de la Lomagne – La Colonnaise. MTB event held at Cologne (32). 30 km.

• APRIL

Sunday 17 April.

La Simorraine. Cycle event held at Simorre (32). Rd: 51 km, 67 km, 88 km. MTB: 20 km, 32 km, 43 km.

• MAY

Sunday 01 May.

Montaut les Creneaux. MTB event held at Montaut les Créneaux (32). 22 km, 28 km, 35 km, 48 km.

Sunday 14 May.

Vivons Vélo. A France wide cycle event in aid of the charity 'l'Institut Pasteur' held at Simorre (32). 30 km.

Saturday 21 May.

Mai à Vélo. National bike month held at Simorre (32). Rd: 30 km. MTB: 15 km.

Sunday 22 May.

La Caminadiéra. MTB event held at Cologne (32). 15 km, 30 km.

• JUNE

Wednesday 01 Juin - Sunday 06 November.

MTB at the Pic du Midi. For the VERY serious and experienced adrenaline junkie!

A cable car reserved exclusively for 15 mountain bikes leaves La Mongie twice a day, 09:30 and 14:00. A unique 11 km freeride descent that starts from an altitude of 9,439 feet (2,877 metres) with no signage and no supervision.

11 km of enduro riding from Barèges with blue and green circuits.

Saturday 04 June.

Montée du Géant du Tourmalet. Held at Pierrefitte-Nestalas (65).

Le Géant du Tourmalet is a giant statue which symbolises the arrival of Octave Lapize, the winner of the first ever stage of the 1910 Tour de France - the first Tour ever to go over the Pyrénées.

Le Géant has become an iconic figure in the Pyrénées since 1999 when it was first placed on the Col.

The statue is taken down for the winter months and after all the snow has melted, it is taken back to his rightful 'home' on the Tourmalet, guided with a procession of hundreds of cyclists and a brass band.

This unique event is free for all to partake and simply great fun!

Sunday 12 June.

Rando de Grand Auch. Cycle event held at Preignan (32). TBA.

Sunday 19 June.

Rando Cycle Club Montrabéen. Cycle event held at Montrabé (31). Rd: TBA. MTB: 20 km, 40 km.

Sunday 26 June.

Rando du Savés (Souvenir José Cacicedo). Cycle event held at Samatan (32). Rd: 35 km, 5 km, 90 km. MTB: 15 km.

• JULY

Friday 01 July - Sunday 24 July.

109 eme Tour de France. The world's greatest cycle race has been held annually since 1903, excluding of course, the interruption of two world wars.

This years Tour de France will be starting from Copenhagen.

Sunday 23 July.

RDV Pyrénéen (Souvenir Michel Barrière). Cycle event held at Barbazan (31).

Sunday 23 July.

Rando de Nuit, Limacs. MTB event held at night at Lectoure (32). 25 km. Depart: 20:00.

Saturday 24 July.

Rando de Beaucaire. MTB event held at Beaucaire (32). TBA.

• AUGUST

Saturday 13 August.

Rando du Vin. Cycle event held at Jegun (32). TBA.

Sunday 14 August.

Rando à Tané. MTB event held at Lectoure (32). TBA.

Sunday 21 August.

Rando de la Fête de l'Ail. Cycle event held at Mauvezin (32). Rd: 30 km, 60 km, 90 km. MTB: 20 km, 40 km.

Saturday 27 August.

Raid VTT en Astarac. MTB event held at Simorre (32). 20 km, 32 km, 43 km.

Sunday 28 August.

La Ronde du Melon. Cycle event held at Lectoure (32). Rd: 15 km, 35 km, 60 km, 80 km. MTB: 15 km, 30 km.

• SEPTEMBER

Sunday 04 September.

Rando des Coteaux d'Astarac. Cycle event held at Masseube (32). Rd: 42 km, 65 km, 85 km. MTB: 25 km, 35 km.

Sunday 25 September.

Rando Fleurance. Cycle event held at Fleurance (32). Rd: 29 km, 63 km, 82 km. MTB: 25 km, 42 km.

Sunday 15 September.

25eme Boucle Brax Bouconne. MTB event held at Brax (31). 10 km, 25 km, 40 km.

Sunday 18 September.

18 eme Côtes des Gasconnes. MTB event held at Fontenilles (31). 20 km, 30 km, 45 km, 60 km. Depart: from 08:00.

Sunday 30 September.

Raid du Lys. MTB event held at St Lys (31). 25 km, 35 km, 50 km.

• OCTOBER

Sunday 02 October.

Rando Gourmande. MTB event held at Lectoure (32). TBA.

Télécabine at Luchon.

After 30 years the infamous télécabine at Luchon is being replaced by a new 'ascenseur valléen' named the 'Crémaillère Express'. The work is currently ongoing and will not be completed until the end of 2022.

Access to Superbagnères will be by shuttle bus for this season.

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