



1. Bărăști

Sălașu de Sus – Bărăștii Hațegului – Săcel – Sânpetru – Sibișel – Ohaba Sibișel – Nucșoara – Mălăiești – Sălașu de Sus



Approximate time: 3 hours

Distance: 26,8 km

Altitude difference: approx. 340 m

Surface: asphalt road, gravel road, dirt road;

Difficulty level: medium

Problems:

- It is possible to encounter some orientation problems on the road section Sălașu de Sus – Bărăștii Hațegului.

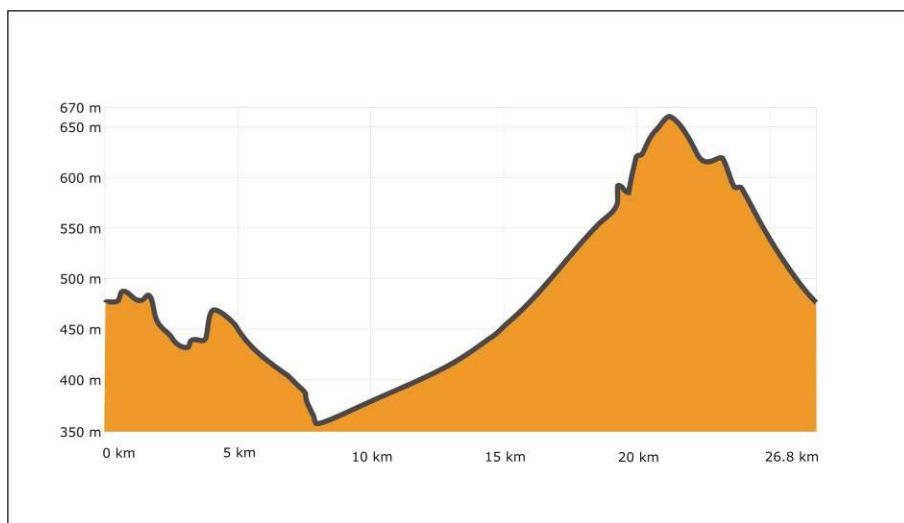
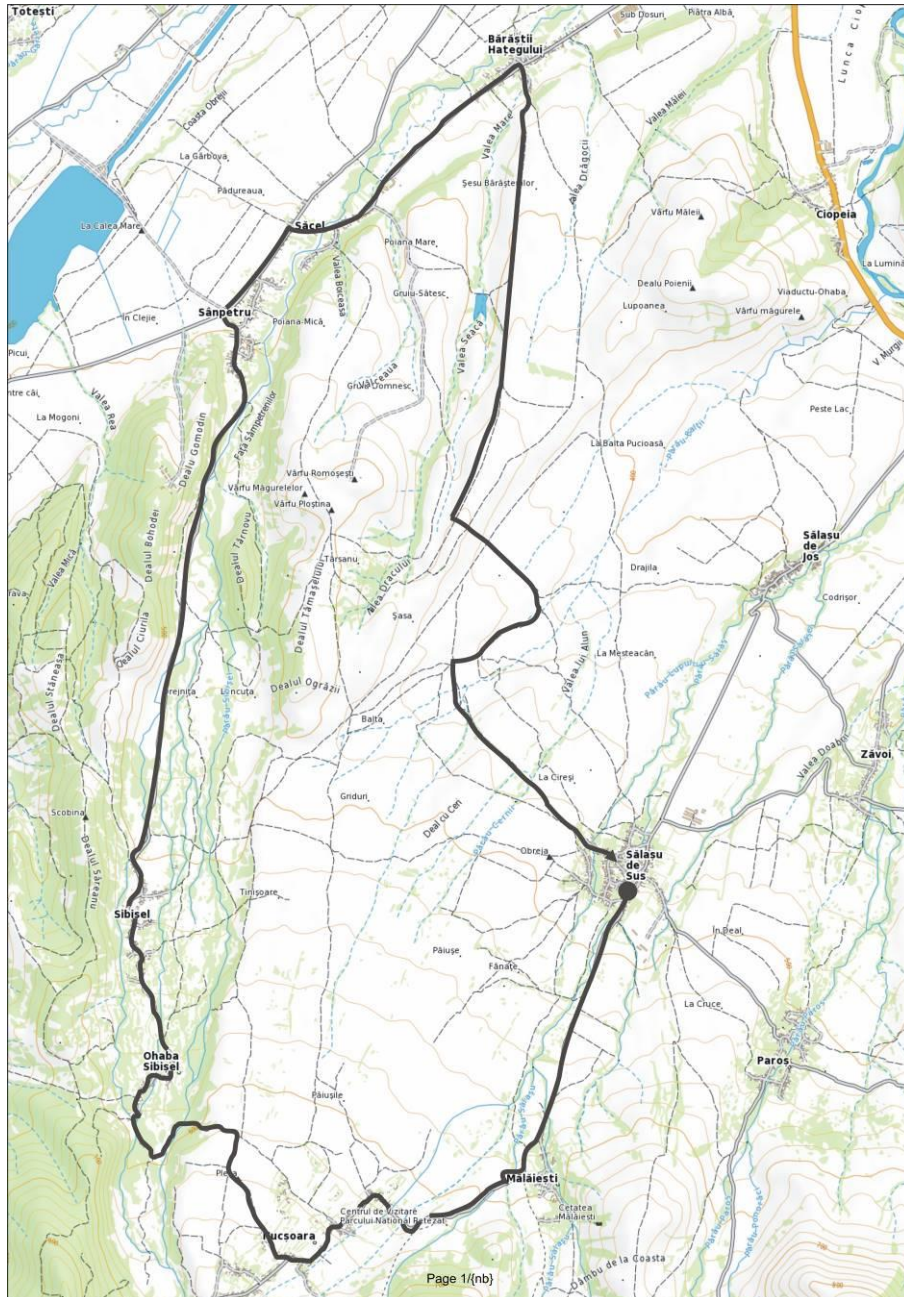
Unique features:

- St. George`s medieval Church in Sânpetru;
- In Ohaba-Sibișel village you will encounter an old water mill and a whirlpool

The trail starts in the centre of Sălașu de Sus village and continues along the river, passing by the town hall and leaving the village on a gravel road (in the near future it might be paved with asphalt). Then, it crosses the communal pastures, it climbs up to a hill and it continues on a dirt road to a pond where you can admire some peaks of Retezat Mountains. From the pond you should get back again on the hill (5 min) and follow the dirt road that descends to Bărăștii Hațegului village. From here it turns left through the village on an asphalt road till it enters in Săcel village where, on the left side, you can see the ruins of the Baron Nopcsa Mansion.

Cross Săcel village and at the first crossroads, after you pass the river, you should turn left to Sânpetru. In the intersection with the new built church of Sânpetru the trail follows the road from the left and after a few hundred meters reaches the medieval church of Sânpetru. From here it follows the asphalt road on the right (or even the road right in front of the church, if you decide to visit it) and at the village exit we enter in the "Dinosaurs Valley", known under this name due to numerous discoveries of fossils in the valley slopes and also due to the thematic trail built there by the administration of Hateg Country Dinosaurs Geopark. It passes close to the dinosaurs' hill and the granite fields, while in front we have a beautiful view of Retezat Mountains. The road continues to Sibișel, then to Ohaba Sibișel, where on the right side you will find an old water mill and then, on the left side is a whirlpool. When the asphalt road ends, you have to cross a stream and the road continues uphill about 100m, then you get to an asphalt road leading to Nucșoara village (it is in project to asphalt the road between Ohaba Sibișel and Nucșoara). At the main road in the centre of Nucșoara we turn left

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For a better orientation in the field we recommend you to use "Țara Hatégului - Retezat" map, available in many locations at destination's level and on the web sites www.eco-romania.ro and www.zenithmaps.com