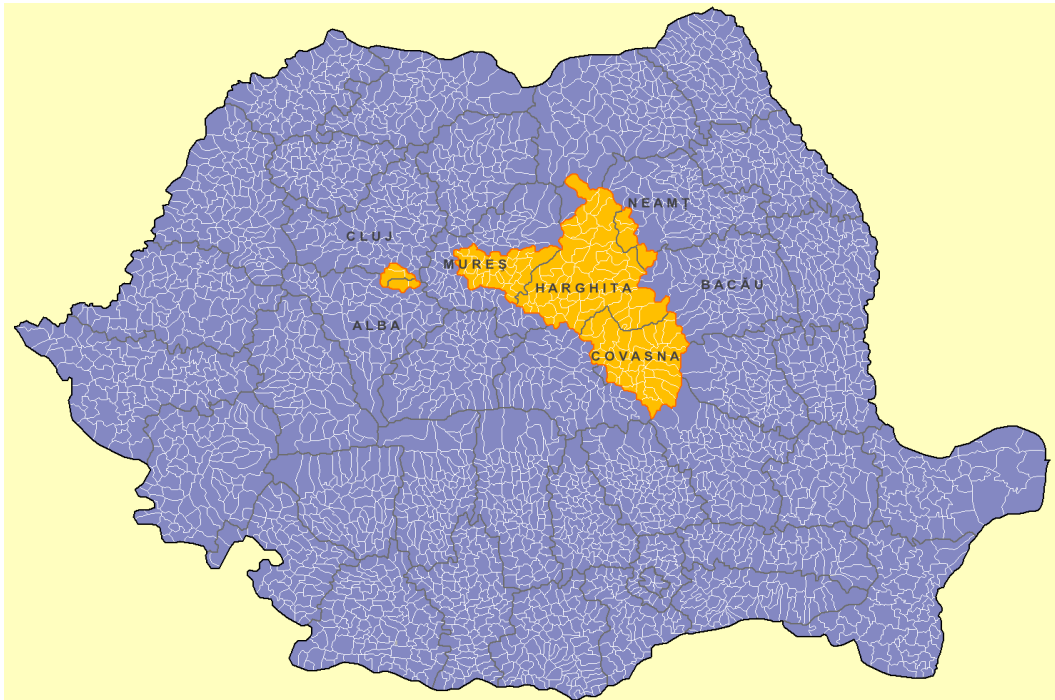




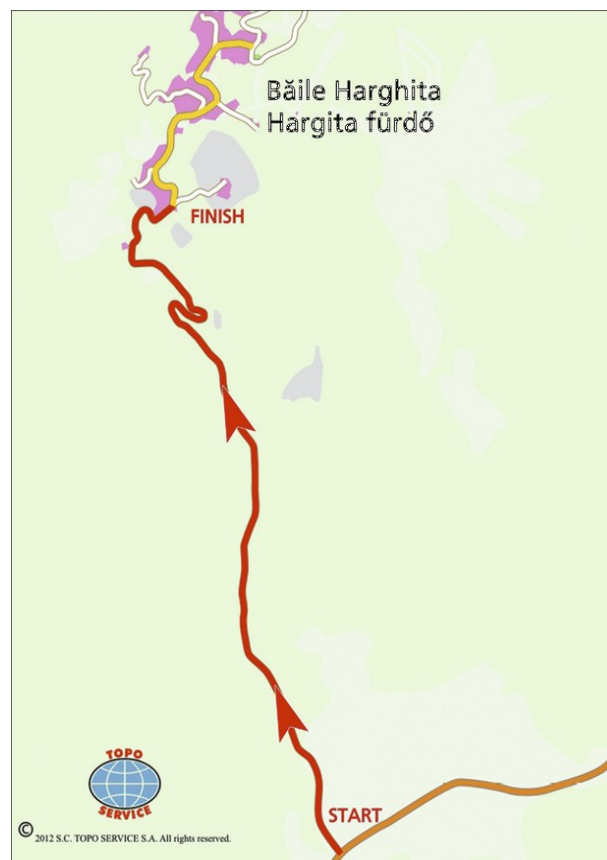
Harghita-Băi – Hargitafürdő (1317m)
(Tour of Szeklerland)



Harghita-Băi (in Romanian) or Hargitafürdő (in Hungarian) is a medium altitude resort, located in a Romanian Hungarian-speaking region, not far from the Oriental Carpatians. This region is called : *Székelyföld* in Hungarian, *Ținutul Secuiesc* in Romanian, Székely Land or Szeklerland in English.



It is frequently visited by the local Cycling Tour of Szeklerland, that celebrates its 10th edition in 2016. In 2015, the ITT brought the cyclists from the intermediate pass (Pasul Vlăhița or Tolvajos-tető, 985m) to the ski resort.



Portrait

The climb has two sides (SE and SW) on the same road (13A) linking Miercurea Ciuc (SE) to Vlăhița (SW). From the pass at 985m, the end of the climb is common and is 5,7km long.

Before the pass, the climb is 3,3km at 3% (985-872m) on the SW side; on the SE side, same average gradient, but the climb is much longer (328m en 11,4km).



Route on Openrunner

From the pass to the resort, 322m for 5,7km and soft exponential gradients : 4,4 5,8 6,2 7 7,6 and the last 700m at 3%. The hardest part is located between km 6,4 and 6,8 : 400m at 11% before the double hairpin.



Straight line at 11%

On-board cam : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j6pMolcVDXI>

In the resort : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pjqU0S04wC4>

Pasul Vlăhița – Tolvajos-tető (985m)



The pass is adorned with a memorial made of 3 crosses in honour of Márton Áron (1896-1980), bishop and Resistance fighter in WW2 and during the communist period..



In memoriam Márton Áron

In the region

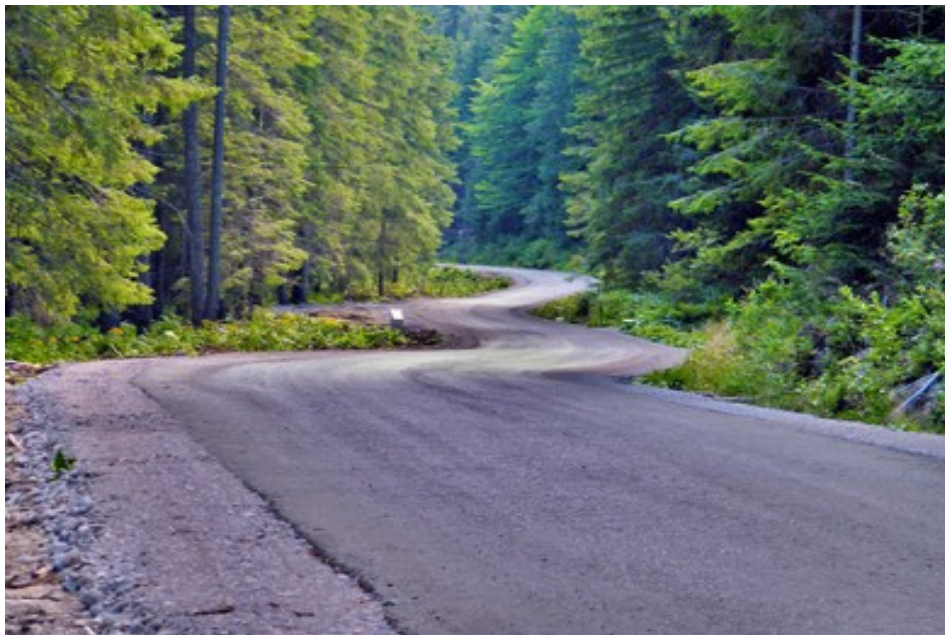
Harghita-Băi is included in our Romanian National Challenge (ROM-092) :

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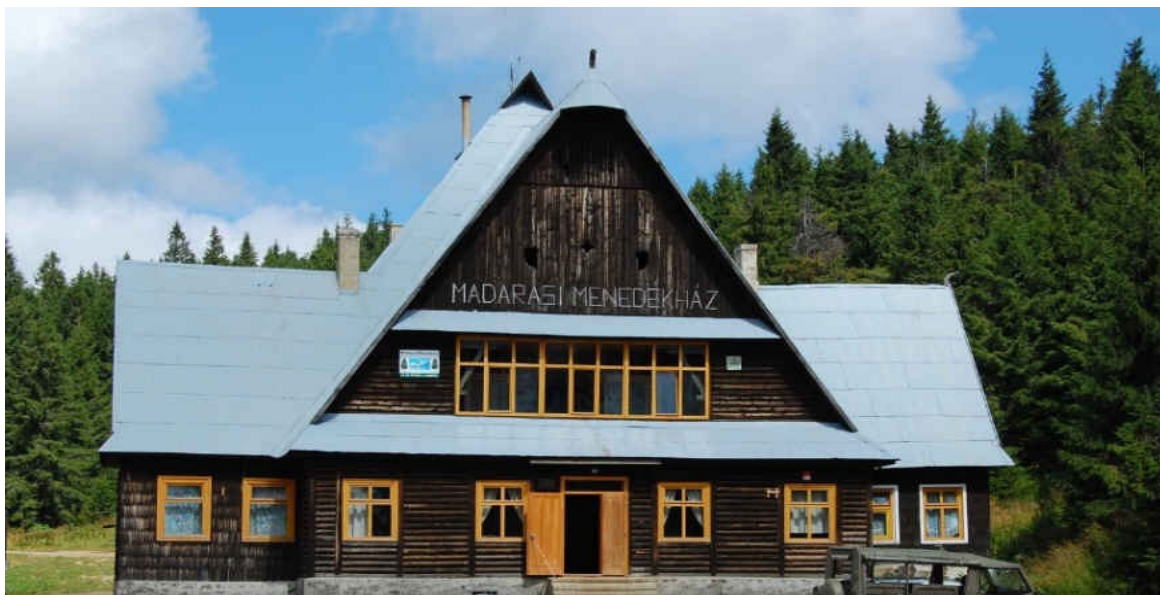
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In the same mountain range, Harghita-Mădăraş (ROM-091, 1610m, 15km at 5%) is another fine climb. It has been selected as scenic road on :

<http://www.dangerousroads.org/eastern-europe/romania/4824-harghita-m%C4%83d%C4%83ra%C8%99.html>



Descent on the road with MTB : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p42T31GrcPc>



Top : Cabana Mădăraş