

The Ossau Valley

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Granges du Dès / Col d'Aubisque



This stage between Dès and Aubisque passes through one of the wildest areas of the valley.

The track is not always easy to find and is not very often used by hikers, but the pleasure of being away from the world is worth the trip alone. For experienced hikers only.

D Turn right along the track, past the barns in Dès. Climb a wide, steep path through the forest.

0h40 ① 713452 E - 4765851 N Turn left out of the forest, go straight up through the grass for about 100 metres and then take the path on the right. Pass a water trough and turn right. Climb through the ferns, pass a ridge with ruins of huts. Climb onto the ridge and continue to cross to the left, descending slightly.

1h30 ② 714084 E - 4765488 N At the entrance to the forest, turn left at a large pine tree. At the top of the forest stay at its upper edge.

2h00 ③ 714571 E - 4765285 N Cross to the right towards the ravine and then climb steeply to the left. At the end of the forest, go up the hill and head left.

2h15 ④ 714719 E - 4765319 N At the Col d'Agnoures, turn left and go down to the huts. Walk past the huts, and after the milking area, turn left onto the path that goes across. On a ridge, go up to the left for about 100 metres.

2h35 ⑤ 715059 E - 4765782 N Turn right and cut across. Descend to a flat area with ruins.

2h50 ⑥ 715577 E - 4766184 N To the right, descend into a hollow and then at the end of the hollow, turn left down a small zig-zag. Turn left and cut across. Pass above the Cabane d'Aygue Morte and climb slightly into the woods. Continue to cut across.

3h50 ⑦ 717127 E - 4765509 N At the Col de Louvie, climb up the ridge and follow it to the track above.

4h30 ⑧ 717177 E - 4763607 N To the right, walk less than 500 m along the track.

4h35 ⑨ 717078 E - 4763142 N Turn left onto a path that climbs the hillside.

4h55 ⑩ 716540 E - 4762674 N At the Col de Noulatte, follow the path down to the Col d'Aubisque.


5h30 A 716908 E - 4761646 N Arrival at the Col d'Aubisque.




D Barns in Dès above the village of Aste.

GPS WGS 84 UTM 30T
712661E - 4765933N

 → 5h30

 ↔ 12,3km

 ↑↓ 1350m

 Yellow and red markers

Don't miss:

- The small plateau with the ruins of Bath Bielh.
- The Cabane (hut) d'Aygue Morte.
- The view over the Canceigt Valley, the mountains of Gabizos, Ger and Ossau.

Note:

- Do not walk this route in fog.
- Take an IGN Top 25 map of the area.

Local breeds

As you walk in the mountains, you may come across "Basco-Béarnaise" dairy ewes on the pastures, with their curved noses and spiral horns.

You might also see a few "Pyrénéenne" goats with long black and white silky coats. On their heels, a Pyrenean sheepdog, a little ball of golden, wavy fluff, who responds to the finger and eye of his master.

Of the same size and colour as the ewes, the Pyrenean mountain dog proudly guards its flock. Beware of his bite!

The black pigs around the huts in summer, which one could mistake for wild boars, are "Gascons". Further on, beautiful cows graze peacefully, the "Blondes des Pyrénées", queens of the summer pastures, with their heads adorned with huge horns in the shape of a lyre.

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Choose your hike

For each route, you will find technical and practical information to help you choose your hike

Markers

Direction	Local routes and PR®	GRP®	GR®
Right way			
Turn left			
Turn right			
Wrong way			



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Levels of difficulty

The hikes are classified by order of difficulty defined by a colour code following the recommendations of the French Hiking Federation:

- 1** Very easy, less than 2 hours walking. Ideal for families, on well-marked tracks
- 2** Easy, less than 3 hours walking. Suitable for families, on tracks with sometimes more difficult passages.
- 3** Difficult, less than 4 hours walking. For hikers used to walking, with some quite intense sections or steep slopes.
- 4** Very difficult, more than 4 hours of walking. For experienced and fit hikers. The itinerary can be long and technical (strong elevation gain, tricky passages).

GPS coordinates

30T 710703O - 4776694N

Start



Walking time, given in hours. This estimated time takes into account the length of the hike, the elevation gain and the possible difficulties.



Elevation gain, expressed in metres. For each circuit, the value corresponds to the cumulative elevation gain.



Distance, the value expressed in kilometres corresponds to the total length of the route.

Recommendations

Before you leave

Check your equipment, the difficulty of the circuit and the weather conditions
If you are going alone, communicate your itinerary to friends and family
See the map of controlled fires

In the mountains / pastoral areas

Follow the marked paths and close gates after passing through
Respect nature and bring waste back
If accompanied by a dog, make sure that it is allowed on the chosen route and keep it on a lead
During the hunting season, avoid hunting areas or turn back
Go around herds and do not approach farm dogs (do not feed them or pet them)

National Park

The heart of the National Park is a natural territory and is open to all, but is subject to a code of conduct. Dogs are not allowed, even on a lead. No fires, no mountain bikes, no wild camping, only bivouacs are allowed - a small tent can be set up for the night from 7 pm and taken down in the morning before 9 am. It must be set up more than an hour's walk from any motorised access.

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