

The Ossau Valley

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L'Arriu Mage

This lovely loop allows you to follow the old paths that have linked Bielle and Bilhères-en-Ossau for centuries. An ideal hike to discover the secrets of these two villages or to enjoy the shade and coolness of the forest during the hot weather.



D Cross the bridge, go north up Rue du Boila and turn left into Rue du Benou until the crossroads with Chemin (road) Lasserre.

0h10 | 708582 E - 4770293 N Go straight on at a wrought iron cross. Go up an old paved path. After 100m, turn left and continue up to a stone cross.

0h45 | 707896 E - 4770239 N Turn right towards the village of Bilhères. At the church, turn right and then immediately left. After the cemetery, turn left up a stony path. Cross the D294 and take a path on the left. It climbs until it reaches the chapel of Houndas.

1h20 | 707117 E - 4770912 N Cross the D294 and go up the small road that runs alongside the picnic area. At the first bend in the road, turn left (Baymouras), go through the gate and follow a pleasant path through the meadows. It joins an intersection of paths in the undergrowth.

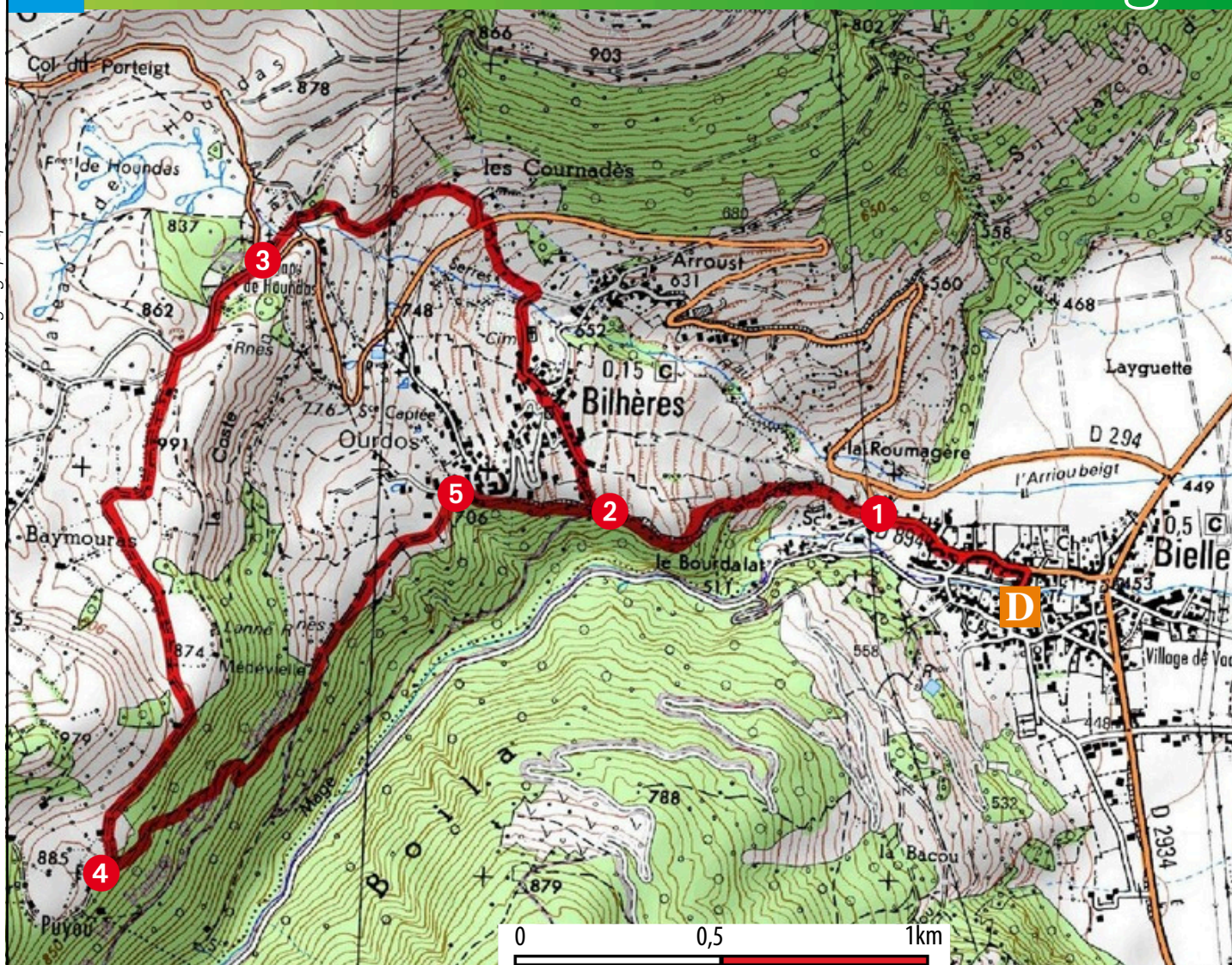
1h50 | 706768 E - 4769274 N Take the one on the left facing north. The steep slope leads to the Chemin d'Aspeigt. At the crossroads, turn left. As you leave the forest, you can see the first houses of Bilhères, arriving via the neighbourhood of Ourdos.

2h25 | 707601 E - 4770261 N Pass the wash house and the mill then leave the road and turn right onto a grassy path.

It leads to the cross in Bilhères (point 2). Go back down to Bielle on the same path you took on the way up.



17th-century mullioned window in Bielle



D Village of Bielle,
Place du Poundet

GPS WGS 84 UTM 30T
708974 E – 4770091 N

3h
 7,8km
 450m

★ Don't miss:

- The villages of Bielle and Bilhères with their traditional Ossau houses.

Yellow markers

Bielle Capdulh d'Ossau

From Roman times until Napoleon III, Bielle was the capital of the Ossau Valley. The “jurade” governed its administration. The jurats, delegated by each of the communes of Ossau, met in Bielle, in the segrari of the church of Saint-Vivien, which can still be reached by a stone staircase adjoining the church. In this room, there was a wooden chest with three locks which contained the registers of the deliberations, the titles of property and the demarcation of the mountains and the Pont-Long. The jurade ensured the material well-being of the inhabitants and the respect of the rights and privileges inherited from the past.



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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:

- NIV 1** Very easy, less than 2 hours walking. Ideal for families, on well-marked tracks
- NIV 2** Easy, less than 3 hours walking. Suitable for families, on tracks with sometimes more difficult passages.
- NIV 3** Difficult, less than 4 hours walking. For hikers used to walking, with some quite intense sections or steep slopes.
- NIV 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

GPS 30T 710703O - 4776694N

D 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.

Markers

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



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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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