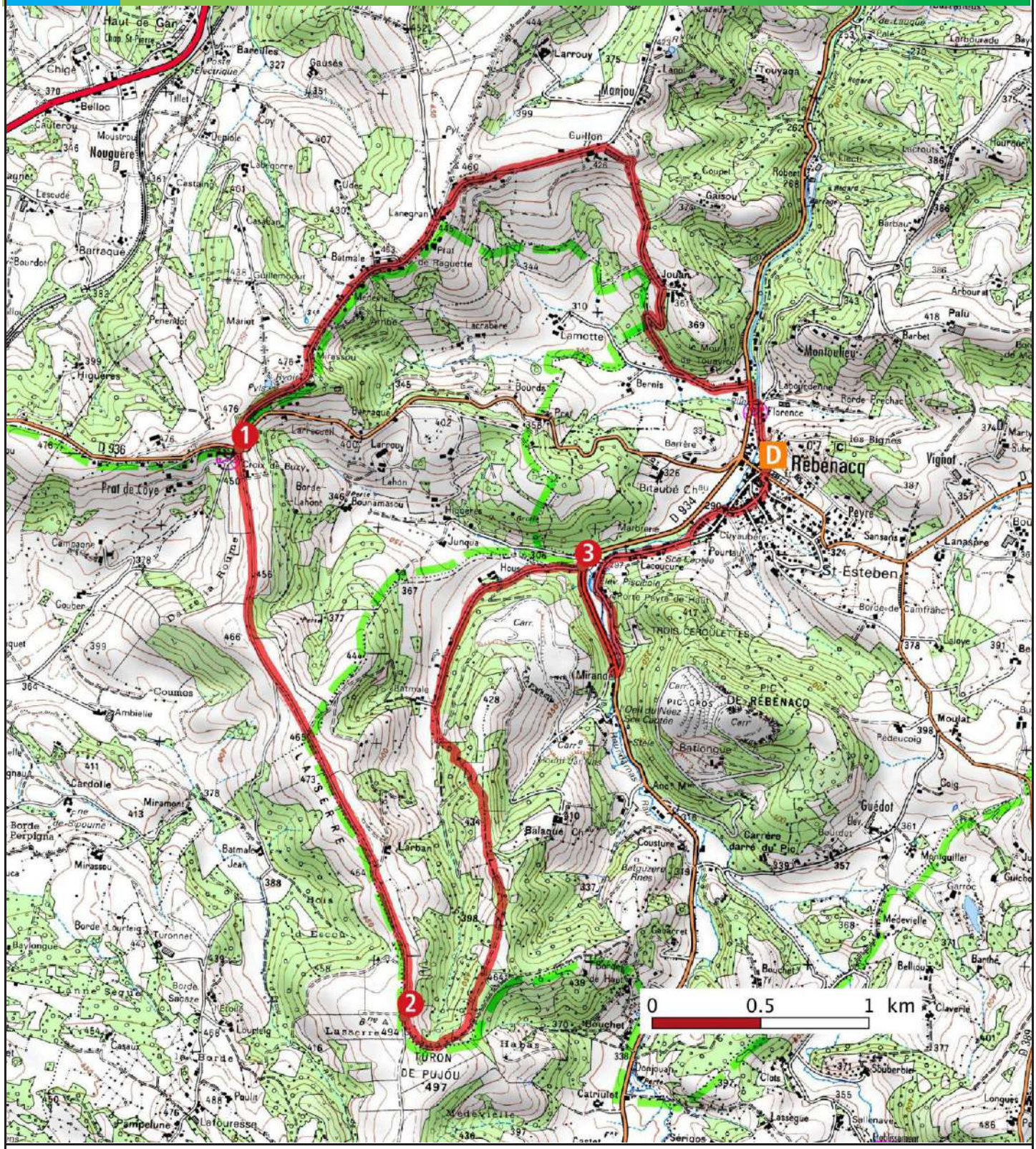
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CIRCUIT No. 15

Boucle du Belvédère



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Mountain bike circuit

Belvédère

The Ossau Valley

Trying out a new bike? Just getting back into riding? This route is perfect for allowing you to gradually judge your physical condition and your equipment, with the added bonus of a splendid view of the Ossau foothils.



D Rébénacq, the church square

GPS *WGS 84 UTM 30T*

711686 E - 4781904 N

1 hr

12.5 km

240 m

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711686 E - 4781904 N Start from the small church square near the post office in Rébénacq, heading north (Route de Bosdarros) towards the river bank. Cross the Néez at the footbridge. Take the D934 to the right for 100 m then turn left onto the Chemin de Rébénacq. At 400 m, at the intersection, begin the steady ascent (+100 m elevation gain). On the ridge line, turn left at the top onto the Chemin de Guillon and follow the main road to the Croix de Buzy intersection (D936).

1 *709252 E - 4781814 N* Cross the D936 to take the wide, gravelled, rolling Croix de Buzy track for 2750 m and enjoy the panoramic view over the entire Ossau foothills, with the Ossau Valley opposite, the Arudy and Bager woods to the southwest and the Rey mountain to the southeast. Stay on the same track until you reach the edge of the Turon de Pujou (497m).

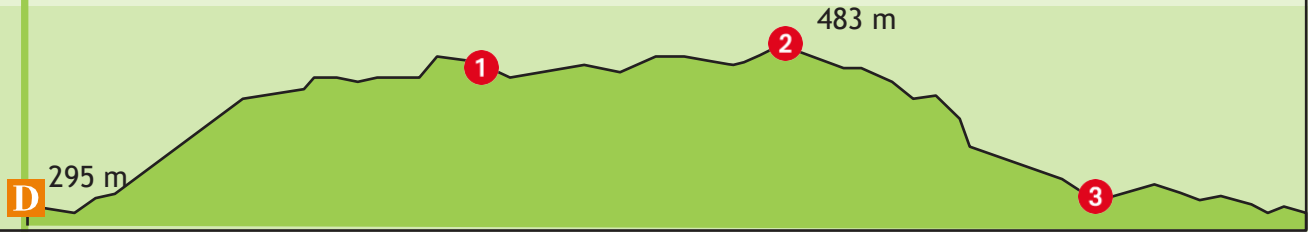
2 *710208 E - 4779254 N* Leave the slight rise on the right to head into the woods and begin the descent, staying on the main path until the foot of the hill. The track is rolling, grassy and not very steep, before becoming more technical, irregular with sections at 18% that can be tricky in wet weather on the round pebbles. At the end of the track, 1100 m of tar-sealed road leads to the D934.

3 *710872 E - 4781390 N* Turn right carefully onto the D934 and follow it for 700 m. Before the bridge over the Néez, use the access ramp to the crossing with a "Stop" sign to get to the centre of Rébénacq by the right bank of the river.
Just before the fish ponds, do not miss the water hole in the meadow below the road. It is a resurgence of the Gave d'Ossau which feeds the fish ponds a little further downstream. 180 m after the Salle Palisse, turn left towards the river, then take the gravel path after the wash house. Then take the Chemin de Ménard opposite and continue at the foot of Place de la Bielle, the heart of the bastide, to join the Chemin du Lavoir and reach the starting point.

Don't miss:
- The panoramic view from Croix de Buzy.
- At the end of the route, the resurgence of the Néez and the Oeil du Za in the meadow below the road before the fishponds.

Note:
- Take care on the descent on a stony track from the Turon de Pujou.
- Take care crossing the D934 on the last part of the route.





Choosing your mountain bike circuit

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

Levels of difficulty.

The various loops are classified by level of difficulty and identified by a colour code following the recommendations of the French Cycling Federation:

LEV 1 Very easy, wide and smooth path. Suitable for all levels, and for touring bikes.

LEV 2 Easy, fairly smooth path. Suitable for occasional mountain bike riders.

LEV 3 Difficult, technical route. Experienced mountain bike riders, requiring technical skills.

LEV 4 Very difficult, very technical trail. High technical and physical level.

GPS coordinates.

D GPS 30T 7107030 - 4776694N

You will find GPS coordinates for each reference point on the route. The geodetic system used is WGS84, compatible with GPS; the projection is in UTM zone 30T for the Southwest of France. The values of the point in longitude and latitude are given in metres followed by O for West (*ouest*) or E for East and N for North. Download the GPS tracks of the routes on: www.valleedossau-tourisme.com.

Duration, given in hours. The estimated duration takes into account the length of the route, the elevation gain and any difficulties, without stops.

Elevation gain, expressed in metres. For each route, the elevation gain corresponds to the cumulative distance climbed.

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

The markings

Straight ahead

Turn right

Turn left

Wrong way

Caution, danger

Crossing

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Recommendations

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Emergency number in Europe 112

Riding the tracks of the Bearn and Basque Country requires vigilance and respect towards nature and the people who make this place what it is. Here are some tips for your mountain biking experience.

Keep yourself safe

Use the marked paths for your safety and respect the direction of the routes.

- Don't overestimate your abilities and stay in control of your speed in all circumstances.
- For your safety, remember to wear a helmet.
- Bring food, drink and suitable clothing.
- If you are going alone, let someone know where you are going.

Take care of nature

- Do not disturb wild animals.
- Avoid picking flowers, fruit and vegetables and mushrooms in the wild.
- During the hunting season, watch out for hunting on the ground and pigeon hides.
- Keep your rubbish with you, be discreet and respect the environment.

Respect activities and people

- In farming areas, keep your distance from herds of animals and dogs.
- Be careful and courteous when overtaking or crossing hikers.
- Mountain bikers will respect road rules, and know that pedestrians have the right of way.
- Respect private property and cultivated fields, close fences behind you.
- Beware of agricultural and forestry machinery, do not get in the way.
- To make the most of your excursions, we recommend contacting the professionals.

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