

The Ossau Valley

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GRP Tour de la Vallée d'Ossau

Granges du Dès / Col d'Aubisque



This section between Dès and Aubisque takes you through one of the wildest parts of the valley. As it is rarely used by walkers, the path is not always easy to find, but the pleasure of feeling far removed from the rest of the world makes the walk well worth it. However, it is only suitable for experienced walkers.

D Head eastwards up through the grass for about a hundred metres, then take the path on the right. Pass a drinking trough and turn right. Climb diagonally through the ferns, passing a ridge with the ruins of huts. Climb up onto the ridge, then continue diagonally to the left, descending slightly.

0h50 **1 714084 E - 4765488 N** At the edge of the forest, turn left at a large fir tree. At the top of the forest, stay along its upper edge.

1h25 **2 714571 E - 4765285 N** Cross to the right towards the ravine and immediately climb steeply to the left. As you leave the forest, climb whilst veering left.

1h45 **3 714719 E - 4765319 N** At the Agnoures, Pass on the left, head down towards the huts. Pass them and, after the milking parlour, take the path on the left that cuts across. On a ridge, climb up to the left for about a hundred metres.

2h10 **4 715059 E - 4765782 N** Turn right and traverse across. Descend to a flat area with ruins.

2h30 **5 715577 E - 4766184 N** On the right, head down into a hollow and, at the end of it, turn left, descending via a series of small hairpin bends. Continue traversing to the left. Pass above the Aygue Morte hut and climb slightly through the woods. Continue traversing along the hillside.

3h35 **6 717127 E - 4765509 N** At the Louvie Pass, climb back up onto the ridge and follow it to the track above.

4h20 **7 717177 E - 4763607 N** Turn right and walk less than 500 m along the track.

4h25 **8 717078 E - 4763142 N** Turn left onto a path that climbs along the hillside.

4h50 **9 716540 E - 4762674 N** At the Col de Noulatte, head down the path to the Col d'Aubisque.

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



D "Les Granges du Dès" campsite.

GPS WGS 84 UTM 30T
713430 E – 4765856 N



5h30



10,7km



920m

 **Yellow and red markers**

★ Don't miss:

- The small plateau with the ruins of Bath Bielh.
- The Aygue Morte hut.
- The view over the Canceigt valley, the Gabizos, Ger and Ossau mountain ranges.

⚠ Note:

- Do not follow this route in fog.
- Set off with an IGN Top 25 map of the area

Local breeds

On a walk in the mountains, the dairy ewes encountered in the pastures, with their snub noses and twisted horns, are 'Basco-Béarnaises'. Amongst them are a few goats with long, silky black and white coats – 'Pyrenean' goats. Hot on their heels is a 'Petit Berger des Pyrénées', a ball of wavy golden fur that obeys its master's every command. The same size and colour as the sheep, the 'Patou des Pyrénées' proudly guards its flock with its tail held high. Watch out for its fangs! These black pigs, which you might mistake for wild boars around the huts in summer, are 'Gascons'. Further on, beautiful cows graze peacefully; these are the 'Blondes des Pyrénées', queens of the mountain pastures, whose heads are adorned with huge lyre-shaped horns.



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Choose your hike

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

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

 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.

European emergency call : 112

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