

# N° 41 Chemin de Pirait

LEES-ATHAS

WALKING

Although many hikers prefer loops, the Chemin de Pirait is a hike with multiple panoramas. It is mainly open so hikers can enjoy views in both directions. Warning: you share this path with cyclists on their way down.



📍 Départ : LEES-ATHAS  
Arrivée : LEES-ATHAS

📏 Distance :  
12.3 km

🏔️ Dénivelé :  
720 m

🕒 Durée :  
5h

📍 Place de l'ancien  
lavoir au-dessus de la  
scierie

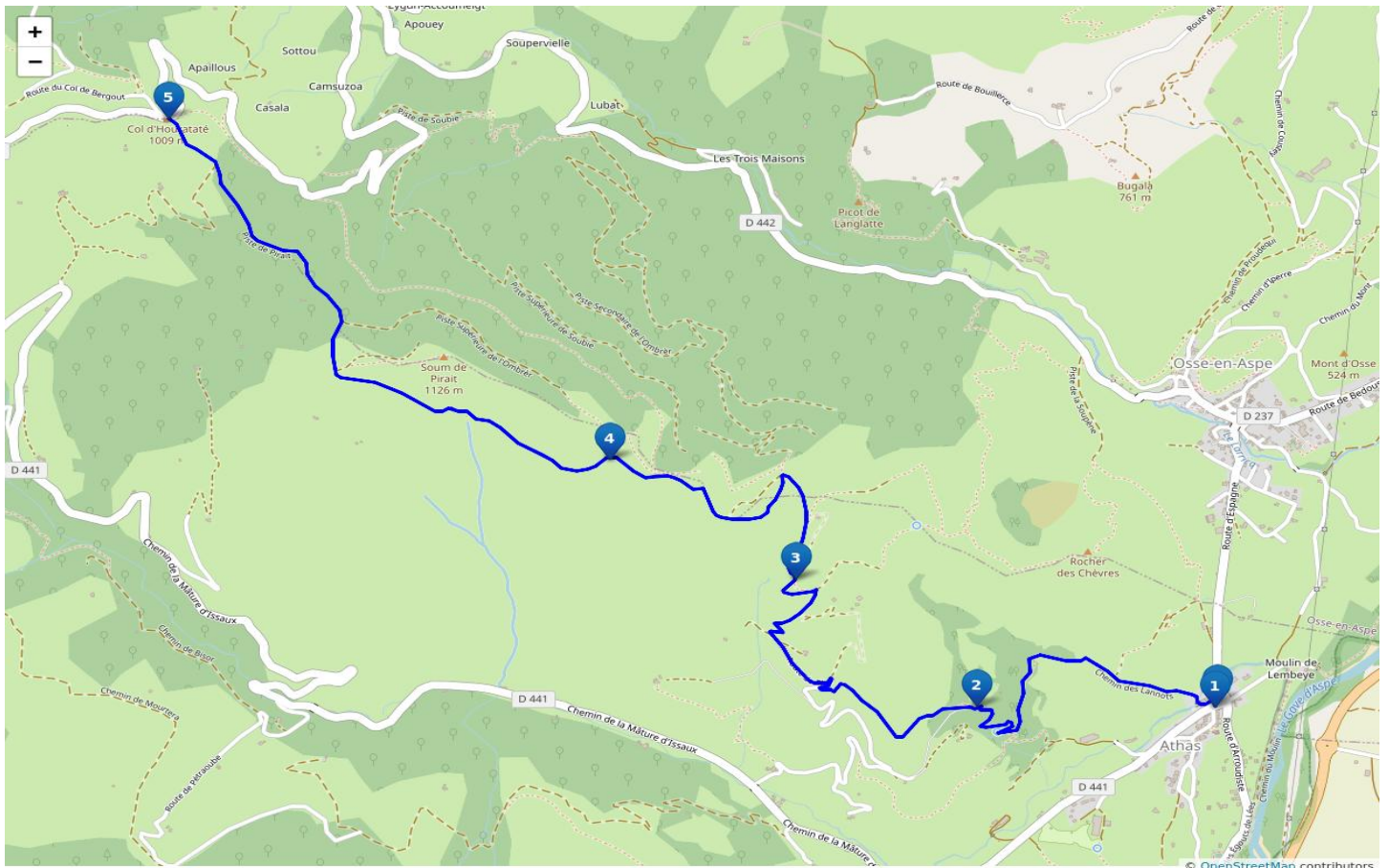
☎️ Appel  
d'urgence : 112

Balisage

⚠️ Les montagnes basques et béarnaises sont des espaces pastoraux. Evitez de partir avec votre chien.  
Dans tous les cas, tenez-le en laisse. Merci !

## ★ À ne pas manquer

- **Panorama.** Panorama over the valley
- **La Mousquère.** The "mousquère" stands on a windblown promontory where livestock lie down to chew during the hottest times of the day. The wind cools them down and reduces the number of flies. You can spot a "mousquère" by looking out for nettles and a lack of grass.
- **Eagle Fern.** It can reach heights of 2 metres! Ferns are all over the piedmont and teeming with ticks so make sure you check yourself carefully after going through a ferny area. In autumn it is cut for litter.
- **Pirait Cromlech.** Despite being hidden behind ferns in the height of summer, the Cromlech is actually on the edge of the path.



## ★ Étapes

**Step 1. Start point.** In the centre of Athas, take the street right of the trough, pass the bridge and go up the gravel track. Leave the track after a bend and take a stony path into the undergrowth. It forks left and stays horizontal for a bit then winds and crosses a path.

**Step 2. Out of the woods.** Continue on the bank ahead, the slope levels out in the fern area and drops down slightly after the ridge. When you reach the road turn right. When the asphalt stops then take the path on the right. Once on the dirt track, keep going up past the second hairpin bend and climb a fairly steep path on the left.

**Step 3. Soum de Peyrelongue.** Walk on the grassy trail, pass the borderland and turn left onto a well marked-out path in the ferns. Go up onto the knoll and reach a second hillock after a slight descent. From the top (Soum de Peyrelongue), follow the path that goes left and drops down to the fountain.

**Step 4. Col d'Hourataté.** After the fountain, carry on along the ledge path until the mountain pass where you'll find a metallic pen and cistern. Carry on along the track that goes right and walk in the shade until the road.

**Step 5. Return.** Go back on yourself and take the same route as the way up.

## ★ Équipements

- Water point

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