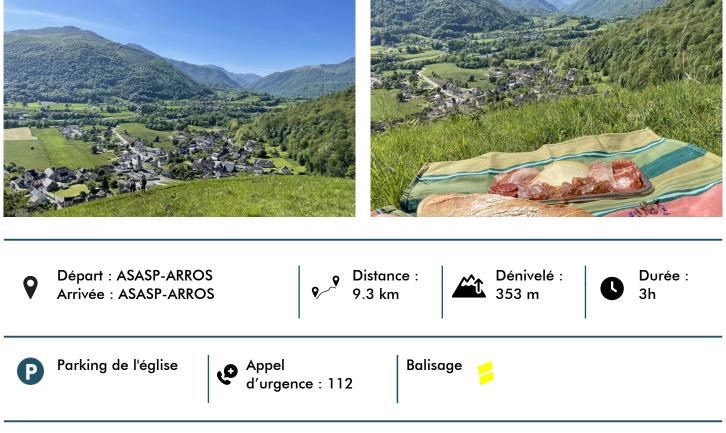


## N°84 Castets ASASP-ARROS



The highlight of this loop may be the ascent to Castet with its incredible belvedere but the next section is just as magical. It glides over the Pre-Pyrenean shaded hillsides in a peaceful and relaxing atmosphere.



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

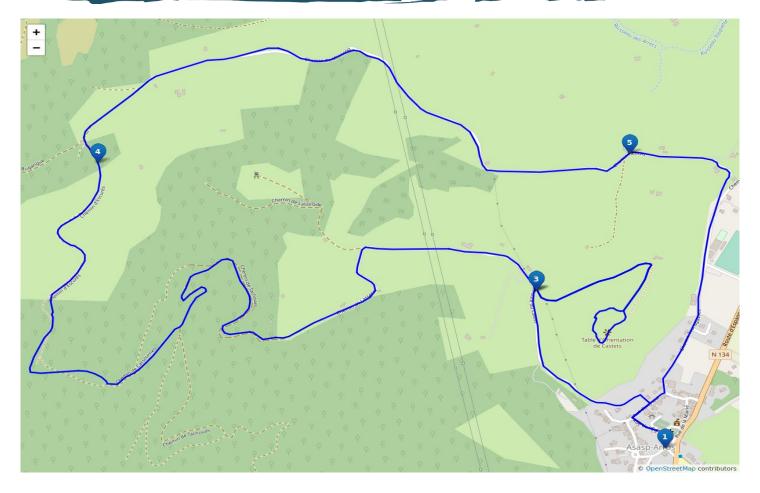
## À ne pas manquer

• Castet Belvedere. The Castet Belvedere is split between the plain and piedmont.

• Sinkhole. A huge basin pierces the meadow in the left-hand prairie. It's a sinkhole, a specific feature of limestone layers. Water seeps in and dissolves the rock to create an underground grotto that ends up crumbling.

• Béarnaise cattle. Whilst in the meadows you may see cows with amazing horns: long and reaching up to the sky. They adorn the Bearn coat of arms and former currency called "vaquette". It was abandoned after the war due to its output but a regional breed protection programme was put in place in the 1970s. It is a rustic and strong breed that has adapted to the Pyrenean climate.

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## 🖸 Étapes

Step 1. Exiting the village. Go up towards the church then take a left. At the end of the street follow it right then left. Walk on the shaded Castet road until a mountain pass.

Step 2. Castet. Follow the gravel path up to a water reserve. Climb straight up a track in the meadow towards the summit. Please close all the electric gates. Go around the summit on the right on a horizontal path. Go down to the mountain pass on the same path.

Step 3. Sinkhole. Go straight on along the tarmac path that makes way for a track after a barn. Go up the winding road to a hunter's cabin. Leave the piste and go on the dirt path. Take the right-hand path at the fork.

Step 4. Ledge. Continue on the piste and go down to a road. Walk on the ledge with views overlooking the valley. After a downward slope you'll reach a bend with a farm opposite.

Step 5. Descent to Asasp. Go straight on and, after a brief ascent, go down the road on the right. Pass by the stadium, into the village and leave the left-hand street after the farm. Go onto the Rue de l'Eglise and down the passage to the departure sign.

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