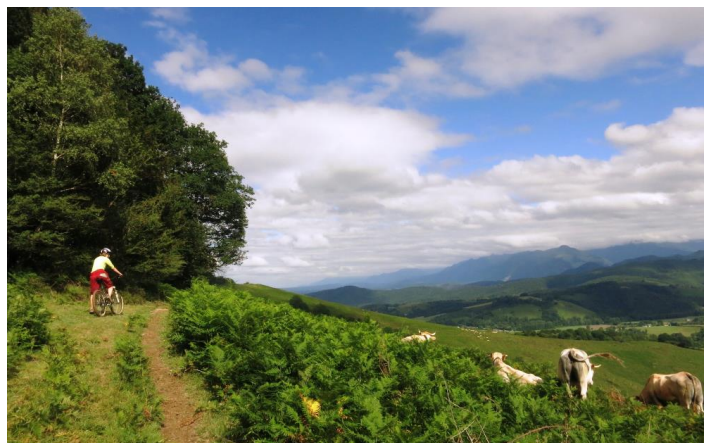


# VTT N°2 - Le Soum de Thès

ANCE FÉAS

MOUNTAIN BIKE

The route starting in Féas has lots to offer. It starts on the country road before the tone changes towards the Crête du Soum de Thès. The ascent gets steep and the landscape is stunning! The diverse descent is a real treat.



📍 Départ : ANCE FÉAS  
Arrivée : ANCE FÉAS

📏 Distance :  
16.7 km

🏔️ Dénivelé :  
437 m

🕒 Durée :  
1h45

**P** Parking en face de la  
mairie.

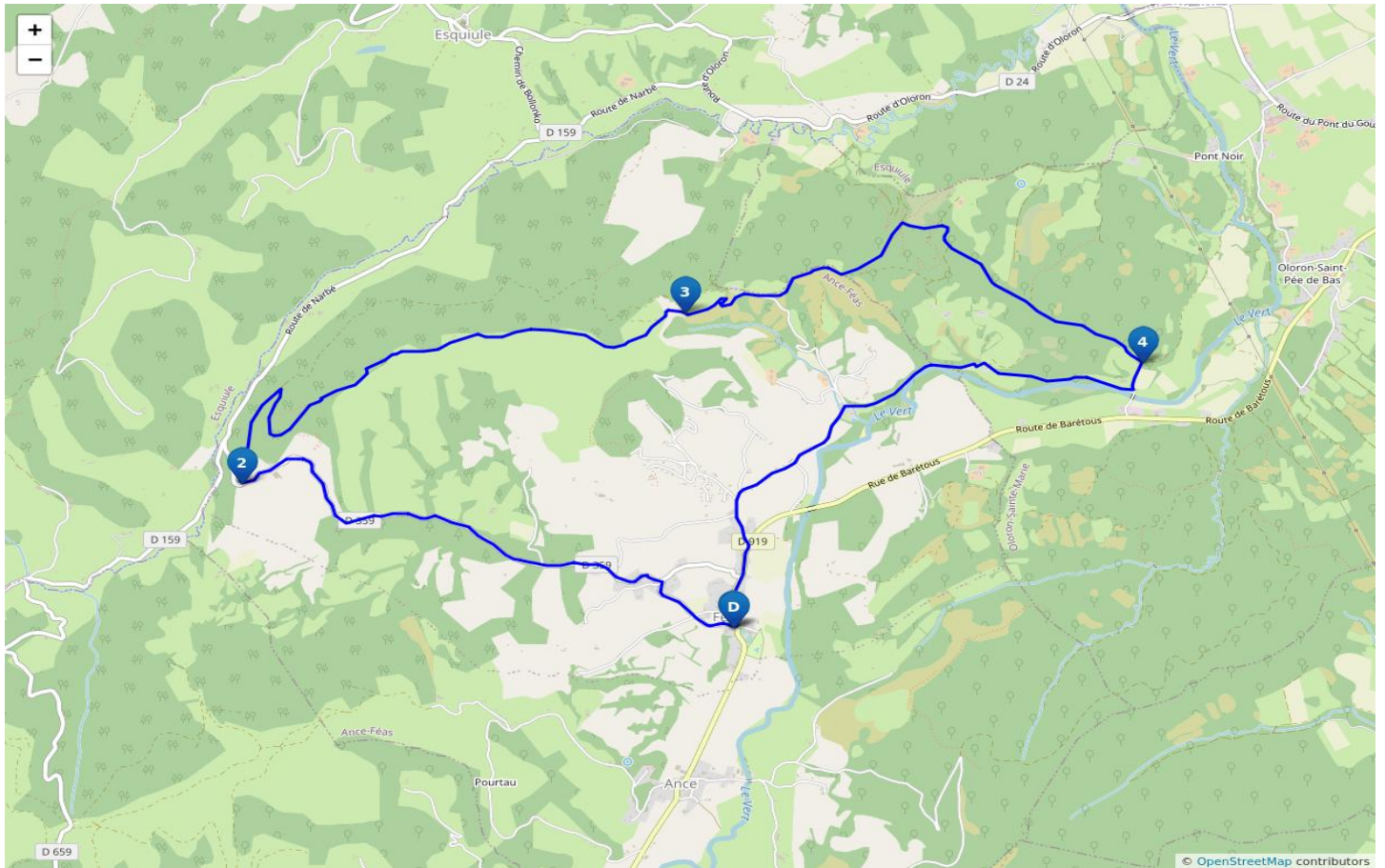
☎️ Appel  
d'urgence : 112

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

- **Lacondre beech wood.** The Lacondre beech forest is quite simply incredible. The boles are gigantic and a peaceful atmosphere reigns over the forest. The beech tree is the main species in the Pre-Pyrenees. It likes humidity so that's why you'll mainly find it on the northern side.
- **Gouffre d'Haritzpé.** The Bénébitz and Haritzpé woodlands on a limestone mountain are packed with chasms. Featuring on the IGN map, there are 6 cavities to explore!
- **Soum de Thès.** The view here is staggering. A cube cement marker provides a precise point to reset the barometric altimeter. These markers were set out by the IGN and appear on 1:25,000 topographic maps. What's unique about it here is that it doesn't appear on map resources for the internet.



## ★ Étapes

- Step 1. Start point: Féas.** From the car park opposite the Town Hall, head left onto Chemin du Tron. Go straight on when you reach the top of the first hill. After a short ascent, take a left onto Chemin de Labaig. Further along, leave Chemin Soubières at the fork and ride on the track along the banks of the Aurone. After the farm you'll reach a mountain pass.
- Step 2. Soum de Thès.** Go up the softly sloping uphill track on the right taking you into a beautiful beech forest. 800m after the mountain pass, take a right on a tangent track. Its slopes up gradually until it's seriously steep! The terrain gets rocky and technical so it's a real challenge to stay on your bike! At the top follow the clearly marked-out track along the ridge. When you reach kilometre 6, go into the woods on the dirt track. After this sheltered section, continue on the path with beautiful views of the valley. After Soum de Thès (IGN marker not featured on the map), start the descent into a meadow with no tracks. Focus on the only wild rose there is here. Follow it and you tackle (or not ;-)) a very steep, rocky and slippery section. The slope flattens out (watch out for ruts!) and returns to a track.
- Step 3. Descent.** Set your sights on the path through the hedgerow. When you reach the path turn right. 100m after the farm, get off the road and go into the woods on the left. After a fun-filled ride, the slope gets steep so climb up the ridge. Follow the track and watch out for ruts. Go down to the metal gate, cross the cattle grid and then turn right. Speed through a good amount of mud then fork left when you reach a large beech tree. When you get to a wide track, go right and ride on the left bank of the Coste Darré.
- Step 4. Along the Vert River.** Leave this track for the Chemin du Vert when you reach a bridge and a house on the right. After the farm, fork right onto the Chemin de Costadarré. Continue on the Vert's tarmac left bank. Turn left after the hamlet onto the Chemin de Cournas de Mon. Go straight on after the old saw mill on the Chemin du Moulin. Continue until the roundabout. Watch the traffic as you reach the Town Hall car park on the right.

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