

# N° 62 Tour Mâtre-Arras



**DIFFICILE**

Walking

ETSAUT

**BE CAREFUL** Le chemin de la mâtre will be closed from monday 26th of August. This unusual hike goes up the "gorges of hell" on a path carved into the limestone cliff. Thrills guaranteed on this heady section of the GR10. The rest is plain sailing on a stunning trail leading to the Col d'Arras.



Départ : **ETSAUT**  
Arrivée : **ETSAUT**



Distance : **9.6 km**



Dénivelé : **690 m**



**5h**

Appel d'urgence



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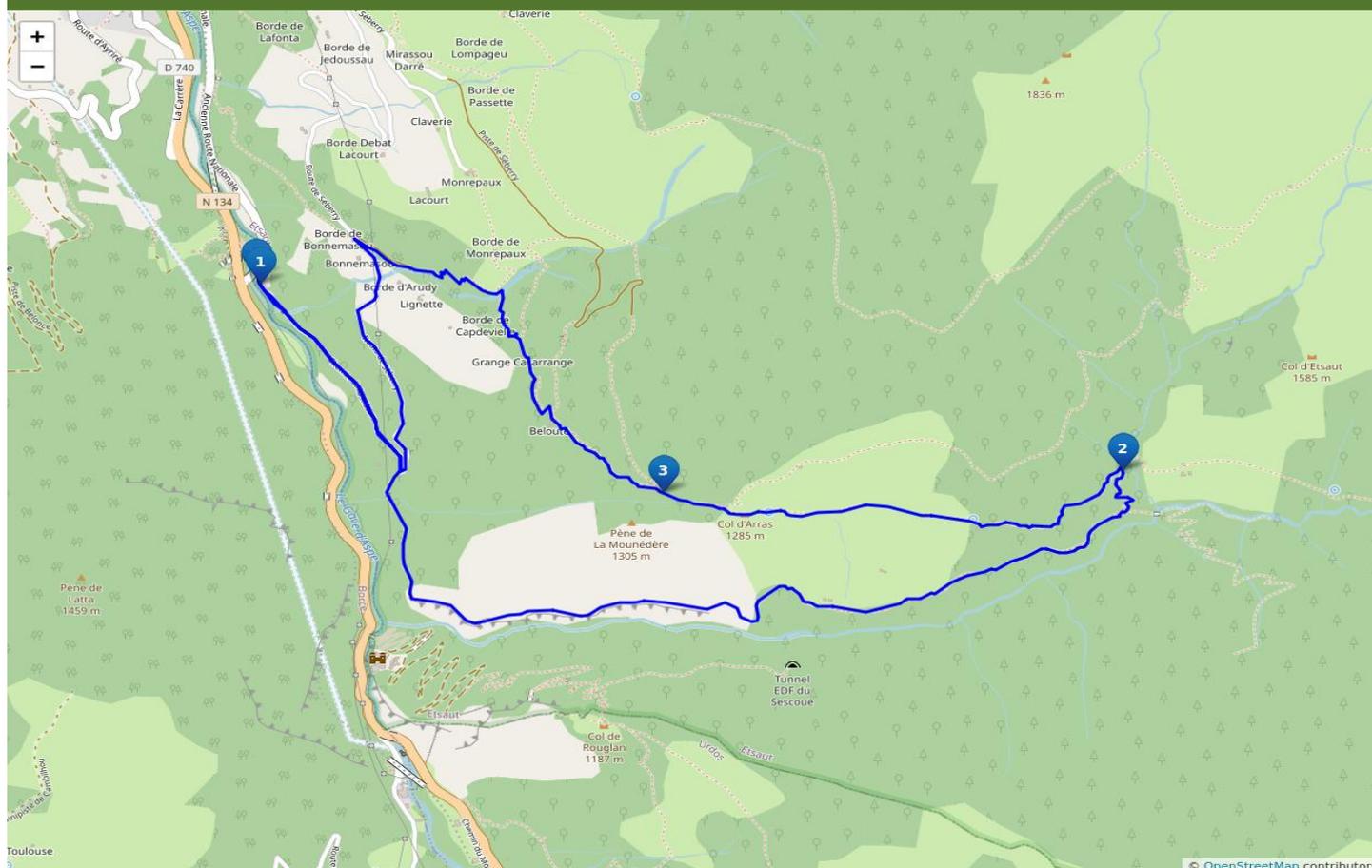


Pont de Cebers après Etsaut direction  
Espagne

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

- **View over Pourtalet Fort.** Portalet Fort is carved into the rock and imbued with history. It has been listed as a Monument Historique since 2005 and is open to visitors. Please call Haut Béarn Tourist Information (+33 5 59 34 57 57).
- **Masting.** The Chemin de la Mâtre is carved into the rock and enabled the wood required to build the Royal Navy's fleet in the 18th century to be supplied. Long fir boles were used for masts, beeches made oars and box trees were used to make pulleys.
- **Wooden "tos" trough.** Troughs are highly prevalent in the Alps but it's rare to find wooden ones in the Pyrenees



## Étapes

**Step 1. Mastig.** From Cebers Bridge, after the village of Etsaut, go up the road and at the first bend take the path on the right. It gets narrow with a serious hairpin bend...welcome to the gorges from hell! Walk very carefully on this pebbly and sometimes slippery path, especially when you go past other hikers. It's not difficult but it is dizzying so stay focused!

**Step 2. On the GR10 trail.** Continue after two Perry barns on the horizontal section until the junction of the Trungas Bridge. Leave the bridge to go left up the sharply sloped path. You'll reach a flat near the Esterous stream.

**Step 3. Cebers Bridge.** Take the rocky path on the left. Ignore the path opposite you a hundred metres further down and go into the gully. Stay on the fairly pebbly and leafy path. After the Bouscagne stream, the trail is craggy but gets smoother before it runs into a grassy path. Carry on until the end and fork left at the road. Stay on it to reach Cebers Bridge.



## Équipements

- Water point
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- Picnic area