

VULTOURIS ROUTES: Aubisque Pass: Soum de Grum (Vallée d'Ossau)



Information on the Vulturis birding routes can be found at the Centre d'Interprétation de la Falaise aux Vautours (Cliff of the Vultures Education Center) in Aste-Béon. The start and finish point of the route is located at the parking area at the top of the Col d'Aubisque (Aubisque Pass), after the Gourette ski area.

It's a circular walk around the Soum de Grum (1,870m), migratory passage and flying area of the valley's vultures.

Commonly observed: griffon vultures, lammergeier (bearded vultures), golden eagle. Occasionally observed: booted eagle, peregrine falcon, common kestrel, Eurasian sparrowhawk, stork.

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Distance: 4.94km.
Minimum elevation: 1,657m.
Maximum elevation: 1,798m.
Total ascent: 141m..

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1) Aubisque Pass, French Pyrenees - The 1,709 metre mountain pass transited by highway, connects the Ossau Valley from the west with the Gave de Pau Valley to the east, traversing the Litor Cirque along the top of the Ouzoum Valley. It's a famous and mythical collar (pass) of the big pyrenean stage of mountain of the Tour de France, known by all the amateurs of bike.

2) From the route info sign, one has the option of ascending the summit of Soum de Grum (3-4 hours round trip), or following the path downhill until linking up with the dirt road.

3) Viewpoint of Moulle de Jaut - Commonly observed: griffon vultures, lammergeier, golden eagles gliding.

4) The return leg of the walk grants views of the Ouzoum Valley leading off in the direction of the Soulor summit.