

Stay overnight for free in this French hiker's shelter

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Take a hike - and spend the night in this elevated shelter on the outskirts of France's Bordeaux for free.

Designed by London-based practice [Studio Weave](#), Le Haute Perché sits within the Parc des Jalles in the northwest of the city, and pays homage to the post-war water towers that dot the region.



'Le Haute Perché is a petit brother of these extraordinary towers. We want to provide a design - a bit of surprise, perhaps, after a long day of walking,' the practice's [Je Ahn](#) told [Dezeen](#).



The hooded prefab cabin - which sleeps up to six people - sits atop five weathered steel stilts, and is clad in wooden strips. Arched openings have been added to its façade at different heights. They frame unique views of a disused water mill, cottage, river and woodlands nearby.

Le Haute Perché is the latest addition to the Refuges Péri Urbain initiative, a collaboration between art and architecture collective [Bruit du Frigo](#) and [Zébra3 / Buy-Self](#). So far a dozen shelters have been built on the fringes of the French city, along The Green Loop pedestrian walking trails.



The cabin is open for the season until 30 November 2017, and you can book for the following month using the online registration tool.