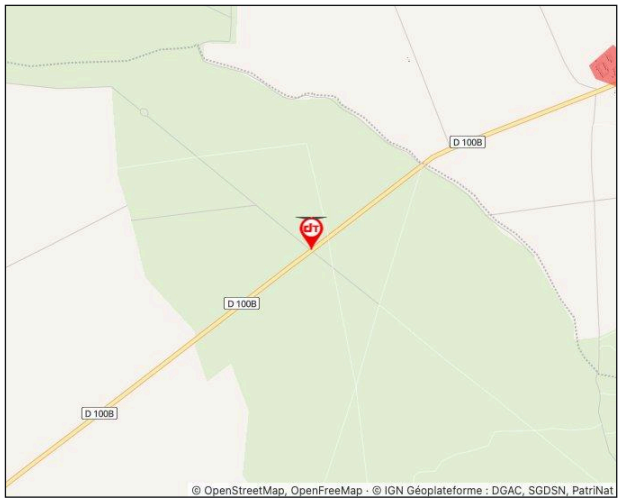
St Blanchard Fountain

Unusual · Marne

GPS coordinates	48.62672, 3.53748
Elevation	186 m
Maximum height	120 m max
Access	Direct access by car
Nearest aerodrome	Sézanne St Rémy Airfield (LFFZ) 19 km NE · spot 78 m higher
Spot reference	296754



Spot location and restrictions (Drone-Spot map image)

Sun (local times, UTC+01:00)

Day	Dawn	Sunrise	Sunset	Dusk	Day length	Golden hour
Sat 21 Nov	07:28	08:03	17:00	17:35	8 h 57	08:03–08:54 · 16:10–17:00
Sun 22 Nov	07:30	08:05	16:59	17:34	8 h 54	08:05–08:55 · 16:08–16:59
Mon 23 Nov	07:31	08:06	16:58	17:34	8 h 52	08:06–08:57 · 16:07–16:58

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
Sézanne St Rémy Airfield	Aerodrome	19 km NE	108 m
La Ferté Gaucher Airfield	Aerodrome	24 km NW	164 m
Hôtel Florotel Heliport	Heliport	24 km NE	104 m

Description

The St Blanchard fountain is located after leaving the village of Nesle la Reposte by following the picturesque valley of the Noxe, 1km on your right. St. Blanchard is actually St. Alban, Alban (from the Latin albus, white) who was the first English martyr, tortured and beheaded in 303 AD. The bones of this saint have been preserved in a reliquary that was in the custody of the monastery of Nesle. The shrine containing these remains was restored on the orders of Viollet la Duc, 1814-1879, an architect whose work in renovating many medieval monuments is known worldwide. It is now in the cathedral of Troyes, of which it is one of the jewels. The construction of the fountain dates back to 1878, it is a set in ashlar, with a terracotta statue of Saint Blanchard, a statue protected by a canopy that supports four columns of Ionic order. Popular memory reports that the water flowing there, ...

Scan to open the up-to-date spot page: weather, map and restrictions.

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=296754

Before every flight: check the UAS zones map, NOTAMs and temporary areas, the weather and the Kp index.

Preparing the flight

Pre-flight Check-List

- ☐ Area checked: UAS zones, restrictions, protected areas
- ☐ NOTAMs and temporary areas checked
- ☐ Weather: wind, gusts, rain, visibility; Kp index
- ☐ Operator number displayed on the drone
- ☐ Training certificate or licence with me
- ☐ Third-party liability insurance checked
- ☐ Batteries charged: drone, controller, phone
- ☐ Propellers, motors and frame in good condition
- ☐ Memory card inserted and empty
- ☐ Software up to date, compass and IMU calibrated
- ☐ Return to home: home point and return height set
- ☐ Electronic signalling or remote ID active
- ☐ Take-off area clear, people informed and at a distance
- ☐ Observer present for FPV flights

Key rules of the open category

Recreational flying in France: European open-category rules, applied by the DGAC.

- Maximum height: 120 m above the ground, lower where a restriction requires it.
- Always keep the drone in sight; when flying FPV, an observer keeps it in sight next to you.
- Never fly over crowds and keep the distances of your subcategory (A1, A2 or A3).
- Respect UAS geographical zones: around aerodromes, prohibited or restricted areas, protected areas, sensitive sites.
- Register as an operator if the drone weighs 250 g or more or carries a camera (toys excepted), and display the number on the drone.
- Training: online A1/A3 certificate from 250 g or for a class C1 drone; A2 certificate to fly closer to people with a class C2 drone.
- Always give way to manned aircraft and land if one approaches.
- Respect privacy: no images that identify people without their consent; aerial photography is prohibited in some areas.
- Check your third-party liability insurance.
- In France: registration and training on AlphaTango (DGAC); a drone of 800 g or more must broadcast electronic signalling (or the remote ID of class-marked drones).

Non-exhaustive summary: rules change. Reference: the DGAC open-category guide and the country's regulations.

Useful links

UAS zones map around the spot : https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/carte-uas.aspx?lat=48.62672&lon=3.53748
Drone pilot library : https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/bibliotheque
DGAC open-category guide (French) : https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/bibliotheque/guide-categorie-ouverte
Registration and training (AlphaTango) : https://alphatango.aviation-civile.gouv.fr
NOTAMs and temporary areas (SOFIA Briefing) : https://sofia-briefing.aviation-civile.gouv.fr

My flight notes

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