Giant Sand Dunes / Dunes de sable géantes

Unusual · New Zealand

GPS coordinates	-34.52220, 172.77095
Elevation	51 m
Maximum height	120 m max
Access	Direct access by car
Spot reference	298297



Spot location and restrictions (Drone-Spot map image)

Sun (local times, UTC+13:00)

Day	Dawn	Sunrise	Sunset	Dusk	Day length	Golden hour
Sun 22 Nov	05:44	06:12	20:18	20:46	14 h 05	06:12–06:48 · 19:42–20:18
Mon 23 Nov	05:43	06:12	20:19	20:47	14 h 07	06:12–06:48 · 19:43–20:19
Tue 24 Nov	05:43	06:11	20:20	20:48	14 h 08	06:11–06:47 · 19:43–20:20

Description

In the northern part of the northern island, find the famous Giant sand dunes, much bigger than the dune of Pilat, take this opportunity to practice : the body board on sand! Video of the giant sand dunes from : 1:06

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

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=298297

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

Good practice

This spot is outside Europe: the country's rules apply. Check with its civil aviation authority before flying; the Drone-Spot library gathers leaflets from several countries.

- Keep the drone in sight and fly low (120 m maximum is the most common rule).
- Do not fly over people, crowds or roads.
- Stay away from aerodromes, military sites and prohibited areas.
- Check whether registration, training or an authorisation is required in the country.
- Respect privacy and check your insurance.

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=-34.5222&lon=172.77095
Drone pilot library : https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/bibliotheque

My flight notes

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