Putangirua pinnacles

Unusual · New Zealand

GPS coordinates	-41.44664, 175.24650
Elevation	246 m
Maximum height	120 m max
Access	On foot > 1,000 m
Spot reference	298668



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	05:13	05:45	20:25	20:57	14 h 40	05:45–06:25 · 19:45–20:25
Mon 23 Nov	05:12	05:44	20:27	20:59	14 h 42	05:44–06:24 · 19:46–20:27
Tue 24 Nov	05:11	05:43	20:28	21:00	14 h 44	05:43–06:24 · 19:47–20:28

Description

He is a fan of unusual spots or even Lord of the Rings, it is made for you. This rock formation accessible on foot (30 minutes from the car park) is incredible. (A little reminder for fans of the Lord of the Rings, this is the famous "Passage of Death" the place where Aragorn, Gimli and Legolas went to look for the army of the dead in the "Return of the King". Video from: 00:53

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

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=298668

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=-41.44664&lon=175.2465
Drone pilot library : https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/bibliotheque

My flight notes

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